

**Question for written answer E-004305/2018  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: LNG terminal on the North Sea coast

In February 2016, in connection with the Energy Union which has been planned since 2015, the Commission submitted an Energy Security Package, which put forward a non-legislative strategy to safeguard the EU's energy supplies in the long term. The EU strategy for liquefied natural gas (LNG) is an indispensable part of this.

New LNG terminals need to be constructed in order to achieve the objective of complete and sustainable diversification of gas supplies to the EU. According to the Commission, potential LNG terminals on the North Sea coast can receive financial support only on condition that they are classified as Projects of Common Interest (PCIs).

1. Is it possible to obtain EU funding for such a project even if it is not classified as a PCI?
2. If so, which funds could be drawn on for the purpose?
3. What would potential sites on the North Sea coast have to do in order for such a project to be classified as a PCI?