

**Question for written answer E-003712/2026
to the Commission**
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Subject: Low European gas stocks, high energy prices and opportunities to boost the EU's energy supply and domestic gas production

European gas stocks are at historically low levels for this time of the year, and a number of experts are extremely concerned about the price of energy this coming winter. These high prices can undermine the competitiveness of European companies, as well as put ordinary people's finances under pressure, especially among lower earners. There is therefore a need to establish energy policy security that can provide greater economic stability and ensure that Europeans are not exposed to energy poverty.

With the above in mind:

1. What concrete action does the Commission intend to take to deal with the current situation of low European gas stocks and to counter the high energy prices expected this winter?
2. Will the Commission encourage and support extensions and expansions of European gas extraction to increase Europe's gas production for the benefit of European citizens and businesses this winter?
3. Does the Commission have proposals for further action to help European citizens cope with the coming winters and high energy prices, and is the Commission considering measures to step up the production of energy via nuclear power and biogas?

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