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**Question for written answer E-004589/25
to the Commission
Yannis Maniatis (S&D)
(18 November 2025)**

Subject: Developments in the Greece-Cyprus electricity interconnection

The Greece-Cyprus electricity interconnection, included in the European list of Projects of Common Interest (PCI) since 2013, with secured financing of EUR 657 million from the 'Connecting Europe Facility' (CEF) and EUR 100 million from the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF), is facing significant delays. These are due to Türkiye's continuous reactions, which even went as far as obstructing research within the Greek EEZ, but also to making it impossible for the Greek and Cypriot Governments to reach a roadmap for the completion of the project, which would address the regulatory and financial issues that they themselves publicly invoke.

The absence of reference to the project in the joint communiqué of the recent 3rd Cyprus-Greece Intergovernmental Conference and the statement by the Greek Prime Minister that an update of its economic and technical parameters is required, which was repeated after the meeting of the relevant ministers with Commissioner Jørgensen, raise serious concerns about the implementation and timetable of the interconnection.

Following the trilateral meeting between the Commission, Greece and Cyprus, the Commission is asked:

1. What is the new timetable for the implementation of the project, which will ensure the use of the approved funding from the CEF and the RRF?
2. What new elements have arisen on the basis of which new economic and technical viability studies are required for a project that has been repeatedly included in the list of PCIs (six times since 2013)?
3. Has the issue of Turkish challenges and obstacles been raised, and how could the Commission assist in defending the interests of Greece, Cyprus and the Union as a whole, in the region?

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**Answer given by Mr Jørgensen on behalf of the European Commission
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The Great Sea Interconnector that has been included again on the latest EU list ⁽¹⁾ of projects of common interest under the Trans-European Networks for Energy (TEN-E) Regulation ⁽²⁾, is one of the Energy Highway initiatives identified in the European Grids Package ⁽³⁾ to which the Commission will continue to give strong political and technical support.

Whilst the project has encountered delays, the Commission is not aware of a new timetable for the implementation having been set and is working closely with the Cypriot and Greek authorities and the project promoter to overcome the delays.

At the same time, regarding the funding that the project has received under the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF), the conditions set out in the grant agreement apply, including regarding timelines.

The inclusion of the project on the EU list and the CEF funding entail that the project fulfils the criteria of the TEN-E Regulation, including a positive cost-benefit analysis.

The Cypriot and Greek authorities are looking into certain economic parameters with the objective of accelerating project implementation. The Commission supports such an acceleration.

The discussions between the Commission and the Cypriot and Greek authorities comprise geopolitical risks and the Commission is fully engaged to strongly emphasise the EU dimension of the project to third countries to prevent further implementation delays.

The Commission also set out its expectations in the 2025 Enlargement report for Türkiye ⁽⁴⁾ accompanying the 2025 Communication on EU Enlargement Policy ⁽⁵⁾.

⁽¹⁾ C(2025) 8144 final.

⁽²⁾ Regulation (EU) 2022/869 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2022 on guidelines for trans-European energy infrastructure.

⁽³⁾ COM(2025) 1005 final.

⁽⁴⁾ SWD(2025) 756 final, p. 57.

⁽⁵⁾ COM(2025) 690 final.