

**Question for written answer E-003783/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Does the Commission acknowledge that some of the gas purchased from Azerbaijan actually comes from Russia?

The European Union is currently the main investor in Azerbaijan and its largest trade partner, as the Council's website proudly highlights.

Since the signing of an agreement between Ursula von der Leyen and the President of Azerbaijan in July 2022, Azerbaijan has been held up as an alternative gas supplier: the amounts delivered are expected to increase from 12 billion cubic metres in 2022 to almost 20 billion in 2027.

However, Azerbaijan alone does not have the volumes needed to meet those commitments, so it imports Russian gas, which it then sells on to the European Union. In other words, Brussels is buying gas from Baku, which in turn is buying it from Moscow.

The Commission is well aware of this, and is therefore acting hypocritically on two fronts:

- it continues to import Russian gas indirectly, but at a higher price;
- it is choosing to rely on a country that attacked Armenia in 2021 and whose armed forces have been guilty of war crimes.

1. Does the Commission acknowledge that some of the gas purchased from Azerbaijan actually comes from Russia?
2. Does it think that the acts of violence committed by Azerbaijani forces against Armenians do not justify a boycott of Azerbaijani gas?

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