

**Question for written answer E-003951/2026
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Delayed implementation of EU renewable energy permitting rules in Cyprus

On 4 June 2026, the Commission issued an additional reasoned opinion to Cyprus in infringement procedure INFR(2024)0213, concluding that Cyprus had not yet fully transposed the provisions of Directive (EU) 2023/2413 concerning faster and simpler permitting for renewable energy projects and related grid infrastructure changes. These provisions should have been transposed by 1 July 2024. The Commission's 2026 Country Report on Cyprus notes that significant delays still affect the connection of new renewable energy plants to the grid and highlights that Cyprus has high external energy dependency.

In the light of the above, can the Commission answer the following:

1. Has it identified the main regulatory or administrative bottlenecks delaying the permitting and grid connection of renewable energy projects in Cyprus, and what concrete measures does it consider necessary to address them?
2. Which specific provisions of Directive (EU) 2023/2413 does the Commission currently consider not to have been fully transposed by Cyprus?
3. Can the Commission assess whether Cyprus's delayed implementation of these provisions has slowed the deployment and grid connection of renewable energy and thereby contributed to persistently high electricity costs for Cypriot consumers?

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