

**Question for written answer E-005513/2011
to the Commission
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Subject: Progress with Bulgarian projects and take-up by Bulgaria of Recovery Plan funding

In 2009, in response to the economic crisis, the Commission took the initiative of producing the European Economic Recovery Plan (the Recovery Plan). The EU earmarked a total of EUR 5 billion for accelerating the implementation of key infrastructure projects in the fields of energy and broadband Internet access.

Three of the projects approved by the EU leaders concerned Bulgaria: the construction of gas interconnectors between Bulgaria and Greece and between Bulgaria and Romania and financial support for the Nabucco gas pipeline.

Can the Commission provide more information about progress with the Bulgarian projects and take-up by Bulgaria of the funding provided for in the Recovery Plan?