

**Question for written answer E-014735/2015  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: Blackouts and the EU

The US experienced its first blackout fifty years ago. Blackouts in the EU are most likely to occur if there is a sudden fluctuation in energy consumption when the electricity supply system is operating at full capacity.

At the moment, the greatest risk is associated with the high volume of electricity flowing from Germany via the Czech Republic into Austria and further south.

Is the EU prepared for a blackout?