

**Question for written answer E-000579/2024
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Agreement between BOTAS, a Turkish state-owned corporation, and its Bulgarian counterpart, Bulgargaz/Bulgartransgaz

Bulgaria's current Prime Minister and Energy Minister have both spoken publicly of their concerns about an agreement signed in January 2023 between the Turkish state-owned company BOTAS and its Bulgarian counterpart Bulgargaz/Bulgartransgaz. The agreement has given rise to growing concerns as to its impact on the EU's policy to limit energy imports from Russia. In October 2023, the Commission indicated that it was reviewing the terms of the agreement.

Can the Commission indicate:

1. The full scope of its examination;
2. The expected time frame of the examination; and,
3. Whether it has the power to access all provisions of the agreement to ensure that they meet the requirements of EU law and align fully with EU energy policy.

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