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Subject: Enhancing the resilience of mobile network sites following the blackout in Spain and Portugal

The recent blackout in Spain and Portugal highlighted the growing interdependence between energy and digital infrastructure and the urgent need to strengthen resilience across both. Mobile network sites are vital for emergency coordination, public safety and service continuity, yet are often excluded from electricity recovery plans.

When equipped with batteries or generators, mobile network sites can maintain connectivity during outages and support grid stability. While some Member States have begun deploying such backup power systems, progress remains fragmented and regulatory and cost barriers persist.

In the light of the above:

1. Will the Commission promote a more harmonised approach to ensure that mobile network sites are prioritised in electricity restoration protocols following blackouts, particularly in high-risk or underserved areas?
2. Is the Commission planning to explore EU funding mechanisms or policy guidance to support the deployment of enhanced backup power systems, such as minimum duration batteries or standby generators, at mobile network sites, as part of wider crisis preparedness efforts and to support the integration of digital infrastructure into broader energy flexibility objectives?

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