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EU restrictive measures have played a significant role in reducing the EU's energy dependency on Russia. The EU's share of Russian energy revenues fell to less than 9% in 2025 from almost 60% in 2022.

The import of Russian crude oil and petroleum products into the EU is prohibited since June 2022¹. To ensure energy security during a transitional phase, certain EU Member States – including Hungary – have been granted temporary exemptions for specific pipeline imports of Russian oil. The Commission welcomes the efforts taken by a number of Member States to decouple from Russian oil, which have already allowed for the lifting of such exemptions. The latest packages of sanctions imposed further restrictions on energy imports from Russia²³, and additional measures have been proposed⁴. Member States are required to fully respect the restrictive measures in force and ensure that any bilateral engagements do not contradict the EU's common foreign policy objectives.

Furthermore, following the REPowerEU roadmap proposed by the Commission⁵, in January 2026 the European Parliament and the Council adopted a permanent ban on Russian natural gas imports⁶.

The Druzhba disruptions underscore the strategic importance of diversifying energy supplies. Hungary and Slovakia have the possibility to further reduce their dependence on Russian oil by making greater use of the Adria pipeline through Croatia. The Commission is strongly supporting Hungary's and Slovakia's diversification efforts and stands ready to facilitate necessary arrangements with relevant partners.

¹ <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/06/03/russia-s-aggression-against-ukraine-eu-adopts-sixth-package-of-sanctions/>.

² <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2025/07/18/russia-s-war-of-aggression-against-ukraine-eu-adopts-18th-package-of-economic-and-individual-measures>.

³ <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2025/10/23/19th-package-of-sanctions-against-russia-eu-targets-russian-energy-third-country-banks-and-crypto-providers/>.

⁴ https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/it/statement_26_318.

⁵ https://energy.ec.europa.eu/strategy/repowereu-phase-out-russian-energy-imports_en.

⁶ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2026/261/oj/eng>.