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**Question for written answer E-000863/25
to the Commission
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Subject: Securing Europe's gas supply

On 23 February, the International Energy Agency warned that European energy systems risk facing a challenging year ahead as winter 2024-2025 ended with lower-than-average levels of gas in storage.

The amount of gas in storage in the European Union — approximately 40% of capacity — is around 10% below the average for the previous five years and around 20% lower than last year. This is going to put pressure on prices considering that at the start of this month gas prices surged to their highest level in two years.

What measures is the Commission considering to secure the EU's gas supply this year and ensure that the EU's gas storage goals are met for next winter?

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**Answer given by Mr Jørgensen on behalf of the European Commission
(8 May 2025)**

EU storage levels are indeed lower than last year, but conform with the average of the 5-year reference period between 2016 and 2021. On 17 March 2025, EU storages are reported at 35%.

The Commission Implementing Regulation 2024/2995 ⁽¹⁾ based on the Gas Storage Regulation (EU) 2022/1032 sets the gas storage filling trajectory for 2025 for each Member State.

This regulation helps ensuring that the EU enters the winter with a high level of gas storage, thereby supporting its security of supply. The Commission proposed on 5 March 2025 to prolong the current Gas Storage Regulation COM/2025/99 until the end of 2027 ⁽²⁾.

This 2-year extension will contribute to ensuring continued security of energy supply across the EU, sufficient flexibility in filling trajectories, and stability of the European gas market.

The Commission Recommendation C/2025/1481 ⁽³⁾ invites EU countries to consider current market conditions and fully use existing flexibilities when deciding on measures to refill storage facilities this summer, allowing them to fill their storage facilities throughout the season at the best purchase conditions.

The Commission will also continue monitoring the security of gas supply of the EU and coordinate any potential storage filling measures together with the Member States in the Gas Coordination Group.

⁽¹⁾ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32024R2995>

⁽²⁾ https://energy.ec.europa.eu/publications/amending-regulation-eu-20171938-regards-role-gas-storage-securing-gas-supplies-ahead-winter-season_en

⁽³⁾ https://energy.ec.europa.eu/publications/recommendation-implementation-gas-storage-filling-targets-2025_en