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The Commission has been in close contact with the Portuguese authorities following the aftermath of Storm Kristin. Moreover, the competent authority under the Regulation on risk-preparedness in the electricity sector¹, the Directorate-General for Energy and Geology, shared with the Commission and other Member States information on the impact on the electricity grid and follow-up measures during an Electricity Coordination Group² meeting on 19 February 2026.

The Commission does not set the standards for the quality and continuity of service. According to Article 59(1)(m) of Directive (EU) 2019/944³ as transposed into national law, national regulatory authorities set or approve standards and requirements for quality of service and quality of supply.

Portugal reported that the national authorities and the transmission and distribution operators, in coordination with the Spanish transmission operator, were fully mobilised to prioritise system stability, safety and restoration, in line with the requirements of the Network Code on Electricity Emergency and Restoration⁴. Additionally, technical staff from energy operators from Ireland, Spain, France and Italy supported grid repairs. It should be noted that due to consecutive storms, the environmental and structural conditions in the most affected areas prevented accessibility and delayed repairs.

The Commission intends to include a stronger focus on the impact of climate change and extreme weather events on the security of EU's electricity system in the proposed revision of the energy security framework.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2019/941/oj/eng>.

² https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=oj:JOC_2012_353_R_0002_01.

³ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/FR/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32019L0944&qid=1647526750255>.

⁴ Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/2196 of 24 November 2017 establishing a network code on electricity emergency and restoration (<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2017/2196/oj/eng>).