

**Question for written answer E-002841/2020
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Tariffs applicable to gas terminals in Spain and the impact on Portugal

The Spanish regulator is planning to go ahead with a 13.9% discount on tariffs for Spanish liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminals. The impact of this unilateral measure could compromise the LNG terminal in Sines and damage Portuguese natural gas exports. Spanish and French regulators are already responsible for the failure to interconnect natural gas between the two countries through the Pyrenees, which was a precondition for the construction of the third link with Spain, isolating Portugal from natural gas exports to Europe. Spain's decision is creating a competitive disadvantage for terminals that share the same regional market. Given that the Energy Union is promoting market integration and transparency, specifically for the gas market, I would like to ask:

1. Does the Commission consider what the Spanish regulator is doing to be appropriate in light of Regulation (EC) No 715/2009 establishing non-discriminatory rules for conditions for access to the natural gas transmission networks, with a view to ensuring that the internal gas market functions as it should?
2. What measures is the Commission considering to correct this competitive imbalance, which jeopardises the integration of the Iberian gas market?