

**Question for written answer E-003195/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Impact of the EU-US trade agreement on EU climate objectives

Under the agreement of 28 July 2025 between the Commission and the United States, the EU will not only purchase three times as much energy from the US, but will also increase its dependency on gas and oil. As a result, the agreement will impact the sustainability of the EU's climate objectives.

Using US liquefied natural gas, which is often produced from shale gas, in the electricity sector generates the same amount of emissions as those generated by using coal, if not more. In addition, US liquefied natural gas is more expensive than the average global market price.

What is more, the European Union Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators recently revealed¹ that the volumes already contracted exceed by 40% the natural gas needs compatible with the 2050 carbon neutrality goal. This surplus is set to reach 41 billion cubic metres in 2030 – that is more than France's annual gas consumption.

1. Can the Commission explain its calculations for reaching the figure of USD 750 billion in energy imports from the US over three years, and confirm that this figure is realistic in light of the contracts in place and our needs?
2. Can it ensure the EU's competitiveness with such an agreement, without compromising its decarbonisation objectives?

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https://www.acer.europa.eu/sites/default/files/documents/Publications/ACER_2024_MMR_European_LNG_market_developments.pdf