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**Priority question for written answer P-001978/26
to the Commission
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Subject: Nuclear energy as a strategic pillar of the European Union's energy security and autonomy

The tensions in the Strait of Hormuz highlight the European Union's external energy vulnerability. The Commission recognised in March 2026 that scaling back on nuclear energy was a strategic mistake, while the recent plenary debate reaffirmed the role that nuclear power has to play in Europe's energy security, and nuclear energy is increasingly being viewed as a strategic solution to strengthen energy independence, industrial competitiveness and decarbonisation.

Given the above:

1. What concrete measures will the Commission take to ensure that nuclear projects benefit from access to the green taxonomy and European Investment Bank financing under equivalent conditions to those granted to renewable energy sources, including by eliminating the asymmetric restrictions and conditionalities that are currently disadvantaging nuclear technology?
2. What immediate legislative, industrial and trade measures will the Commission take to end the Union's dependence on nuclear fuel from the Russian Federation by diversifying supply chains and developing European nuclear fuel conversion, enrichment and production capacities?
3. What legislative, financial and strategic reforms of the European energy framework will the Commission sponsor in order to accelerate investment in new nuclear capacities and ensure that nuclear energy is explicitly recognised as a key component of the Union's energy security, industrial competitiveness and strategic autonomy?

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**Answer given by Mr Jørgensen on behalf of the European Commission
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Investments in nuclear power plants, both new build and refurbishment projects for lifetime extension, are already covered by the EU taxonomy, as per the Climate Delegated Act ⁽¹⁾.

The Commission remains committed to ending EU dependence on Russian nuclear imports and has outlined the intended security-of-supply-related measures in the Roadmap towards ending Russian energy imports adopted in May 2025 ⁽²⁾.

The REPowerEU measures on nuclear are being implemented in coordination with other measures foreseen in the Roadmap. The Commission, together with the Euratom Supply Agency, also engages with relevant industry players to accelerate nuclear value chain diversification ⁽³⁾.

The Commission in recent initiatives, including AccelerateEU ⁽⁴⁾, the strategy for Small Modular Reactors ⁽⁵⁾ and the Nuclear Illustrative Programme ⁽⁶⁾, has stressed the role of nuclear energy as a clean, reliable and homegrown energy source and outlined the necessary investments needed to deliver on national plans contributing to the EU's objectives of climate neutrality, competitiveness, security of supply and strategic autonomy.

⁽¹⁾ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:02021R2139-20260101>.

⁽²⁾ This includes trade measures on the import of enriched uranium, restrictions on contracts co-signed by the Euratom Supply Agency for uranium, enriched uranium and other nuclear materials with Russian suppliers as of a certain date, and work on specific targets for Member States to replace Russian nuclear fuels with alternative fuels, phase out reliance on Russia for uranium, enriched uranium and other nuclear materials, and increase transparency on dependencies and encourage diversification of Russian supplies of spare parts and maintenance services. See: [eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52025DC0440R\(01\)](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52025DC0440R(01)).

⁽³⁾ To date, all EU operators of Soviet-design (VVER) reactors have contracted with non-Russian suppliers of VVER fuel. Several VVER reactors in several Members States are, by now, already operating with such fuels from alternative suppliers.

⁽⁴⁾ https://energy.ec.europa.eu/document/download/7fac9eea-5717-4182-a368-bd68c427ff4c_en?filename=Communication.pdf.

⁽⁵⁾ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52026DC0117>.

⁽⁶⁾ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52026DC0120>.