

**Question for written answer E-009025/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Interconnections within Member States

The Energy Union communication states that 'At this moment, the European electricity and gas transmission systems, notably cross-border connections, are not sufficient to make the internal energy market work properly and to link the remaining energy islands to the main electricity and gas network.'

In addition to cross-border connections, what consideration has the Commission given to supporting connections within Member States, particularly island Member States and Member States with fragmented land masses – between mainland Scotland and the Isle of Lewis in the UK for example where connecting one part of the Member State to another part would increase Europe's security of supply?

Can the Commission clarify if such projects are eligible for Commission consideration as projects of common interest and also for funding through the Connecting Europe Facility for example?