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In compliance with EU law, an investigation by an independent panel composed of Transmission System Operators, the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER) and national regulatory authorities has been set up¹. The panel will publish a final report with recommendations by September 2026 at the very latest. The Spanish and Portuguese authorities also submitted at the end of July 2025, an ex-post evaluation report including among others a description of the events and an assessment of the economic impacts². The Commission will analyse all findings, including the reports submitted by Spain and Portugal, and may take action if deemed necessary.

The High-Level Group on Interconnections for South-West Europe has been instrumental in advancing cross-border interconnections projects. By the end of 2025 a new interconnection between Portugal and Spain will be commissioned. The works on the Biscay Bay electricity interconnection between France and Spain are progressing well with expected commissioning date by 2028. The project will double the interconnection capacity France-Spain to 5000 megawatts. The importance of the Trans-Pyrenean projects is recognised through their status as Projects of Common Interest and the Commission is working actively on their implementation including through the High-level Group. In January 2025, the Trans-Pyrenean project between Navarra and Landes was awarded a Connecting Europe Facility grant for studies.

The Commission aims to put forward a Grids Package by the end of 2025 with measures to support a modern and resilient energy system to enable the further integration of renewable energy sources and boost interconnection.

¹ <https://www.entsoe.eu/news/2025/05/09/entso-e-expert-panel-initiates-the-investigation-into-the-causes-of-iberian-blackout/>.

² Pursuant to article 17 of Regulation (EU) 2019/941 on risk preparedness in the electricity sector, OJ L 158, 14.6.2019, p. 1–21.