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Question for written answer E-003703/25
to the Commission
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Subject: Threats to energy security in central and eastern Europe as a result of Ukrainian sabotage attacks on the Druzhba oil pipeline

On 21 August 2025, Ukrainian armed forces again attacked the Druzhba oil pipeline in Russia's Bryansk Oblast, causing significant damage to the Unecha pumping station. The targeted attack gave rise to significant disruptions to crude oil supplies from Russia — especially to Hungary and Slovakia, which remain heavily reliant on those supplies as an energy source. The interruptions lasted several days, causing significant bottlenecks and considerable price hikes in the countries concerned ([1]).

Following the destruction of the Nord Stream 2 pipeline by terrorists — presumed to be Ukrainian — in an act of sabotage, Ukraine is now not only targeting Russia's infrastructure, but at the same time threatening the energy security of its neighbouring countries, Hungary and Slovakia, which have repeatedly blocked self-destructive sanctions against Russia in EU bodies. Rather than continuing to unilaterally send billions of euros to Kyiv, it's high time we cast a critical eye on the situation, as Ukraine has since evolved into a significant security risk to the EU's energy supply.

1. What does the Commission make of the Ukrainian armed forces' attacks on the Druzhba oil pipeline and the associated threat to oil supplies to Hungary and Slovakia?

2. What limits does the Commission envision for Ukraine's military action with regard to Member States whose decisions in EU bodies are not in line with Kyiv's, or is the EU effectively granting Ukraine's military free rein?

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Answer given by Mr Jørgensen on behalf of the European Commission
(4 December 2025)

The Commission has been closely cooperating with the authorities of Hungary and Slovakia to monitor oil supply disruptions affecting the Druzhba pipeline during summer 2025.

According to the information received, these disruptions have not impacted the countries' security of supply, and no emergency oil stocks have been released.

The recent disruptions highlight the strategic importance of diversifying energy supplies. Hungary and Slovakia can further reduce their reliance on Russian oil by increasing the use of the Adria pipeline through Croatia.

The Commission strongly supports these diversification efforts and stands ready to help facilitate the necessary arrangements with relevant partners.

Russia is escalating its war of aggression in Ukraine. Over more than three years of full-scale invasion, Russia has launched hundreds of massive attacks on Ukraine's energy infrastructure.

It is for Ukraine, as a sovereign state, to decide how to defend itself against Russia's attacks. The EU fully respects Ukraine's right to self-defence against Russia's aggression in accordance with international law.

The EU and its Member States remain committed to provide Ukraine and its people with all the necessary political, financial, economic, humanitarian, military and diplomatic support.

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[1] [1]https://www.euronews.com/my-europe/2025/08/22/hungary-and-slovakia-demand-eu-action-after-ukraine-hits-key-oil-pipeline-again