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Answer given by Mr Jørgensen
on behalf of the European Commission
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The EU remains committed to defending its interests and those of its Member States as well as to upholding regional stability. The EU also remains fully committed to a comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus issue within the UN framework, in accordance with all relevant United Nations Security Council Resolutions and in line with the principles on which the EU is founded and its *acquis*.¹

In its 2025 Enlargement Report, the Commission has expressed concerns about the mentioned electricity interconnection project between Türkiye and the Turkish Cypriot Community. This interconnection project is not included in the 2026 Ten Year Network Development Plan of the European Network of Transmission System Operators for Electricity (ENTSO-E). The Commission is not aware of any contacts between the ENTSO-E and the Turkish Electricity Transmission Corporation (TEİAŞ) on the potential project mentioned, however, will continue to pay highest attention to this matter.

In the context of the Observer Membership Agreement with ENTSO-E, TEİAŞ committed to ensure cooperation with all European Transmission System Operators (TSOs) at pan-European, regional and bilateral levels. The fulfilment of this requirement entails that the process of developing any type of interconnection is done with the consent of the TSO certified for the island of Cyprus under EU law. The mentioned interconnection does not have Project of Mutual Interest (PMI) status and cannot benefit from EU funding.

The Commission supports the development of an electricity interconnection between Greece and the island of Cyprus with the Great Sea Interconnector (GSI). It has been awarded the status as Project of Common Interest and a EUR 657 million grant under the Connecting Europe Facility.

¹ https://enlargement.ec.europa.eu/document/download/4bb4ddd1-4f20-4ee0-92db-926996ec8dd1_en?filename=t%C3%BCrkiye-report-2025.pdf, p. 62-63.