

**Question for written answer E-000654/2026/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Legal status and possible sanctions for the proposed electricity interconnection of Türkiye-occupied Cyprus

According to a recent report, Türkiye and the regime in the occupied territories of Cyprus are taking steps towards electricity interconnection. A statement by the Turkish Cypriot side claims that an authorisation or response from the EU to the relevant request is long overdue¹.

The matter raises serious questions, as any authorisation or tolerance of such a project might imply indirect recognition of an entity not recognised by the EU, and would violate international law and relevant UN resolutions. It is also concerning that, for more than a year and a half, there has been no clear negative response from the EU, despite the political and legal significance of the matter. Questions are also raised with regard to what action the EU intends to take in the event that Türkiye unilaterally goes ahead with the project's implementation without authorisation.

In view of the above, can the Commission say:

1. Has an official authorisation request been submitted for the electricity interconnection between Türkiye and the occupied areas, and what is the current legal status of its examination?
2. Why has no clear negative decision been issued so far, given that such a project would be in breach of international and EU law?
3. What measures or sanctions does the Commission intend to consider if the project is carried out without authorisation?

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¹ <https://www.politis.com.cy/politis-news/cyprus/983405/enw-kypros-kai-ellada-parepempsan-ton-gsi-se-nees-meletes-toyrkia-kai-psefdokratos-prokhoroun-se-ilektriki-diasyndesi>