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to the Commission**
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Subject: Private projects in electricity infrastructure

The negotiations on the electricity market design package, as well as discussions on the funding of the next Connecting Europe Facility (CEF), are well underway, as the EU hopes to finally integrate the rising share of renewables into the grid and boost cross-border electricity flows. The need for electricity interconnectors is greater than ever. However, despite new targets and legislative developments, private investment in electricity interconnections is almost non-existent as investors continue to face regulatory hurdles in Europe.

What role does the Commission see for private projects in meeting the 15 % interconnection target?

What is the Commission doing to support private projects in electricity infrastructure and to remove existing barriers to private capital?

Why has the Commission not taken any further steps in the long-standing open infringement procedures against countries in breach of the third energy package, nor referred those to the Court of Justice, such as in the case of France?