

To European Parliament members

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Subject: 1st EU Parliament resolution on the embargo of Russian gas by the end of 2024

Dear members of the European Parliament,

We, the undersigned below, appeal to you in the hope that you will continue to **support Ukraine in its efforts to end the war. One of the main ways we believe this can be achieved is by ending the money flow from Europe to Russia for the purchase of Russian fossil fuels.**

In the European elections of 6-9 June 2024, European citizens decided who they wished to see directing the Union beyond 2024 for the next five years. The fresh start offers a chance to remedy the mistakes of the past and live up to the initial promise of the European Union - peace and prosperity.

Since the Russian full-scale invasion of Ukraine, the European Union has shown courage in the face of a brutal war on European values and unprecedented violation of established law and the international order. The vital ongoing financial, humanitarian, and military support of Ukraine has helped the country to withstand and defend itself.

However, more than two years into the war, the **EU Member States remain one of the top contributors to the Russian war machine**, via fossil fuel trade with Russia (followed by China and India), due to incomplete sanction packages with [loopholes](#) and a lack of enforcement mechanisms. Loopholes contributed an estimated [€1.13 billion](#) to the Kremlin in direct tax revenues.

The EU was the fourth-largest buyer of Russian fossil fuels in May, its imports accounting for [13% \(EUR 1.9 bn\) of the top five purchasers](#). Pipeline gas made up the largest share of the EU's purchases of Russia's fossil fuels (45%) followed by LNG (27%) and crude oil via pipeline (22%). These numbers exceed the support provided to Ukraine.

In June 2024, the Council of the EU passed its 14th sanctions package on Russia. While the intention to impose further restrictions is commendable, the current measures provide Russia ample time to adapt, significantly reducing their overall effectiveness. Specifically, the ban on LNG transshipment, set to commence on 26 March 2025, allows a nine-month window for Russia to adjust to these new restrictions. Given that this sanction has minimal direct impact on the EU economy, the delayed implementation appears unnecessarily lenient. These relatively weak sanctions not only undermine the EU's stance on energy independence but also come at a horrific cost to Ukraine, which continues to

suffer daily attacks with massive human casualties, and immense environmental damage due to the ongoing war.

Additionally, we acknowledge the effort made to phase out Russian gas via REPower EU by 2027, but the package prolongs EU funding for the Russian war for another 4 years. **We urge every EU Member State to make the sovereign decision to get rid of Russian fossil fuel imports earlier, in order to stop sending funds to Russia which end up in Putin's war chest.**

In this light, **the EU should stop the counterproductive practice, whereby it financially enables the war, and then sends money to remedy the destruction, which funds from the EU cause.** Delaying or postponing the total embargo on Russian fossil fuels will only prolong the Russian war, jeopardize EU climate targets, and lead to further catastrophic and immeasurable losses of human life in Ukraine.

With this, we plead with you to ensure **EU Member States taxpayers' money does not fund war, or feed the climate crisis. We demand in the 1st resolution of the newly elected European Parliament a call for EU member states to impose a full and transparent Russian gas embargo, by the end of 2024, in the 15th sanction package.**

Signed by those below,

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