

**Question for written answer E-009631/2013
to the Commission
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Subject: Electricity link with the Greek islands

The recent electricity blackout on the island of Santorini has highlighted the fragile electricity supply situation on the Greek islands. It is now necessary to supply them with electricity through submarine cables. A number of Greek islands have already applied to be included in the EU's 'Projects of Common Interest'.

The European Regional Policy, whose objective is to fund the development and link-up of remote areas of the Union, could contribute to the cost of supplying them with electricity, which at the moment is beyond the means of the Greek government due to the economic crisis.

Under these conditions, could all these applications for EU funding be examined in a favourable light?

If so, the Commission would be making a significant contribution to efforts being undertaken by the Greek government to develop tourism.