

**Priority question for written answer P-001309/2024
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Alarming rise in Spanish imports of Russian gas

According to a recent study by the Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis (IEEFA) – an independent body with its headquarters in Houston – Spain now imports more liquefied natural gas from Russia than any other European country. The quantity of Russian gas arriving in Spanish ports has seen new highs, increasing by 30 % in 2023 and has risen for two years in a row, while the Spanish Government turns a blind eye. This inexplicable rise in imports comes in the midst of a joint EU strategy to become less dependent on Russian energy, with a view to stopping Europe from funding Putin's war machine.

1. Has the Spanish Government informed the European Commission of this rise in Russian gas imports?
2. How does the European Commission judge the impact of this rise on the joint EU strategy adopted as a result of Russia's invasion of Ukraine?
3. Which urgent measures should be taken for Spain to stop filling Putin's coffers by buying Russian gas?

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