

The high voltage interconnection Spain-France, a way to Energetic Union

Inaugurated by Rajoy and Vals

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USPA NEWS - The Spanish prime minister, Mariano Rajoy, opened on Friday 20 January in the French town of Mostequeiu-des-Albères, along with the French Prime Minister, Manuel Vals, the Spain-France-line high voltage 'Baixas santa Llogaia '.

The Prime Minister stressed that this electrical interconnection project is "a work of exceptional engineering", combining economic progress with respect for the environment. According to Rajoy, is also "a model of cooperation between France and Spain, to work together to companies operating high voltage network of our two countries, and European institutions". The Spanish chief executive said this electrical work "is an important step in achieving the objective of the Energetic Union", as it will allow the creation of a true internal energy market. This, he said, "a project of paramount importance for the future of Europe".

Also, the president praised Spanish companies that participated in the project, the French RTE and the Spanish Red Eléctrica, because they have learned to unite their efforts and demonstrated "technical capability" in a common society, INELFE. He also highlighted the participation in the work of the European Investment Bank and the European Commission. According to the Spanish president, interconnection inaugurated Friday "is an example of what we can and must do" and also what can finance new investment initiative for growth of the European Commission, called Juncker Plan.

It is, he added, "a productive, strategic and competitive investment of European interest, made in PPPs, which increases the growth potential of our economies and generating benefits for our societies". Although now has a "very important step" in the way of the electrical interconnections in Europe, Rajoy warned that "there is still a long way to go". Therefore, he said "we will try to draw together a plan with concrete projects with European funding, this time, do it". Rajoy said that "the electrical interconnections are very important".

They are, he said, for companies, because they improve their competitiveness; for the environment, because without them there can develop renewables; for safety, because with the diversification of sources reliance on unstable parts of the world is reduced; and also for the citizens, "which are the first motivation and maximum beneficiaries of this interconnection", because "the energy reach their homes at lower prices, and thus the welfare of all will increase". Before closing, the president of the Spanish Government stated that there is little infrastructure "best represent the European ideal to demolish artificial or natural boundaries instead of erecting them, adding rather than segregate".

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