

**Priority question for written answer P-003808/2026/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Refining margins: enhanced surveillance, without criteria or transparency

In its answer of 25 August 2026 to question P-002157/26¹, the Commission states that it has enhanced the monitoring of markets for refined petroleum products with the national competition authorities, but has found no evidence suggesting anti-competitive practices, while at the same time stating that it has not launched an investigation. However, refining margins have increased from around EUR 36 per tonne before the conflict to over EUR 300 today, more than eight times higher.

1. Can the Commission clarify the scope of its cooperation with national authorities within the European Competition Network: the authorities involved, frequency of exchanges, data collected, requests for information sent to refiners and traders?
2. At what level, or following what change in margins, will it deem an in-depth review necessary, if it sees no grounds for one even after the figures have increased more than eightfold?
3. Not having found anything implies having looked. Has the Commission conducted a formal investigation and, if it has, will it publish its methodology and all the data, while respecting business confidentiality?

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¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/P-10-2026-002157_EN.html