

**Question for written answer E-001403/2026
to the Commission**
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Subject: EU energy security, inflationary pressures and economic resilience in relation to the tensions in the Strait of Hormuz

The escalation of tensions in the Middle East and the growing risks for shipping through the Strait of Hormuz, via which a significant proportion of the world's oil supply transits, have raised serious concerns over the energy security of the European Union. There has already been a significant increase in oil and fuel prices, which has heightened inflationary pressures and created fresh economic problems for households and businesses.

In this connection, at the initiative of the UK, around 35 countries are discussing coordinated diplomatic – and potentially military – measures to restore freedom of navigation and ensure supplies. In light of these developments and the need for a coordinated European response:

1. Does the Commission have a comprehensive and coordinated strategy for EU participation in the international efforts to ensure freedom of navigation through the Strait of Hormuz, including through diplomatic, economic and – if necessary – other means?
2. What concrete extraordinary measures is the Commission contemplating in the short term to limit fuel price increases and contain rising inflationary pressures, including through the use of strategic reserves and coordinated fiscal and regulatory initiatives?
3. What medium-term policies is the Commission planning to protect the competitiveness of the European economy, and particularly small and medium-sized enterprises and energy-intensive industries, and to strengthen the Union's strategic autonomy and resilience in the event of geopolitical shocks such as these?

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