

**Question for written answer E-003358/2015  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Possible infringement of Regulation (EU) No 347/2013 by the project Interconnector Italia-Svizzera

On 4 June 2013, *Terna spa* published a notice of the commencement of the environmental impact assessment (EIA) process in relation to the project '*Interconnector Italia-Svizzera*', which involves the construction of a very high voltage electricity transmission line with an overall length of 226 km between Airolo (Switzerland) and Baggio (Milan). At Community level, the project falls under Regulations (EU) No 347/2013 and (EU) No 1391/2013, which include Switzerland in the list of countries involved in the joint creation of energy corridors.

Under the EIA, *Terna spa* has omitted the above Regulations from the documentation submitted, and has also failed to comply with certain of the procedural points specified by Regulation (EU) No 347/2013, in Annex VI. In this case, the regulatory provisions concerned are those contained in Article 9(1), since the manual has not been made available, and in Article 9(3), since no document has been filed relating to the participation of the public and its associations. Indeed, landowners and citizens living near the project site have not been consulted.

Does the Commission not consider that any infringement of European law should be verified, with particular reference to Regulation (EU) No 347/2013?

Does it not consider that, where infringements are discovered, a new process of strategic environmental assessment should be put in place, with the participation of all stakeholders in the project at an early stage, as specified in section 3 of Annex VI of Regulation (EU) No 347/2013?