

**Question for written answer P-005528/2017
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Turkey's plans to lay an underwater cable for the transfer of electricity to the occupied territories it holds in Cyprus

The Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER) and the European Network of Transmission System Operators for Electricity (ENTSO-E), comprising national organisations from the 28 Member States, are responsible for supervising the objectives of European Energy Policy and coordinating the national authorities/bodies responsible in this area.

In 2015, Turkey's Transmission System Operator, TEIAS, signed an agreement with ENTSO-E on the interconnection of the European Transmission network with the Turkish system through Greece and Bulgaria. The Agreement provides for TEIAS to inform ENTSO-E before committing to any investment in a new interconnection in areas not included in the original agreement and to submit a request for the examination/approval of the extension of the area to be linked to the synchronised European network.

Taking into account statements by Turkish officials that Turkey is promoting plans to lay an underwater cable for the transfer of electricity to the territories it holds in Cyprus, will the Commission say:

1. Has TEIAS informed ENTSO-E of Turkey's plans to lay an underwater cable for the transfer of electricity to its occupied territories in Cyprus?
2. Does it agree that if TEIAS fails to comply with its obligations, the demand should be made for the interconnection between Turkey and the European Network to be suspended?