

WRITTEN QUESTION E-2466/00

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to the Commission

Subject: Islands

Article 154 of the Treaty, on trans-European networks, makes explicit reference to 'the need to link island, landlocked and peripheral regions with the central regions of the Community'.

It seems, however, that in the case of islands, very little has been done to put this into effect.

Can the Commission give a list of TEN projects (involving transport, energy or telecommunications) that have benefited the European Union's islands to date?

At a time when the Commission is presenting Parliament and the Council with a report on the revision of TEN guidelines, could the Commission give a list of the projects concerning islands that are likely to be declared eligible?

Could it also say what proposals it has in mind so that in future greater priority is given within the TEN framework to strengthening links between the islands and the Community's central regions?