Regulation on guidelines for trans-European energy infrastructure – Identification of Projects of Common Interest

North-South in Western Europe in gas

Identification of PCIs

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General timeline for implementation of the energy infrastructure regulation

2013
- PCI identification
- Gas TYNDP
- CBA
- Cost allocation
- Permit granting
- Designation of competent authority

2014
- MFF 2014-2020
- Prep. work in RGs
- Electricity TYNDP
- Gas TYNDP
- Publication of CBA
- Pre-application procedure
- Statutory

2015
- Second cycle of PCIs
- Acer guidance on incentives
- Annual / multiannual work programme(s)
- Call for proposals
- Submission
- Evaluation
- Award
- Second call
Preparing for the PCI identification

**Objectives**

- **New EIP approach**: regional cooperation on infrastructure → combination of top-down priorities and bottom-up identification
- **Link regional cooperation on market integration / coupling, balancing, congestion management with work on infrastructure**
- **Governance**: engage all relevant stakeholders (MSs, NRAs, TSOs/operators) in each region
**Proposed role of regional group for PCI identification (electricity & gas)**

1. **Annex III.1.1, 3 and 4**
   - Establishment of a **Regional Group** composed of MS representatives, NRAs, TSOs, project promoters, Commission, ACER, ENTSOs → include relevant third countries and stakeholders

2. **A III.1.2**
   - Each Group to **organise its workload** in line with other regional cooperation efforts

3. **A III.2**
   - **Project promoters** to submit application to Groups, based on TYNDP in electricity (from 2013) and gas (from 2015)

4. **Article 3.3**
   - Each Group to draw up a **proposed list of PCIs**, based on criteria included in Article 4 and “new” CBA (Article 12) with **Member State approval**

5. **Art. 3.4**
   - By **31/1/2013**, Group to transmit proposed **list to ACER**

6. **Art. 3.5**
   - By **30/4/2013**, ACER to transmit **opinion to the Commission** (from earliest 2014, taking into account “new” CBA)

7. **Art. 3.6**
   - By **31/7/2012**, Commission **decision on Union-wide PCI list**

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*Process repeated every 2 years*
### Other proposed roles of regional groups for PCI implementation & monitoring (article 5)

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<td>Each year at meeting following annual reports</td>
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Preparing for the PCI identification

- Use 2012 as preparatory year in view of establishing the regional groups once the Regulation is adopted in order to:
  - Test the process for PCI identification proposed in the Regulation through a pilot exercise in each of region
  - Agree on priority-specific aspects
  - Come up by end 2012 with a list of potential PCIs
  - Create the necessary synergies between existing regional cooperation fora, notably Regional Initiatives

- Steps proposed:
  - Establish working groups in each region
  - Define outputs for end 2012, working methods, roles and timeline
  - Use external consultants, where needed, to assist in evaluating proposed projects (Commission budget foreseen for each region)
ENTSO-G gas regions (GRIPs)
### Priorities and regions - Gas

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| **NS West**       | BE, FR, DE, IE, IT, LU, MT, NL, PT, ES, UK | 3 ENTSOG regions "South", "North-West" & "North-South" with GRIPs | Sub-groups NW and South  
Flexibility of regional cooperation |
|                   |               | 2 GRI (South and North-West) |                      |
|                   |               | Gas Platform (MS lead)       |                      |
| **NS East**       | AT, BG, CY, CZ, DE, EL, HU, IT, PL, RO, SK, SI +HR | North-South high-level group (COM lead) | Work to continue in SEE  
Consultant recommended |
| (CEE & SEE)       |               | 3 ENTSOG regions "North-East", "North-South" & "Southern Corridor" |                      |
|                   |               | 2 GRI (South and South-East, North-West) |                      |
| **Southern Corridor** | AT, BG, CY, CZ, DE, EL, FR, HU, IT, PL, RO, SK, SI | 1 ENTSOG region "Southern Corridor" | Part of NS East SEE  
Work on-going |
|                   |               | 1 GRI (South and South-East) |                      |
Preparing for the PCI identification

Proposed timeline for each priority

2012
- e-TYNDP / GRIPS
- Set requirements for application file
- Apply criteria for evaluation (common and sector-specific)
- Share experience between regions and establish best practice

First PCI proposals
- By March 2012
- By June 2012
- By September 2012
- By December 2012

Evaluation of PCI proposals
- Regional pilot PCI list
- By December 2012
Role of Member States & synergies with Regional Initiatives
Towards post-2012

- Each group should have a steering committee composed of Member States, ACER, ENTSOs and the Commission. All other group members should report to this committee.
- Existing Regional Initiative groups should ensure complementarity of market integration work (capacity allocation, congestion management etc.) and with measures for existing infrastructure and new projects:
  - Regional Coordination Committees
  - Implementation Group and
  - Stakeholder Group for stakeholder consultation
Role of NRA Regional Initiatives

GRIs to discuss PCIs, based on the application of the criteria/CBA methodology for each "future" PCI, evaluate methodology, discuss benefits beyond national borders.

Monitor implementation (as already monitoring regional TYNDPs)

Discuss cost allocation for projects that affect more than 2 MS.
Thank you for your attention