

**Question for written answer E-003601/2021
to the Commission**

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Subject: EuroAsia Interconnector: a leading EU infrastructure project

The EU is currently supporting the construction of the EuroAsia Interconnector, an energy project that will enable the transmission of fossil gas-based electricity between Israel, Cyprus, Greece and wider Europe via a subsea cable. The Israeli entity involved in this EU-supported project is the Israel Electric Corporation, a state-owned company whose electricity infrastructure and operations include and benefit the illegal Israeli settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territories (OPT) by design.

In the light of the EU's Green Deal and its legal obligations and commitments not to recognise Israel's illegal settlements and sovereignty in the OPT:

1. Can the Commission confirm that the EuroAsia Interconnector – in particular its Israel-Cyprus leg – will not be included in the new, fifth list of EU Projects of Common Interest in the field of electricity and gas?
2. Will the Commission act to ensure that EU institutions do not finance or provide technical assistance, including assistance with tenders and contracts, for the construction and operation of the interconnector, in particular its Israel-Cyprus leg that includes and benefits Israel's illegal settlements?