


Procedure file

Basic information		
RSP - Resolutions on topical subjects	2009/2505(RSP)	Procedure completed
Gas supplies by Russia to Ukraine and the EU		
Subject 3.60.03 Gas, electricity, natural gas, biogas		

Key players			
European Parliament			
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	General Affairs	2920	26/01/2009
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Energy and Transport	PIEBALGS Andris	

Key events			
12/01/2009	Resolution/conclusions adopted by Council		Summary
14/01/2009	Debate in Parliament		Summary
14/01/2009	End of procedure in Parliament		
26/01/2009	Debate in Council	2920	Summary

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2009/2505(RSP)
Procedure type	RSP - Resolutions on topical subjects
Procedure subtype	Resolution on statement
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 132-p2
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed

Gas supplies by Russia to Ukraine and the EU

The extraordinary Energy (TTE) Council met in a critical moment caused by the current unprecedented interruption of gas supplies from Russia via Ukraine to the EU.

The Council concluded that both parties should resume gas deliveries to the EU immediately in order to rebuild the credibility of both parties and avoid further economical harms and suffering to the citizens of the EU and of neighbouring countries. It calls on both parties to develop lasting solutions that would prevent the recurrence of such dispute, and in any case ensure they will honour their obligations and guarantee the continuity of gas supply to the EU.

The Council agrees on the necessity urgently to develop and strengthen medium and long-term measures along the following priority axes: transparency regarding physical gas flows, demand and storage volumes must be enhanced in both Member States and their industry, and in

supply and transit countries, including by installing reliable metering systems where appropriate. In this framework, the Council recalls the contribution of long term contracts to the reliability of both countries towards European final customers. It also recalls that early implementation of measures and commitments related to the internal market, energy efficiency and renewable energy also contribute to energy security.

Lastly, the Council invites the Commission to identify with the Member States affected, the economic and social consequences resulting from the crisis and to map out the relevant measures, including State

aid rules where necessary, in assisting those Member States.

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The House held a debate, following on the Council and Commission statements, on the gas supplies by Russia to Ukraine and the EU. The debate was not followed by the adoption of a resolution.

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The presidency briefed the Council on how it plans to handle the issue of energy security, following the crisis stemming from the recent interruption of gas supplies from Russia via Ukraine to the EU.

The presidency outlined areas where it intends work to be speeded up and given the highest priority.

The Commission confirmed its intentions regarding interconnection and infrastructure projects to be proposed for EU funding under the economic recovery plan approved in December by the European Council.

The Council held an exchange of views, emphasising urgency in seeking solutions to problems that were highlighted during the gas crisis.

The presidency identified four areas on which it intends to focus:

1. internal energy market: reaching an agreement by the end of March on a proposed package, including on market transparency;
2. interconnection and infrastructure projects: reaching an early agreement on the Commission's proposals;
3. supply crisis response mechanisms: adjustments to directives on the security of supply of oil and gas, and measures to improve access to and investment in gas storage;
4. external energy policy: developing policy so as to reduce the EU's vulnerability and avoid new disruptions of supply.