

Question for written answer E-002483/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Prevention of power outages

In reaction to the power outages in Spain and Portugal on 28 April 2025 it is clear that the EU needs to strengthen the security of its critical infrastructure. The blackout lasted for 36 hours and its impact on the Spanish economy alone is estimated to be EUR 1.6 billion. The outage had a knock-on effect on the mobile network. Around 150 flights were cancelled in both countries due to the outage. In Spain, download speeds in some areas fell by as much as 85 %, while in Portugal, speeds in regions such as Porto and Vila Real dropped by 90 %. Unfortunately eight people have died as a result of the outages.

1. What mechanisms will the Commission employ to protect critical infrastructure at the EU level?
2. Does the Commission plan to review and update the Directive on the Resilience of Critical Entities (2022/2557) or any other relevant provisions of EU law concerning the security of critical infrastructure?
3. What measures are being considered by the Commission to enhance the EU's capacity to prevent, detect and respond to cyberattacks and acts of sabotage targeting critical infrastructure, particularly in the energy, transport and telecommunications sector?

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