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to the Commission**

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Subject: Single energy market

The single energy market is one of the most efficient ways to strengthen the EU's energy security. Increasing the interconnectedness of the Member States will mean that the EU is less vulnerable to supply shocks. Furthermore, a single energy market will make it easier and cheaper to reach the targets for greenhouse gas emissions and renewable energy. For these reasons, the European Council decided to include a target for interconnections in the 2030 climate and energy framework.

However, there is still a long way to go to reach this goal of a single energy market. On the border between Denmark and Germany, the German Transmissions System Operator TenneT has switched off the link between the Danish and German energy grids in order to save a small redispatch cost.

1. Is the Commission of the opinion that such cases of shutting down the internal market are acceptable? If not, what is the Commission's response to this?
2. How will the Commission ensure that, in future, the self-interest of transmissions system operators does not stand in the way of the greater societal gains of a single energy market (the value of which is estimated by the Commission at between EUR 16 billion and EUR 40 billion per year)?