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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas
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The EU has repeatedly voiced its concerns regarding the intensification of repression against civil society, political opponents and independent media in Azerbaijan. In this context, the EU continues to raise the case of Dr Ibadoghlu, both in direct contacts with the authorities and in public statements, urging the authorities to lift his travel ban in order for him to obtain the urgent medical attention he requires abroad¹. Moreover, the EU Delegation in Azerbaijan and the EU Special Representative for Human Rights have repeatedly raised his case with the Azerbaijani authorities. The EU Delegation is also in direct contact with Dr Ibadoghlu and his lawyers, and regularly attends the court hearings in his case. Moreover, on the occasion of his official visit to Azerbaijan in October 2024, the Commissioner for Climate Action met Dr Ibadoghlu. The EU Delegation also facilitated the organisation of a meeting between Dr Ibadoghlu and the European Parliament Delegation, which visited Baku in November 2024 during the Conference of the Parties (COP29).

The EU is committed to phasing out its energy dependency on Russia, including through the transition from fossil fuels to renewable sources of energy and efforts to diversify the supply of energy imports.

¹ https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/azerbaijan-statement-spokesperson-human-rights-situation_en;
https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/CRE-10-2024-10-22-ITM-020_EN.html;
https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/CRE-10-2024-12-18-ITM-019-03_EN.html