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The Regulation (EU) No 1227/2011 on wholesale energy market integrity and transparency (REMIT)<sup>1</sup> requires national enforcement of market abusive behaviour as regards wholesale energy products in electricity, natural gas and hydrogen. It does not cover mineral oil markets.

In light of ongoing geopolitical tensions in the Middle East, the Commission will continue monitoring the evolution of the crisis and assessing its potential impacts. To address the impacts of the disruption of oil and gas transit, the Commission has put forward on 22 April 2026 its new initiative AccelerateEU<sup>2</sup>, proposing timely, targeted and temporary measures to bring relief to consumers, while avoiding fragmented national responses. It recalls that Member States can also take measures on the taxation of windfall profits to ensure social fairness while the Commission stands ready to assist and provide best practices on national measures as well as assess their impact on the single market.

The opening of an investigation under the EU competition rules requires indications of anti-competitive agreement between market participants (Article 101 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU)) or abusive conduct by a dominant market player (Article 102 of the TFEU) that affects trade between Member States. While unusual price developments may warrant further scrutiny, a divergence between input costs and retail prices is not as such and taken in isolation indicative of a potential breach of EU competition rules.

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<sup>1</sup> Regulation (EU) No 1227/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2011 on wholesale energy market integrity and transparency (ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2011/1227/oj>).

<sup>2</sup> [https://energy.ec.europa.eu/publications/accelerateeu-energy-union-affordable-and-secure-energy-through-accelerated-action\\_en](https://energy.ec.europa.eu/publications/accelerateeu-energy-union-affordable-and-secure-energy-through-accelerated-action_en).