

REPowerEU: Energy committee Chair reacts to new Commission proposals

MEP Cristian Buşoi (EPP, RO) reacted to the new proposals aiming to tackle the energy crisis triggered by the Russian aggression of Ukraine, on Wednesday.

The European Commission has presented on Wednesday the [REPowerEU Plan](#), in response to the global energy market disruption caused by Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

"It is by acting together that we will manage to rid ourselves of the energy dependence on Russia. At the same time we must ensure that we do not create a chasm with citizens for whom rising energy prices have a considerable impact on their standard of living. We will also have to stand up for businesses that already have to cope with disrupted supply chains and make sure that the proposals published today deliver opportunities for them" said Industry, Research and Energy committee Chair [Cristian Buşoi](#) (EPP, RO) on Wednesday.

"I also believe that the requirement to fight climate change, if approached in a spirit of solidarity, is part of the solution to all these challenges. Our goal is to make our energy cheaper, to make it clean, and to make its supply secure. This is not mutually exclusive, on the contrary" he added.

Background

Presented on Wednesday by the European Commission, the plan aims to address the double urgency to transform Europe's energy system: ending the EU's dependence on Russian fossil fuels, which are used as an economic and political weapon and cost European taxpayers nearly €100 billion per year, and tackling the climate crisis.

In parallel, the European Parliament's Industry, Research and Energy committee is working on several legislative plans aiming to secure Europe's energy supply and meet the EU Green Deal objectives:

- a legislation for the refilling of gas storage capacities in Europe before next winter,
- the Hydrogen and decarbonised gas package, a regulation and a directive,
- the Renewable energy directive,
- the Energy Efficiency directive.

Further information

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