

**Question for written answer E-002272/2018  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Spain-France electricity interconnection - Public participation

The Spain-France electricity interconnection through the Bay of Biscay has been awarded project of common interest (PCI) status. These projects are covered by Regulation (EU) No 347/2013, which provides for a consultation procedure.

Article 9 on transparency and public participation sets out a number of requirements for the launch of a participation process. Annex VI then specifies the type of information that should be published and the format.

However, for this project, the Spanish promoter, Red Eléctrica de España (REE), has failed to comply with these requirements by not responding to requests from civil society organisations for information to be published (in particular the Energy Megaprojects Mutual Support Network).

1. Does the Commission believe the consultation meets the criteria laid down in Regulation No 347/2013?
2. Will the Commission oblige REE to make the necessary information publicly available and respond to the information requests?
3. Does the Commission consider that the Aarhus Convention on public participation in decision-making is being complied with?