

**Priority question for written answer P-004437/2025
to the Commission**

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Subject: Measures to increase funding to improve energy interconnections and lower energy prices

Enhancing connectivity through the modernisation of energy networks and deepening energy integration to create a true Energy Union can play a crucial role in lowering energy prices for consumers and addressing significant energy price disparities between EU Member States.

In a recent hearing before the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy on 5 November 2025, the Commissioner responsible, Dan Jørgensen, referred to the need to increase the relevant budget in the new multiannual financial framework, adding that ‘in order to achieve a truly connected Europe and more affordable energy, we first and foremost need a fully connected Central and South-Eastern region’.

In view of the publication of its proposal on networks, can the Commission say:

1. What is its plan to increase resources to improve energy interconnections and infrastructure?
2. How does it intend to contribute to speeding up permitting procedures for relevant projects and the implementation of long-term planning for the European electricity grid with a time horizon of 2050?
3. Does it intend to draw up additional incentives to reward countries investing in their infrastructure, benefitting the EU as a whole?

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