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Subject: Power outage in Portugal and Spain

On 28 April 2024, a power outage affected the entire electrical grid in Spain and Portugal, highlighting severe vulnerabilities and the urgent need for a resilient energy infrastructure. Despite the commitments of the 2015 Madrid Declaration¹ and subsequent agreements, as well as the EU's Projects of Common Interest and Projects of Mutual Interest, the Iberian Peninsula remains one of the least interconnected regions in the EU – which presents an energy security issue for the entire Union.

1. What actions will the Commission take, in cooperation with European regulators, to investigate the causes of the power outage, ensure transparency throughout this process, and implement safeguards to prevent similar incidents in the future, and what is the expected timeline for completing this process?
2. What is the current state of progress on cross-border interconnection projects since the 2015 Madrid Declaration, and how does the Commission assess the frequency and effectiveness of the meetings and outcomes of the High-Level Group on Interconnections for South-West Europe²?
3. How is the Commission planning to modernise the energy grid to integrate renewable energy sources, and how are these efforts aligned with the EU's 15 % interconnection target by 2030 and the broader objective of enhancing EU energy autonomy and resilience?

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¹ Madrid Declaration, 4 March 2015, https://energy.ec.europa.eu/system/files/2015-03/Madrid%2520declaration_0.pdf.

² European Commission, 'Interconnections for South-West Europe', https://energy.ec.europa.eu/topics/infrastructure/high-level-groups/interconnections-south-west-europe_en.