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The Commission acknowledges the present challenges facing Europe's electricity grids, which relate to permitting bottlenecks, insufficient investment, low efficiency in the use of existing grids, supply-chain pressures, and shortages of skilled workers. Distribution grids are particularly vulnerable because they must absorb rising decentralised generation and demand, while being refurbished and adapted to climate risks.

To accelerate network development in line with electrification objectives while mitigating pressure on energy bills, the Commission has adopted the Grids Action Plan¹, the electricity market design reform², and the European Grids Package³ which contain measures aimed at better using existing infrastructure and accelerating the rollout of the grids needed for the energy transition. As part of the 2028-2034 multiannual financial framework, the Commission has proposed a five-fold increase of the Connecting Europe Facility's energy budget from EUR 5.84 billion to EUR 29.91 billion, to deliver direct financial support⁴.

The Electrification Action Plan will further support the existing framework needed to accelerate progress⁵. The Proposal to future-proof electricity bills⁶ aims at bringing down electricity costs for all consumers by designing network charges that incentivise a system-friendly use of the grid and integration of generation and loads. The Commission also adopted a Clean Energy Investment Strategy⁷ to help mobilise significant additional private investment for clean energy.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex:52023DC0757>.

² Directive (EU) 2024/1711 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 June 2024 amending Directives (EU) 2018/2001 and (EU) 2019/944 as regards improving the Union's electricity market design, Regulation (EU) 2024/1747 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 June 2024 amending Regulations (EU) 2019/942 and (EU) 2019/943 as regards improving the Union's electricity market design.

³ https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_25_2945.

⁴ https://cinea.ec.europa.eu/programmes/connecting-europe-facility_en.

⁵ COM(2026) 595 final.

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⁷ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A52026DC0116&qid=1773310237995>.