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**to the Commission**

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Subject: EU Connection Network Codes

With the publication of the European Grids Package, the Commission confirmed the urgency of reforming Europe's electricity grids to enable the large-scale integration of renewables, electrification of demand and the achievement of the EU's energy and climate objectives.

At the same time, key elements of the regulatory framework governing grid connections, namely the EU Connection Network Codes set out in Regulations (EU) 2016/631<sup>1</sup>, 2016/1388<sup>2</sup> and 2016/1447<sup>3</sup>, remain outdated. The revision process launched in 2022 has been repeatedly postponed.

The Commission has acknowledged these challenges by publishing non-binding guidance on grid connections alongside the European Grids Package. However, it seems contradictory that the Commission does not prioritise the legal documents for grid connections. In the absence of updated EU-level rules, several Member States are introducing national interim solutions, thereby risking, inter alia, system instability and distortions of the internal market.

1. How does the Commission assess the consistency between the objectives of the European Grids Package and the continued delay in revising the Connection Network Codes?
2. What measures will the Commission take to ensure coordination among Member States during this delay?
3. Does the Commission intend to address urgent technical requirements through interim or phased EU-level updates to the Connection Network Codes, and within what timeframe?

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 112, 27.4.2016, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2016/631/oj>.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 223, 18.8.2016, p. 10, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2016/1388/oj>.

<sup>3</sup> OJ L 241, 8.9.2016, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2016/1447/oj>.