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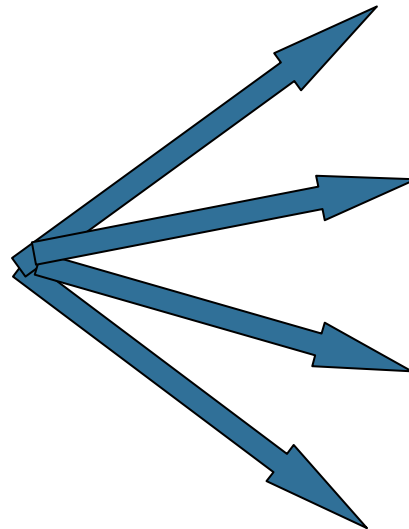
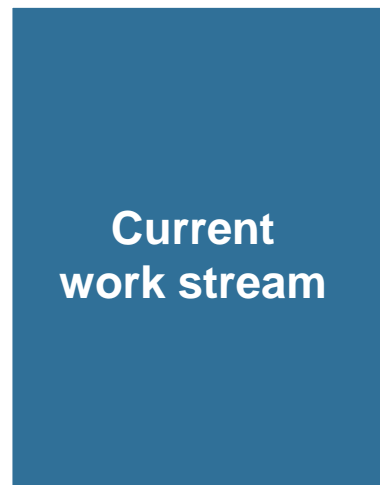
## Update on progress within the Gas Regional Initiative North West

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**21<sup>st</sup> Madrid Forum**

22/03/2012

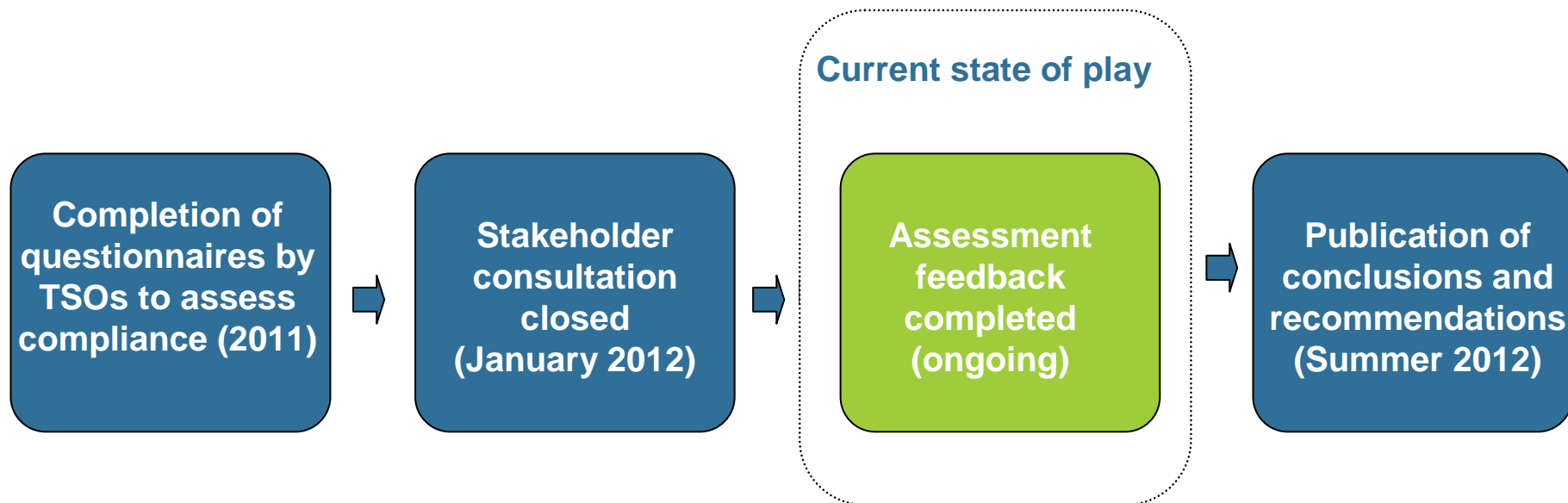
## Current work in progress within GRI NW in 2012



- 1 Transparency: Ensure full and consistent implementation of information provisions
- 2 GRIP: Evaluation of the GRIP to ensure that it is `fit for purpose`
- 3 Investment: Monitoring open season and feeding lessons learned into GGPOS
- 4 Pre-com meetings: Early understanding of FG/ NC to ensure efficient comitology

## Transparency project is in its final stages

- Results from stakeholder consultation are now being assessed by NRAs

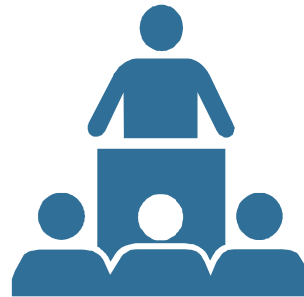


## First GRIP has been published and is now evaluated

- NRAs will provide recommendations for enhancing the GRIP



TSOs within the  
region have drafted  
first GRIP (2011)



GRIP was presented during SG  
meeting (November 2011) and  
consultation started



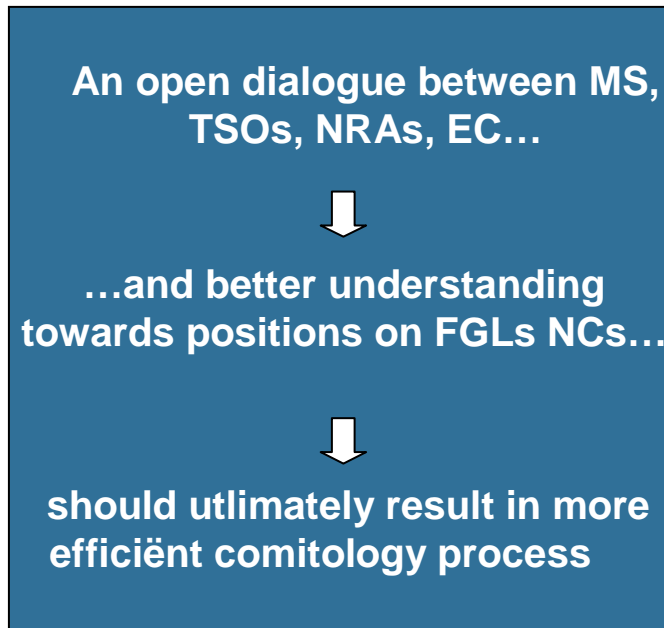
NRAs and TSOs now explore  
how GRIP can be enhanced to  
be “fit for purpose” (to be finalized  
before drafting of GRIP 2013 starts)

## Two pre-comitology meetings have taken place in 2011

- Meetings have resulted in better understanding towards each others positions



- NRAs have explained the principles in the Framework Guidelines and GTM;
- TSOs have explained the design choices in the Network Code for CAM
- European Commission has explained ratio and elements of CMP guideline

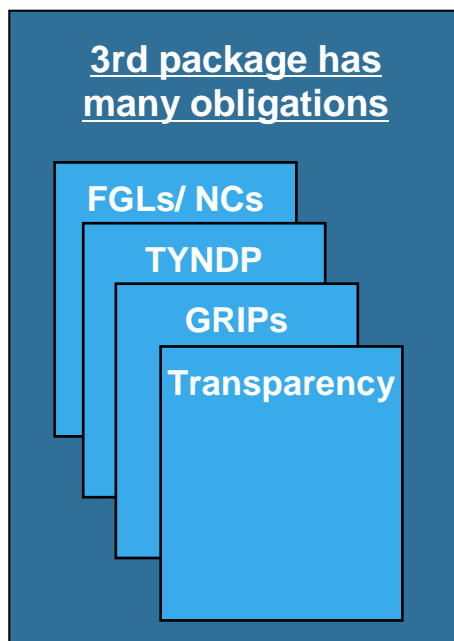


## **Monitoring Open Season France – Luxembourg**

- Open Season to increase firm capacity from France to Luxembourg
- Coordinated process between the TSOs and the regulators
- Two possible scenarios: 9 GWh/d or 40 GWh/d available in 2018
- Non binding phase launched at the 8<sup>th</sup> SG meeting (26 November 2010) – ended 31 January 2011
- Current adjustments to the binding phase (to be launched in 2012)

## Stakeholder commitment is essential for success

- Reality is: focus is on Brussels and uncertainty over NCs creates delays



### **Hesitance towards early implementation**

Early implementation has advantages....

...but requires time and resources....

...while NCs could change in comitology.

## **Lessons learned in GRI NW towards regional success**

### **Conditions for success**

- 1. Choose projects with significant contribution towards 2014;**
- 2. Relevant stakeholders need to “sign off” for the project;**
  - TSOs to commit to this voluntary process, strong support needed from ACER, EC and Member States at the regional level
- 3. Hesitance to engaging in projects should be early addressed;**
- 4. “Do not bet on mutiple horses” (engaging in too many projects);**
- 5. Regions should have room for projects with regional specificities.**

***Keep the regional initiatives attractive for all stakeholders!***



**Thank you for your attention!**



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