

**Question for written answer E-014807/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: German report on Greece's energy reserves

According to an online publication¹, the financial website Deutsche Wirtschafts Nachrichten maintains that **'the rescue of Greece is not a political project'** but **has to do with natural gas and the European Union's desire to be freed from dependence on Russia**, through the TAP pipeline which will pass through Greece.

'In order not to jeopardize the project due to Greece's collapse, the country is being kept in the euro. The sad truth for the Greeks is that the issue is their country, not the people', the report goes on to say.

At the same time, the German website argues that although the companies that will exploit the TAP have pledged to create new jobs in Greece, the truth is rather different. **'TAP will not bring changes to the lives of most Greeks – they will continue to deal with austerity'**.

Although the Commission does not comment on press reports, will it say:

- Does it intend to link Greece's debt to its energy resources?
- Does it intend to support Greece in its efforts to exploit its energy resources and what does it seek in exchange?

¹ <http://adapokrites.gr/media-video-photos-articles-interviews-reportage/efimerides-periodika-news-europe-greece/item/23887-kyniki-omologia-germanon-kratame-tin-ellada-stin-evrozoni-gia-ton-orykto-tis-ployto>