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Question for written answer E-002456/25
to the Commission
Pilar del Castillo Vera (PPE)
(18 June 2025)

Subject: Stress tests potentially run on the Spanish grid with no prior notification during the blackout of 28 April 2025

In the light of the blackout that affected the Iberian Peninsula and parts of France on 28 April 2025, a number of technical sources have suggested that one of the scenarios is that the incident could have been linked to deliberate tests on the Spanish electricity system to assess its resilience when faced with unmanageable peaks in renewable energy generation.

With this in mind:

1. Was the Commission made formally aware of, or did it receive any official communication from the Spanish Government about, the possibility of the incident being linked to a stress test on the national grid?
2. If so, does the Commission consider Spain to have complied with the obligation of prior notification and cooperation laid down in Article 15 of Regulation (EU) 2019/941 on risk-preparedness in the electricity sector?

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Answer given by Mr Jørgensen on behalf of the European Commission
(28 November 2025)

The Commission has not been made formally aware nor received any official communication from the Spanish Government about such matter.

An investigation into the incident on 28 April 2025 was launched in accordance with EU *acquis*. The Expert Panel carrying out the investigation has adopted a first deliverable in October 2025, a factual report ⁽¹⁾ presenting the facts and data about the incident. A final report containing recommendations is expected three to four months after the factual report.

Spain and Portugal submitted to the Commission their *ex post* evaluation reports, pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2019/941 ⁽²⁾ on risk preparedness in the electricity sector. These reports were presented to and discussed with all Member States at dedicated meetings of the Electricity Coordination Group on 30 July 2025 and 3 September 2025. Further meetings of the Electricity Coordination Group will be convened regularly to discuss the deliverables of the two reports submitted by Spain and Portugal and the one from the Expert Panel.

⁽¹⁾ https://eepublicdownloads.blob.core.windows.net/public-cdn-container/clean-documents/Publications/2025/entso-e_incident_report_ES-PT_April_2025_06.pdf.

⁽²⁾ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2019/941/oj/eng> — OJ L 158, 14.6.2019, pp. 1-21.