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The Commission tracks energy prices and produces a weekly Oil Bulletin and considers other market analysis such as product specific imbalances and refining capacities and constraints.

Under the Regulation on Wholesale Energy Market Integrity and Transparency (REMIT)¹ national authorities are responsible for enforcement against market abusive behaviour as regards wholesale energy products in electricity, natural gas and hydrogen. REMIT does not cover mineral oil markets. The Commission and national competition authorities may initiate a competition investigation where there are indications of either anti-competitive agreements (Article 101 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU)) or abuse of a dominant position (Article 102 TFEU) affecting trade between Member States. While atypical pricing may merit examination, a disparity between input costs and retail prices alone is not as such and taken in isolation, indicative of a potential breach of EU competition rules. However, certain national practices in pricing fuel may breach other EU rules. Against this background, the Commission launched, on 29 April 2026, infringement proceedings against Hungary and Slovakia for the introduction of measures discriminating between EU citizens when fuelling vehicles². As a result, Slovakia has since lifted the discriminatory fuel measures.

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 put forward on 22 April 2026 its new initiative AccelerateEU³, proposing timely, targeted and temporary measures to bring relief to consumers, while avoiding fragmented national responses.

¹ <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2011/1227/oj>.

² Infringement procedure INFR(2026)4008 against Hungary and INFR(2026)4009 against Slovakia:
https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/inf_26_720.

³ https://energy.ec.europa.eu/publications/accelerateeu-energy-union-affordable-and-secure-energy-through-accelerated-action_en.