

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-000260/25
to the Commission
Piotr Müller (ECR)
(22 January 2025)**

Subject: Removal from the Polish sanctions list of a company linked to Russia

Under current EU rules, Member States are required to update the lists of sanctioned companies on the basis of the EU's common rules and regulations on sanctions. There are serious concerns about the decision taken by the Polish Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs to remove Omne Energia — a company linked to Gazprom — from the Polish sanctions list. The company was removed from the Polish sanctions list on the basis of a bogus transaction — the sale of shares for only PLN 3 — to managers working with the Russians.

1. What is the Commission's position on the fact that a company linked to Gazprom will receive PLN 26.7 million from the Warsaw city authorities for the supply of gas to the municipal bus operator (Miejskie Zakłady Autobusowe)?
2. Was the Commission consulted about the decision to remove the company from the sanctions list on the basis of a bogus act?
3. Is the Commission aware of similar action taken by Member States to circumvent sanctions against Russia?

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**Answer given by Ms Albuquerque on behalf of the European Commission
(14 April 2025)**

Omne Energia and Gazprom are not listed under EU restrictive measures (sanctions). In addition, the import of Russian natural gas into the EU is not prohibited under EU sanctions.

Restrictions on public procurement which prohibit the award of public contracts to Russian entities and those majority owned by them foresee an exemption for the purchase, import or transfer of natural gas ⁽¹⁾. Therefore, the Commission cannot comment on this specific procurement procedure mentioned by the Honourable Member.

Any additional sanctions would need to be adopted unanimously by the Council of the EU.

The Commission cannot comment on the removal of Omne Energia from the Polish sanctions list, its original inclusion not being based on EU sanctions.

Such action would therefore not be considered as circumvention. The Commission is not aware of similar situations in other Member States.

⁽¹⁾ Article 5k paragraph 2(e) of Council Regulation (EU) 833/2014.