

Question for written answer E-000659/2026
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Ensuring continuity of electricity supply in regions devastated by Storm Kristin and others

More than 17 days after Storm Kristin and the other storms that followed, which caused widespread power cuts in several areas of Portugal, tens of thousands of households still have no access to electricity and have been provided with no information or forecasts from the responsible authorities as to when the situation will be resolved.

The Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union provides for the protection of consumers (Article 38) and the right to good administration (Article 41). This prolonged situation of deprivation of electricity, which is an essential service for access to other rights such as health, housing and security, to name but a few, is putting the lives of citizens at risk.

In view of the above:

1. Does the Commission consider a period of more than 17 days of deprivation of electricity – even if caused by a storm – to be in line with the requirements of continuity and quality of service under Directive (EU) 2019/944?
2. Under EU law, should network operators not mobilise all available technical and human resources to ensure the urgent restoration of the electricity supply, especially since this is an exceptional situation?
3. Will the Commission be seeking clarification on this subject from the Portuguese authorities?

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