

**Question for written answer E-001930/2025
to the Commission**
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Subject: Ensuring resilience of EU countries against electricity blackouts and protection of critical infrastructure

The recent electricity blackout in Spain and Portugal underscores the importance of reducing vulnerabilities and strengthening the resilience of critical energy infrastructure to ensure the uninterrupted provision of essential services. Energy systems are the backbone of the EU's economy and society, and disruptions – especially in interconnected grids – can have significant cross-border impacts.

One of the priorities of the European internal security strategy (ProtectEU) is the protection of critical infrastructure, including energy interconnectors. The blackout raises important questions about current levels of preparedness and whether additional efforts are needed at EU level.

In the light of this:

1. How does the Commission assess the impact of the Iberian blackout on the implementation of ProtectEU's critical infrastructure goals?
2. What measures are being considered to enhance the protection of energy infrastructure across the EU?
3. How will the Commission assess the implications of the Iberian blackout for the implementation of the Critical Entities Resilience Directive (Directive (EU) 2022/2557¹)?

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¹ Directive (EU) 2022/2557 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 December 2022 on the resilience of critical entities and repealing Council Directive 2008/114/EC, OJ L 333, 27.12.2022, p. 164, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/2022/2557/oj>.