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The Great Sea Interconnector (GSI) is a project of strategic importance that will end Cyprus' energy isolation, the importance of which has just been highlighted by the electricity cuts that Cyprus experienced in August 2025. It is also expected to considerably reduce energy costs for consumers. The Commission strongly supports the GSI, which is a Project of Common Interest (PCI) and to which a EUR 657 million grant under the Connecting Europe Facility has been allocated. The Cypriot Recovery and Resilience Plan also includes a loan of EUR 100 million for the project, for which no payment request has been received from Cyprus to date. The Commission is in regular contact with the parties involved to facilitate timely implementation of the project.

The Commission attaches the greatest importance to safeguarding the sovereign rights of all Member States, in full respect of international law, including the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. Unequivocal commitment to good neighbourly relations, to international agreements and to the principle of peaceful settlement of disputes in accordance with the United Nations Charter, as well as abstaining from unilateral actions which run counter to EU interests, violate international law and the sovereign rights of Member States, remains an essential requirement to ensure a stable and secure environment in the Eastern Mediterranean and the development of a cooperative and mutually beneficial relationship between the EU and Türkiye.