

**Question for written answer E-015844/2015**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Promotion of East Med undersea gas pipeline

The recent publication of the revised list of European energy projects of common interest (PCIs) and the specific reference by the co-presidency of the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) last June to the added value of such a list for approval of projects of interest to Europe and the Mediterranean further highlight the importance of the projected East Med pipeline, which is intended to supply the rest of Europe, via Greece, with natural gas from the eastern Mediterranean. One of the essential conditions for this is the prompt connection of Cyprus to the 'Aphrodite' field.

In view of this:

1. What view does the Commission take of listing energy projects of particular interest to Europe and the Mediterranean, based on corresponding projects relating to Europe, and what measures will it take to encourage this, given the growing geopolitical importance of the area?
2. What EU funding can be made available for the construction of the pipeline connecting the 'Aphrodite' field with Cyprus, with a view to the rapid implementation of the East Med project?
3. Could be the construction such a pipeline be eligible under the Juncker plan for support in the form of grants, guarantees or loans from the European Investment Bank?