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Answer given by Ms Albuquerque
on behalf of the European Commission
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The EU has imposed unprecedented restrictive measures (sanctions) in response to Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, including far-reaching trade restrictions in several economic sectors, and specific financial measures against Russian individuals and entities.

As the Honourable Member is aware, these sanctions are adopted under the EU's Common Foreign and Security Policy and are aimed to maximise their impact on Russia's ability to conduct and finance its war of aggression.

On 10 June 2025, the Commission President and the High Representative/Vice-President¹ stated that the joint proposal for the 18th sanctions package includes, among other measures, sanctions on the Nord Stream pipelines. This measure should prevent Russia from generating any revenue in the future by using those pipelines to transport natural gas. Those future measures are currently discussed in the Council and require a unanimous adoption.

The proposals and the negotiations in the Council are not public. Hence, the Commission is not able to comment further on measures prior to their adoption in the Council.

The Commission will continue to cooperate and coordinate closely with Member States and operators on the implementation and enforcement of sanctions once they are adopted.

¹ https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/ukrainerussia-press-remarks-high-representativevice-president-kaja-kallas-joint-press-conference_en.