

(English version)

Question for written answer E-001843/25
to the Commission
Dolors Montserrat (PPE)
(7 May 2025)

Subject: Investigation and possible failure to comply with Regulation (EU) 2019/941 on risk-preparedness in the electricity sector in Spain

On 28 April 2025, Spain suffered one of the worst power cuts in its recent history, during which the entire country — as well as Portugal and parts of France — was without electricity for more than 12 hours. The Spanish Government has not yet provided an explanation as to what caused the incident, nor has it assumed any political responsibility. This situation raises major concerns with regard to energy security, risk prevention and grid coordination by the network management company, Redeia, which is partly state-owned.

1. Has the Commission received official information from the Spanish Government on the causes of the power cut?
2. Does the Commission think the government's actions have been in line with the principles of cooperation, transparency and information exchange laid down in Regulation (EU) 2019/941 on risk-preparedness in the electricity sector?
3. Is the Commission planning to launch an investigation — to be carried out by independent experts with proven, extensive experience who are not under the influence of companies with market interests — to establish whether management failures could have caused this crisis?

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Answer given by Mr Jørgensen on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission has been informed by the Spanish authorities of the national procedure to investigate the causes of the incident and is aware of the report prepared by a national committee and published recently. The Commission welcomes that this report is produced and published. In this regard, the Commission welcomed the *ex-post* evaluation report that Spain submitted pursuant to the Risk Preparedness Regulation ⁽¹⁾ describing among others the event that triggered the crisis, its economic impact and possible lessons to avoid that such an event happens again.

The Commission was well informed by the Spanish authorities early on 28 April 2025 of the declaration of an electricity crisis pursuant to Article 14 of the Risk Preparedness Regulation and regularly afterwards of the restoration process and national procedures to investigate the incident.

According to EU law ⁽²⁾, an investigation on the causes of the incident by an independent panel has already started. The panel is led by experts from European transmission system operators not affected by the incident and includes the EU Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER) and national regulatory authorities from different Member States. The panel will produce a final report with conclusions and recommendations that will be published.

⁽¹⁾ Regulation (EU) 2019/941 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 June 2019 on risk-preparedness in the electricity sector, OJ L 158, 14.6.2019, p. 1-2.

⁽²⁾ Guideline on electricity transmission system operation, Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/1485, OJ L 220, 25.8.2017, p. 1-120.