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to the Commission**
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Subject: Dams in the Balkans

According to the figures available, the Balkan countries, which are seeking to resolve their energy problems and, moreover, to export energy to the EU, are planning in the next few years to build a great many hydroelectric dams.

The construction projects recorded in these figures involve 700 dams in Serbia, 400 in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, 400 in Bulgaria, 435 in Albania, 100 in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and 70 in Montenegro.

It is common knowledge that these countries, for various reasons, rarely coordinate their infrastructure investment. Bearing that point in mind, is the Commission aware of the above figures? How will it help protect the economic interests of the countries concerned while also ensuring that environmental protection is taken into account in the areas where the new dams are to be built?