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By supporting the construction of the necessary infrastructure, the EU is helping to better interconnect Member States and create a genuine Energy Union.

In the case of the connection of the Iberian Peninsula with the rest of the EU, the Commission is continuously working with the Member States, Transmission System Operators and National Regulatory Authorities in the framework of the High-Level Group on Interconnections in South-West Europe to accelerate the implementation of interconnection priority projects in the region.

The implementation of key projects in the region is ongoing. The interconnection project between Spain and Portugal is expected to be completed in Autumn 2025 and will increase the current interconnection capacity level to 3.2 gigawatts.

The Biscay Bay electricity interconnection is under construction. The European Investment Bank granted a EUR 1.6 billion loan¹ to support this project. Works are progressing well in both France and Spain. The project should be commissioned by 2028, and it will double the interconnection capacity between France and 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, notably through the High-level group Southwest Europe. The Trans-Pyrenean project between Navarra and Landes has been awarded in January 2025 Connecting Energy Facility (CEF) grant for studies.

¹ <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2025-241-eib-supports-with-eur1-6-bn-the-strategic-bay-of-biscay-electricity-interconnection-between-spain-and-france>.