

Question for written answer E-003784/2026
to the Commission
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Subject: Who cut us off from gas – Russia or the EU?

In her State of the Union address, the Commission President stated: ‘When Russia cut us off from gas, we fought back.’

This claim is a political fiction. As recently as 2025, the EU imported 36 billion m³ of gas from Russia, representing approximately 12.5 % of its total imports. Subsequently, the EU itself adopted Regulation (EU) 2026/261, which legally banned the remaining imports of Russian pipeline gas and LNG in accordance with a set timetable.

If, therefore, Russia has indeed ‘cut off the EU’s gas supply’, it is strange that the EU was still importing Russian gas as recently as 2025 and that it was the EU itself which adopted the legislation to bring these imports to an end.

In light of the foregoing:

1. Does the Commission consider it appropriate to mislead citizens by claiming that ‘Russia has cut us off from gas’, when the EU was still importing gas from Russia as late as 2025 and subsequently imposed a legal ban on the remaining imports itself?
2. If the consequences of its own energy decisions can simply be attributed to Russia, does the Commission take the view that the Green Deal, the ETS and the accelerated phase-out of fossil fuels in the EU were also ‘imposed by Russia’?
3. Is the Commission prepared to take political responsibility for the costs and consequences of its own decisions, or will it continue to shift the blame for its own failures onto external actors?

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