

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-001111/25
to the Commission
Yannis Maniatis (S&D)
(14 March 2025)**

Subject: Addressing problems relating to the Greece-Cyprus electricity interconnection project

Further to my letter of 20 January 2025, addressed to the High Representative and the Commissioner for Energy, concerning the need for EU initiatives to address Turkish acts of provocation that are hampering the implementation of the Great Sea Interconnector (GSI), and in view of recent reports in the Greek press, which state that the project promoter (ADMIE) has suspended payments to cable manufacturing and laying company Nexans, leading to the departure of the research vessels from Greece because they have been unable to enter international waters (but within the boundaries of the internationally recognised Greek/European EEZ based on the agreement between Greece and Egypt) for months due to geopolitical reasons (the acts of provocation began in July 2024), can the Commission answer the following:

1. Concerning risks to the project implementation schedule and the EUR 657 million that has been earmarked or the amount which the CEF has disbursed for the project, are there any, have any been foreseen and are any being addressed?
2. Has the Greek Government informed the Commission of the above developments and, if so, have joint initiatives been taken to protect this strategic European energy infrastructure project (PCI)?
3. Given that the project is ‘encounter[ing] significant implementation difficulties’ and that Cyprus is the only EU Member State that is not connected to the European electricity grid, is the Commission planning on ‘designat[ing] a European coordinator’ (Article 6 of Regulation (EU) 2022/869), as it did for the Baltic states?

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**Answer given by Mr Jørgensen on behalf of the European Commission
(8 May 2025)**

The Commission is well informed of the latest developments concerning the Great Sea Interconnector project and the associated risks regarding the project implementation schedule.

The Commission is in regular contact with the Greek and Cypriot authorities, at both Ministerial and technical level, as well as with the energy regulatory authorities of the two countries and the project promoter.

As a project of common interest under the regulation (EU) 2022/869 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2022 on guidelines for trans-European energy infrastructure (‘TEN-E Regulation’) ⁽¹⁾, the Great Sea Interconnector continues to have the full support of the European Commission, as it is intended to end the energy isolation of Cyprus, allow for a higher share of renewables in its energy mix, bring the potential to lower energy prices for consumers and increase the security of energy supply of two EU Member States and the EU system altogether.

Projects of common interest are closely monitored by the Commission and there are regular contacts with both governments concerned. So far, the designation of a European coordinator under Article 6 of the TEN-E Regulation has not been considered for the project in question.

⁽¹⁾ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2022/869/oj>