

**Question for written answer E-003407/2017
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Access to information - consultation on projects of common interest

The Commission launched the consultation period for projects of common interest (PCIs) in energy infrastructure on 27 March 2017. Both the PCIs and the consultation procedure are governed by Regulation (EU) No 347/2013.

Article 9(7) of this Regulation stipulates that: 'The project promoter [...] shall establish and regularly update a website with relevant information about the project of common interest.' Annex VI to the Regulation then gives details of the kind of information to be provided and the format thereof.

However, the link for the Midcat TRA-N-161 project connects to an Enagás website about PCIs where the little information it does give is difficult to access and not up to date (TYNDP 2015)¹). Nor is the project listed on the ENTSO-G transparency platform².

As the information given is very limited and there is no way of knowing when it was last updated, interested parties do not have the information they need in order to give their opinions.

Does the Commission believe the consultation meets the criteria laid down in Regulation No 347/2013?

Will the Commission make it mandatory for project promoters to provide the public with the necessary information and keep this up to date?

Is the Commission considering extending the consultation period in order to comply with EU law?

¹ http://www.enagas.es/enagas/en/MarcoRegulatorio/Proyectos_Interes_Comun

² <https://transparency.entsog.eu>