

*(English version)*

**Question for written answer E-000892/26  
to the Commission  
Siegbert Frank Droese (ESN)  
(4 March 2026)**

*Subject:* Nord Stream 2

Is the Commission aware of informal talks about possibly restarting Nord Stream under US control, <sup>(1)</sup> and how, in its opinion, would such a move impact energy security in the EU, EU sanctions against Russia, the diversification of energy supply and the EU's strategic autonomy?

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**Answer given by Mr Jørgensen on behalf of the European Commission  
(8 May 2026)**

The Commission is not aware of any formal or informal talks about a possible restarting of the Nord Stream pipeline under US control.

The reliance of the EU on Russian gas and Russia's weaponisation of its gas exports to the EU in 2022 resulted in an unprecedented energy crisis.

For this reason, in 2026 the EU has adopted Regulation (EU) 2026/261 <sup>(1)</sup>, aiming at a full phase out of Russian gas imports, both pipeline and liquefied natural gas (LNG), by the end of 2027.

Previously, Russia has repeatedly disrupted supplies of natural gas through Nord Stream in order to coerce the Union and its Member States and undermine their support for Ukraine. Nord Stream and Nord Stream 2 pipelines were damaged in September 2022 and are currently non-operational.

In order to prevent the resumption or the establishment of natural gas supplies through those pipelines, with the 18th package of sanctions against Russia (Council Decision (CFSP) 2025/1495) <sup>(2)</sup>, the EU introduced a restrictive measures banning any transaction that is directly or indirectly connected to the natural gas pipelines Nord Stream and Nord Stream 2 and that concerns the completion, operation, maintenance or use of the pipelines or parts of the pipelines.

The transaction ban also covers the purchase of natural gas transported via either pipeline. Those measures were put in place to prevent generating revenues for Russia and thereby enabling the continuation of its war of aggression against Ukraine.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.berliner-zeitung.de/politik-gesellschaft/geopolitik/geheime-verhandlungen-kommt-nord-stream-unter-us-kontrolle-zurueck-li.10018586>.

<sup>(1)</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32026R0261>.

<sup>(2)</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex%3A32025D1495>.