

**Question for written answer E-000876/2025  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: IMEC's strategic importance and development challenges

The India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC) is a critical initiative to strengthen geo-economic connectivity between Asia, the Middle East and Europe, with the aim of diversifying trade routes and reducing the EU's dependence on China and the Suez Canal.

The agreement to implement the corridor was signed at the G20 in 2023, with the participation of the EU and the US. The IMEC acts as a Western counterweight to China's Belt and Road Initiative, which creates problems for European countries hosting Chinese strategic investments. The European Union must address the critical issues of political stability and financing for part of the project in order to ensure its sustainability.

In view of the above:

1. What measures has the Commission put in place to accelerate the implementation of the IMEC and the necessary port/railway infrastructure?
2. How does the Commission plan to protect the corridor from external crises, such as the blockade of the Red Sea by the Houthis?
3. Given the potential of the BRI in Europe and the strategic importance of the IMEC, how will the Commission ensure that the corridor does not become economically dependent on third powers, such as Türkiye or Iran, thereby strengthening the interests of European states?

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