

**Question for written answer E-003890/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Financing Energy Projects of Common Interest

In its answer (E-001632/2016) to my question, the Commission states that in order to be eligible for financial support under the CEF, projects must be included in the list of Projects of Common Interest adopted by the Commission. At the WB6 summit meeting in Vienna, representatives of the Western Balkan states agreed on a list of Energy Projects of Common Interest with EU representatives. There are four energy projects, of which two are of undoubted importance to Member States. A Trans-Balkan Electricity Corridor with a section in Montenegro will help to connect Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia and will continue further towards Italy, while a Trans-Balkan Electricity Corridor with a section in Serbia will connect the region's electricity distribution grids with Croatia, Hungary, Romania and Italy. This will facilitate the further integration of the electricity market, which is one of the priorities of European energy policy.

In that connection:

1. Would it be possible to finance energy projects in the Western Balkans under the CEF given that we are discussing energy projects of common interest?
 - A. How is the Commission monitoring the implementation of so-called soft measures in the Western Balkans?
 - B. What specific measures for the development of a regional electricity market did the representatives of the Western Balkan states agree to when signing the memorandum of understanding at the meeting in Vienna on 28 April 2016?