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As clearly stated by the European Leaders in the Versailles Declaration in March 2022, and in line with the REPowerEU Plan, the European Union aims to fully phase out Russian fossil fuels. On 6 May 2025 the Commission adopted a roadmap¹ towards fully ending Russian energy imports in a coordinated, gradual and secure manner, supporting Member States in stepping up and accelerating efforts in that direction.

Based on Eurostat's trade statistics², Member States paid to Russia EUR 21,6 billion in 2024 as compared to EUR 144 billion in 2022. This 85% decline in payments translates into savings of EUR 122 billion, underscoring the EU's progress in reducing its dependence on Russian energy imports. To achieve this, the measures under the REPowerEU and the EU's sanctions regime, promoting inter-alia domestically produced renewable energy, energy efficiency and supply diversification have been paramount. All Russian pipeline gas imports, but those coming via the Turkstream, have halted.

As regards external policies, between February 2022 and December 2024 payments to Russia amounted to approximately EUR 3,5 million under contracts concluded prior to 2021 and providing support through direct management for civil society and independent media. Regarding internal policies, less than EUR 30,000 were paid to Russian entities during the same period.

¹ https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_25_1131.

² https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/databrowser/view/ds-045409__custom_15257993/default/table?lang=en.