

**Question for written answer E-015686/2015
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: 'Interconnector Italia-Svizzera' (Italy-Switzerland interconnector) - additional information

With reference to Question E-003358/2015, we note that the Ministry of Economic Development has published the manual as required by Regulation (EU) No 347/2013.

Until January 2014, the only project which existed was that to rationalise the electricity grid in Val Formazza at 220 kW, not that for the interconnector between Airolo (CH) and Baggio (MI), which was launched in 2014 and is therefore governed by Regulation (EU) No 347/2013¹. Italian law stipulates unequivocally that any change in urban development planning and any radical alteration to the area covered by the project require a new procedure (and indeed a new one was initiated). Consequently, both the promoter of the project and the competent authorities must apply the provisions of Article 9 in relation to Project of Community Interest 2.15.1.

1. What progress has been made in assessing the information received concerning the Italy-Switzerland interconnector, and does that information give rise to any doubts concerning compliance with EU law, given that the project to rationalise the electricity grid in Val Formazza was combined with the Italy-Switzerland interconnector project after the entry into force of Regulation (EU) No 347/2013 (see annex)?
2. If it is not possible to identify any infringement of EU law, because of differences of interpretation of the date involved, will the Commission produce the documentation showing that the interconnector project could have been formally launched before 16 November 2013?

¹ <https://www.dropbox.com/s/ktlqd7j8oi81rlx/20150712%20%20Cronologia%20Interconnector%20Italia-Svizzera.doc?dl=0>