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**Question for written answer E-003122/25
to the Commission
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Subject: Establishment, financing and governance of the India-Middle East Europe Economic Corridor under the global gateway

The India-Middle East Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC), announced at the 2023 G20 summit, presents a major strategic opportunity for the EU to foster Euro-Asian connectivity and, taking into account the instability in the Red Sea, diversify its trade routes. The project is part of the global gateway strategy, under which the EU pledged to raise up to EUR 300 billion by 2027 for sustainable global infrastructure.

As it stands, IMEC is devoid of formalised multilateral governance, a public timetable and dedicated European resources. By contrast, an invest plan worth EUR 10 billion has been drawn up for the Trans-Caspian Corridor (TITR).

Some Member States have applied to host the European IMEC terminal. Of those applications, the port of Trieste stands out for its strategic position, direct access to central Europe and integration in TEN-T rail corridors.

In the light of the above:

1. Is the Commission aware of any assessments of the technical and economic feasibility of the IMEC corridor or operational steps planned with a view to its establishment?
2. How does the Commission intend to ensure that IMEC is strategically integrated into the global gateway, including as regards complementarity with the TITR?
3. Have provisions been made for any dedicated resources or funding instruments and territorial agencies to support the development IMEC infrastructure and assess Member States' applications, including Italy's for the Port of Trieste?

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**Answer given by Mr Síkela on behalf of the European Commission
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The EU is committed to the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC) as an ambitious project of major geopolitical and economic relevance. To this end, the EU is working with relevant Member States to deliver a European package of support in close coordination with other IMEC signatories.

IMEC is an international initiative with eight signatories (EU, Germany, Italy, France, United States, United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, and India), who are equally engaged. The EU intends to play a leading role and is ready to invest in concrete projects under Global Gateway.

The EU is ready to contribute to mapping and feasibility studies with the Member States that are IMEC signatories (France, Italy, Germany), in a Team Europe approach. These studies will guide investment priorities and support Member States and project promoters.

IMEC is anchored in the Global Gateway strategy and the EU's engagement with partner countries concerned. The Commission is open to consider ways to potentially link IMEC with other strategic corridors such as the Trans-Caspian Transport Corridor.

The Commission will, as appropriate, mobilise relevant EU instruments, and is exploring technical assistance, soft connectivity and ways to leverage both private and public investment for hard infrastructure.

Importantly, IMEC will require strong private-sector involvement, as ultimately economic operators decide on the most appropriate transport routes, based on cost, efficiency and security considerations.

While there are no special provisions or resources dedicated specifically to IMEC, the Commission is fully committed to assisting the project promoters and Member States to facilitate the development of IMEC infrastructures — as it does with all projects of common interest.
