

**Question for written answer E-004864/2021
to the Commission**

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Subject: Very high voltage power lines in districts in the north of the Valencia region

Castelló and districts will soon be seriously impacted by two projects for 400 kV very high voltage power lines.

The Morella–Almassora line managed by Red Eléctrica de España, which is 87km long and has 189 towers of 80m, has already passed the impact assessment, and only the administrative authorisation is missing.

The planned Teruel to Morella private line would serve to connect 22 two wind farms under Forestalia's large-scale Clúster Maestrazgo project.

Both projects follow the same lines – that of transporting electricity from large renewable energy parks far too far away, without taking into account that one of the greatest strengths of renewables is that they can be produced close to the place of consumption.

As reported by the Platform 'No a la MAT Castelló', this will affect three SPAs, the Alt Maestrat SCI, three municipal natural parks, 13 habitats of Community interest, five flora micro-reserves, a wildlife reserve and populations of two endangered species of eagle, as well as various other cultural assets. This infrastructure would also accelerate the depopulation of the areas through which it passes.

Does the Commission believe that, in view of all these impacts, these new high voltage lines should be installed?