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**Question for written answer E-002229/26
to the Commission
Loucas Furlas (PPE)
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Subject: Energy interconnection of Cyprus and ending the energy isolation of the Eastern Mediterranean

Cyprus remains the only Member State of the European Union without a full energy interconnection with the European electricity grid, which intensifies its energy isolation and affects the cost of energy for households and businesses. The promotion of projects of strategic significance for the interconnection of the Eastern Mediterranean with the European energy market is of particular importance in the light of energy security and the green transition.

The delays observed in the implementation of critical energy projects raise concerns regarding energy sufficiency, the diversification of energy sources and the achievement of European climate neutrality objectives.

In view of the above:

1. How does the Commission assess the progress of the energy interconnection projects between Cyprus and the European Union?
2. What measures does the Commission intend to take to accelerate the relevant projects of strategic importance?

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**Answer given by Mr Jørgensen on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission strongly supports the Great Sea Interconnector, which is a project of strategic importance aimed at ending Cyprus' energy isolation.

It is a Project of Common Interest ⁽¹⁾ under the Trans-European Networks for Energy ⁽²⁾ and an Energy Highway as identified in the European Grids Package ⁽³⁾.

The Commission committed to fast-track these Energy Highways through enhanced political coordination and dedicated support to ensure rapid delivery. The project has also received a grant of EUR 657 million under the Connecting Europe Facility for Energy.

The Commission is aware that the Cypriot and Greek authorities are looking into certain economic parameters of the project with the objective of accelerating project implementation.

Whilst the project has encountered delays, the Commission is working closely with the Cypriot and Greek authorities and the project promoter to advance project implementation.

⁽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.