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to the Commission
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Subject: The EU's mixed messages on Russian gas: 'no' to Member States but green light to Ukraine

According to press reports, Ukraine has increased its gas imports from Russia up to a total of 570 million cubic metres, or 70% of the country's total imports.

The European Union is strongly criticising some Member States for continuing to purchase Russian gas, which is, however, partly sold on to Kiev.

The EU has expressed its intention to end imports of Russian gas and oil by 2028[1], while Ukraine, despite asking Member States to avoid using Russian gas and having suspended the transit of such gas through its pipelines, is using EU funding to continue purchasing it indirectly.

Given that the EU has already provided EUR 170 billion in financial support to Ukraine since the start of the war against Russia, can the Commission say:

1. What view it takes of the fact that Ukraine is buying Russian gas with EU funding, while Member States (not at war with Russia) are being asked not to do so, causing citizens and businesses great financial hardship?

2. What the Commission intends to do to address this obvious contradiction in its energy policy?

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[1] EC press release https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_25_1504, motion for a resolution: https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/en/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:52025PC0828 Roadmap towards ending Russian energy imports: https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:52025DC0440.