
POWER LINK STRAINS GREEK-GREEK CYPRIOT RELATIONS

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Dispute over energy costs and commitments highlights rift between two long-standing allies

A months-long freeze on a planned electricity interconnection between Greece and Cyprus(*) has escalated into a public rift, shifting from a point of tension with Ankara to a near-open dispute between Athens and Nicosia.

The atmosphere between the two capitals has soured after Cyprus Finance Minister Makis Keravnos questioned the projects viability and cast doubt on a bilateral funding agreement. Though both governments have sought to downplay the spat publicly, officials privately describe high tensions as the project stalls.

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