

Question for written answer E-000494/2026
to the Commission
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Subject: Great Sea Interconnector and EU energy security in the Eastern Mediterranean

Security of energy supply is a crucial issue for the EU, especially in the Eastern Mediterranean, where Cyprus plays a strategic role. The Great Sea Interconnector project, the underwater electricity interconnection between Greece and Cyprus, financed with EUR 657 million from the Connecting Europe Facility, aims to strengthen energy security and the integration of the European market. However, its implementation in the Cypriot and Greek maritime area has been delayed due to Turkish interventions and violations of the international law of the sea.

In view of this:

1. What measures does the Commission intend to take to ensure the continuity and security of the energy supply to Cyprus and the EU, given the repeated interventions by non-EU countries in the maritime area of an EU Member State?
2. How does the Commission assess the impact of geopolitical developments on the implementation of the Great Sea Interconnector and what measures does it intend to take to ensure the effective use of funding from the Connecting Europe Facility?
3. Does the Commission intend to consider activating the Union's legal and political tools against non-EU countries that obstruct the implementation of projects of common European interest, in breach of the international law of the sea and to the detriment of the EU's energy security?

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