

**Question for written answer E-004675/2025/rev.1
to the Commission**

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Subject: The use of Georgian refineries to evade EU sanctions on Russian oil exports

Moscow rightfully faces growing energy isolation due to EU sanctions and Ukrainian attacks that have damaged its oil infrastructure, reducing its refining capacity by roughly 40 % according to the Washington Post¹. To maintain revenue and sustain its war effort in Ukraine, Russia appears to be routing oil through Georgia. On 21 October 2025, Reuters² reported that the privately-owned Russian oil company Russneft delivered the first cargo of Russian crude to Georgia's newly built Kulevi refinery on the Black Sea coast. The refinery, which began operating in October, plans to expand oil production from 1.2 million to 4 million tonnes per year by 2028, according to Reuters. These developments raise concerns that Georgian infrastructure is being used to circumvent EU sanctions by refining or transiting Russian oil, thereby helping to sustain Russia's war machine.

In this context:

1. What measures is the Commission taking to verify the true origin of oil imported from or via Georgia into the EU?
2. What steps will the Commission take to prevent the misuse of EU transport routes by sanction-evading transit?
3. Is the Commission considering proposing that Georgian entities, including refineries, that facilitate sanction evasion by processing Russian oil should be added to the EU sanction list?

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¹ <https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/2025/10/02/russia-oil-refining-attacks-shortage/>.

² <https://www.reuters.com/business/energy/russia-ships-first-oil-new-refinery-georgia-2025-10-21/>.