Draft Regional PCI/PMI lists – electricity, offshore, hydrogen and electrolysers, smart electricity grids, smart gas grids and crossborder carbon dioxide networks

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Electricity and offshore projects

1. Priority Corridor North-South electricity interconnections in Western Europe ('NSI West Electricity')

NSI West electricity transmission projects

| PCI/PMI Candidate | Project name | Comments |
|----------------------|--|----------|
| PCI | Interconnection between Fontefria (ES) and Vila Nova de Famalicão (PT) (by Ponte de Lima) and the associated internal lines in ES and PT | |
| PCI | Interconnection between Gatica (ES) and Cubnezais (FR) [currently known as "Biscay Gulf"] | |
| PMI | Interconnection between Sicily (IT) and Tunisia node (TU) [currently known as "ELMED"] | |
| PCI | Interconnection between La Martyre (FR) and Great Island or Knockraha (IE) [currently known as "Celtic Interconnector"] | |
| PCI | Internal line in Germany from Emden-East to Osterath to increase capacity from Northern Germany to the Rhineland. | |
| PCI | Internal line in Germany between Brunsbüttel/Wilster to Großgartach/Grafenrheinfeld to increase capacity at Northern and Southern borders [currently known as "Suedlink"] | |
| PCI | Internal line between Osterath and Philippsburg (DE) to increase capacity at Western borders [currently known as "Ultranet"] | |
| PCI | Interconnection between Aragón region (ES) and Marsillon (FR) [currently known as "Pyrenean crossing 2"] | |
| PCI | Interconnection between Navarra (ES) and Landes (FR) [currently known as "Pyrenean crossing 1"] | |
| PCI | Interconnection between Lonny (FR) and Gramme (BE) | |
| PCI | Internal lines at the Belgian north border between Zandvliet and Lillo-Liefkenshoek (BE), and between Liefkenshoek and Mercator, including a substation in Lillo (BE) [currently known as "BRABO II + III"] | |
| PCI | Interconnection between mainland Italy - Corsica (FR) and Sardinia (IT) [currently known as "SACOI 3"] | |
| PCI | Internal lines in Germany between Heide/West to Polsum and from Wilhelmshaven to Uentrop to increase capacity from Northern Germany to the Ruhr-Area | |
| PMI | Interconnection between Belgium and the UK [currently known as "Cronos"] | |
| ΡΜΙ | Interconnection between Germany and the UK [currently known as "Tarchon"] | |

NSI West electricity storage projects

| PCI/PMI | Project name | Comments |
|-----------|---|--|
| Candidate | , | |
| PCI | Kaunertal Storage Extension Project (AT) | |
| PCI | Purifying-Pumped Hydroelectric Energy Storage NAVALEO (ES) | |
| PCI | Silvermines Hydroelectric Power Station (IE) | |
| PCI | Pumped Hydroelectric Energy Storage Riedl (DE) | |
| PCI | Reversible Hydraulic Power Plant Los Guajares (ES) | |
| PCI | Green Hydrogen Hub Compressed Air Storage (DK) | |
| PCI | Pumped Hydroelectric Energy Storage WSK PULS (DE) | |
| PCI | Reversible Hydroelectric Power Pump AGUAYO II (ES) | |
| PCI | Compressed Air Storage Zuidwending (NL) | NL expressed reservation on this project due to geological issues in the Groningen area. |
| PCI | Purifying-Pumped Hydroelectric Energy storage CUA (ES) | ES expressed reservation on this project due to rejection of the project's grid connection. |
| PCI | Purifying-Pumped Hydroelectric Energy Storage BUSEIRO (ES) | ES expressed reservation on this project due to non- compliance with the criteria necessary to start the permitting process. |

2. Priority Corridor North-South electricity interconnections in Central Eastern and South Eastern Europe ('NSI East Electricity')

NSI East electricity transmission projects

| PCI/PMI candidate | Project name | Comments |
|----------------------|---|--|
| PCI | Internal line within Czechia, between Prestice, Kocin and Mirovka [currently known as "CZ Southwest-east corridor"] | |
| PCI | Internal line in Germany between Wolmirstedt and Isar [currently known as "SuedOstLink"] | |
| PCI | Interconnector between Pleinting (DE) - St.Peter (AT) | |
| PCI | Internal line within Czechia between Vernerov, Vitkov and Prestice [currently known as "CZ Northwest-South corridor"] | |
| PCI | Interconnector between Würmlach (AT) - Somplago (IT) | |
| ΡΜΙ | Interconnector between Greece, Cyprus and Israel [currently known as "EuroAsia Interconnector"] | |
| PCI | Interconnector between Hungary and Romania | |
| PCI | Internal line within Austria between St. Peter and Tauern | |
| PCI | Interconnector between Isar/Altheim/Ottenhofen (DE) - St.Peter (AT) | |
| PCI | Interconnector between Otrokovice (CZ) - Ladce (SK) | |
| PCI | Interconnector between Lienz (AT) – Veneto region (IT) | |
| PCI | Internal line within Austria between Westtirol (AT) - Zell/Ziller (AT) | |
| ΡΜΙ | Interconnector between Subotica (SRB) and Sándorfalva (HU) | |
| РМІ | Interconnector between Ukraine and Poland | Poland expressed reservation on this project due to concerns on the cost- benefit assessment and regulatory concerns. |
| РМІ | Interconnector between Greece and Egypt [currently known as "GREGY Interconnector"] | Initial cost-benefit ratio not sufficient; Greece expressed its support for the project; security of supply/grid stability benefits to be reassessed. |

| PCI/PMI candidate | Project name | Comments |
|----------------------|--|----------|
| PCI | Hydro-pumped storage in Amfilochia (EL) | |
| PCI | Ptolemaida Battery Energy Storage System (EL) | |
| РСІ | Modernisation of Pumped Hydroelectric Energy Storage in Čierny Váh (SK) [currently known as "SE Integrator"] | |

3. Priority Corridor Baltic Energy Market Interconnection Plan in electricity ('BEMIP Electricity')

BEMIP electricity transmission projects

| PCI/PMI candidate | Project name | Comments |
|----------------------|---|---|
| PCI | 3 rd AC interconnection between Finland and Sweden North [currently known as "Aurora line"] | |
| PCI | Internal line between Stanisławów and Ostrołęka (PL) | |
| PCI | Integration and synchronisation of the Baltic States' electricity system with the European networks | |
| PCI | Interconnection between Finland and Estonia [currently known as "Estlink 3"] | |
| PCI | 4 th AC interconnection between Finland and Sweden North [currently known "as Aurora line 2"] | |
| PCI | Interconnection between Latvia and Sweden via Gotland [currently known as "LaSGo Link"] | SE expressed reservation on this project due to on-going assessments. |

BEMIP electricity storage projects

| PCI/PMI | Project name | Comments |
|-----------|-------------------------------|----------|
| candidate | | |
| PCI | Hydro-pump storage in Estonia | |

4. Priority Corridor Northern Seas offshore grid ('NSOG')

NSOG electricity transmission projects

| PCI/PMI candidate | Project name | Comments |
|----------------------|---|---|
| РМІ | Multi-purpose interconnector between Modular Offshore Grid 2 (BE) and Leisten (UK) [currently known as "Nautilus"] | |
| РМІ | Multi-purpose HVDC interconnection between Great Britain and the Netherlands [currently known as "LionLink"] | |
| PCI | One or more hubs in the North Sea with interconnectors to bordering North Sea countries (Denmark, the Netherlands and Germany) [currently known as "North Sea Wind Power Hub"] | |
| PCI | Offshore hybrid interconnector between Belgium and Danish Energy Island (DK) [currently known as "Triton Link"] | |
| PCI | High voltage offshore substation and connection to Menuel (FR) [currently known as "Offshore Wind connection Centre Manche 1"] | |
| PCI | High voltage offshore substation and connection to Tourbe (FR) [currently known as "Offshore Wind connection Centre Manche 2"] | |
| PCI | High voltage offshore substation and connection to onshore substation along the Shannon Estuary (IE) [currently known as "Sea Socket"] | IE expressed reservation on this project due to on- going discussion on the national approach to offshore infrastructure assets. |

5. Priority Corridor Baltic Energy Market Interconnection Plan offshore grids ('BEMIP offshore')

BEMIP offshore electricity transmission projects

| PCI/PMI candidate | Project name | Comments |
|----------------------|--|----------|
| PCI | Latvia and Estonia Hybrid Offshore interconnector | |
| PCI | Bornholm Energy Island (BEI) Hybrid Offshore interconnector between Denmark and Germany | |

6. Priority Corridor South and West offshore grids ('SW offshore')

SW offshore electricity transmission projects

| PCI/PMI | Project name | Comments |
|-----------|---|----------|
| candidate | | |
| PCI | Offshore Wind Connection Occitanie (FR) | |
| PCI | Offshore Wind Connection PACA (FR) | |

7. Priority Corridor South and East offshore grids ('SE offshore')

No PCI/PMI candidate has been submitted.

8. Priority Corridor Atlantic offshore grids

Atlantic offshore electricity transmission projects

| PCI/PMI | Project name | Comments |
|-----------|--------------|----------|
| candidate | | |

| PCI | Offshore Wind Connection South Britanny (FR) | |
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| PCI | Offshore Wind Connection South Atlantic (FR) | |

<u>Hydrogen and electrolyser projects¹</u>

9. Hydrogen interconnections in Western Europe (HI West)

HI WEST Hydrogen transmission projects

| PCI/PMI candidate | Project name | Comments |
|----------------------|---|----------|
| PCI | <u>Corridor Portugal – Spain – France - Germany</u> Internal infrastructure in Portugal Interconnection Portugal – Spain Internal infrastructure in Spain except Guitiriz - Zamora H2 Pipeline Interconnection Spain -France (currently known as BarMar) Internal infrastructure in France connecting to Germany (currently known as HyFen) except Section Saint Martin de Crau – Cruzy Internal infrastructure in Germany connecting to France (currently known as H2Hercules South) | |
| PCI | France-Germany cross-border hydrogen valleys: Interconnection France-Germany (currently known as RHYn) except section Freiburg – Offenbach Interconnection France-Germany (currently known as Mosahyc) | |
| PCI | Internal infrastructure in Belgium (currently known as Belgian Hydrogen Backbone) | |
| PCI | Internal infrastructure in the Netherlands (currently known as National Hydrogen Backbone) except Limburg area and its connection to the North-South backbone in the East of the Netherlands | |
| PCI | Internal infrastructure in France at the border to Belgium (currently known as Franco-Belgian H2 corridor) | |
| PCI | German offshore pipeline (currently known as AquaDuctus) | |
| PCI | Interconnection Denmark – Germany (currently known as West DK hydrogen system; HyperLink III) | |

¹ Relevant for ACER's opinion if considered as falling under the competence of national regulatory authorities.

| Offshore pipeline Norway-Germany (currently known as CHE Pipeline) Interconnection Austria-Germany (currently known as I2 WAG and Penta West; HyPipe Bavaria) | |
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| I2 WAG and Penta West; HyPipe Bavaria) | |
| | |
| Belgium - Germany interconnection: Antwerp-Eynatten pipeline (part of the Belgian Hydrogen Backbone) Internal infrastructure in Germany (currently known as H2ercules West) | The interconnection did not show sustainability benefits. Belgium and Germany expressed their support for the project and requested its reassessment. |
| nterconnections National Hydrogen Backbone (NL) – Germany: Connection from the North-South backbone in East to Oude (Netherlands) - H2ercules North (Germany) Connection from the North-South backbone in East to Vlieghuis (Netherlands) - Vlieghuis-Ochtrup (Germany) Connection from the North-South backbone in East to Vlieghuis (Netherlands) - Vlieghuis-Ochtrup (Germany) Connection from the North-South backbone in East to Vlieghuis (Netherlands) - Vlieghuis-Ochtrup (Germany) Connection from the North-South backbone in East to Vlieghuis (Netherlands) - Vlieghuis (Netherlands) | The Delta Rhine Corridor H2 showed a negative cost-benefit assessment. Germany and Netherlands are further reflecting on which out of the 4 interconnections are to be prioritised. |
| | Ochtrup (Germany) |

HI WEST reception facilities

| PCI/PMI candidate | Project Name | Comments |
|----------------------|--|----------|
| PCI | Ammonia reception facility Antwerp (Fluxys) (Belgium) | |
| PCI | Ammonia reception facility Amplifhy Antwerp (Belgium) | |
| PCI | Zeebrugge New Molecules development ammonia reception facility (Belgium) | |
| PCI | Ammonia reception facility Dunkerque (France) | |
| PCI | Rotterdam LH2 reception facility, except the ship (Netherlands) | |
| PCI | Ammonia reception facility Amplifhy Rotterdam (Netherlands) | |
| PCI | Ammonia reception facility ACE Rotterdam (Netherlands) | |
| PCI | Ammonia reception facility terminal Brunsbüttel (Germany) | |
| PCI | Ammonia reception facility Wilhelmshaven (BP) (Germany) | |

| PCI | Ammonia reception facility Wilhelmshaven (Uniper) (Germany) | |
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HI WEST electrolyser projects

| PCI candidate | Project Name | Comments |
|------------------|--|----------|
| PCI | H2Sines.RDAM electrolyser (Portugal) | |
| PCI | Tarragona hydrogen network electrolyser (Spain) | |
| PCI | Bilbao large scale electrolyser (Spain) | |
| PCI | Cartagena large scale electrolyser (Spain) | |
| PCI | Valle andaluz del hidrógeno verde electrolyser (Spain) | |
| PCI | Asturias H2 valley electrolyser (Spain) | |
| PCI | CarlHYng electrolyser (France) | |
| PCI | Emil'Hy (France) | |
| PCI | HyGreen electrolyser (France) | |
| PCI | H2V Valenciennes electrolyser (France) | |
| PCI | H2Thionville electrolyser (France) | |
| PCI | Enecolyser electrolyser (Netherlands) | |
| PCI | H2-Fifty electrolyser (Netherlands) | |
| PCI | SeaH2Land electrolyser (Netherlands) | |
| PCI | GreenWilhelmshaven electrolyser (Germany) | |
| PCI | CHC Wilhelmshaven electrolyser (Germany) | |
| PCI | Jytske Banke electrolyser (Denmark) | |

HI WEST Hydrogen storage projects

| PCI/PMI candidate | Project Name | Comments |
|----------------------|---|----------|
| PCI | Danish Hydrogen Storage (Denmark) | |
| PCI | Hystock Opslag H2 storage (Netherlands) | |
| PCI | Salthy hydrogen storage Harsefeld (Germany) | |
| PCI | H2 Storage Gronau-Epe (Germany) | |
| PCI | Storage GeoH2 (France) | |
| PCI | H2 storage North-1 (Spain) | |
| PCI | H2 storage North-2 (Spain) | |

10. Hydrogen interconnections in Central Eastern and South Eastern Europe (HI East)

HI EAST Hydrogen transmission projects

| PCI/PMI candidate | Project Name | Comments |
|----------------------|--|----------|
| | Hydrogen Corridor Italy-Austria-Germany: | |
| | Italian H2 Backbone except section Poggio Renatico to Gries Pass | |
| PCI | H2 Readiness of the TAG pipeline system | |
| | H2 Backbone WAG + Penta West | |
| | - HyPipe Bavaria – The Hydrogen Hub | |
| PCI | Czech German Hydrogen Interconnection (Route from Baltic region): - FLOW East - Making Hydrogen Happen | |
| | Czech German Hydrogen Interconnector (CZ part) | |
| PCI | Hydrogen Interconnection Bulgaria -Greece: Dedicated H2 Pipeline in Greece except section Karperi to Komotini H2 transmission system in Bulgaria | |
| PCI/PMI | Generic Corridor between Ukraine, Slovakia, Czechia, Austria, and Germany | |

11. Baltic Energy Market Interconnection Plan in hydrogen (BEMIP Hydrogen)

BEMIP Hydrogen transmission projects

| PCI/PMI candidate | Project Name | Comments |
|----------------------|---|----------|
| PCI | Hydrogen interconnector between Sweden and Finland (known as Nordic Hydrogen Route – Bothnian Bay) except section Kiruna to Lulea (SE) | |
| PCI | Hydrogen interconnector between Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Germany (known as Nordic-Baltic Hydrogen Corridor) except for: 4 internal sections of the FI pipeline Kyröskoski ; Imatra; Loviisa, through Kotka and Porvoo through Tolkinnen (geographical references are approximate and solely given as indications) Internal line in LT connecting to Klaipeda One section of the DE pipeline from Magdeburg to Potsdam (geographical references are approximate and solely given as indications) | |
| PCI | Interconnection between Sweden, Finland and Germany (known as the Baltic Sea Hydrogen Collector) | |

<u>Electricity, offshore, hydrogen and</u> <u>electrolyser projects that failed to prove</u> <u>positive benefit - cost ratio</u>

| PCI/PMI candidate | Project name | |
|----------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| PMI | Electricity Interconnection between Woodland (IE) and Turleenan (UK) [currently known as "North- South interconnector"] | Cost-benefit ratio not sufficient |
| PMI | Interconnection between Ireland and UK [currently known as "MaresConnect"] | Cost-benefit ratio not sufficient |
| PCI | Electricity Storage Online Grid Controller PSKW-Rio Trier (DE) | Cost-benefit ratio not sufficient |
| PCI | Electricity Interconnector between Hradec (CZ) – Röhrsdorf (DE) | Cost-benefit ratio not sufficient |
| PCI | Electricity Internal line within Austria between Lienz (AT) - Obersielach (AT) | Cost-benefit ratio not sufficient |
| PMI | Electricity Interconnector between Suceava (RO) – Balti (MD) | Cost-benefit ratio not sufficient |
| PCI | Electricity storage ELSEA – European Large Scale Energy Accumulation, Slovakia | Cost-benefit ratio not sufficient |
| PCI | Hydrogen GreenRoot electrolyser (Germany) | Cost-benefit ratio not sufficient |
| PCI | Hydrogen H2era electrolyser (Netherlands) | Cost-benefit ratio not sufficient |
| PCI | Hydrogen [H2ercules] Electrolyser Site Voerde (Germany) | Cost-benefit ratio not sufficient |
| PCI | Hydrogen [H2ercules] Electrolyser Site Lingen (Germany) | Cost-benefit ratio not sufficient |
| PCI | Hydrogen [H2ercules] Electrolyser Site Weisweiler (Germany) | Cost-benefit ratio not sufficient |
| PCI | Hydrogen [H2ercules] Electrolyser Site Wilhelmshaven (Germany) | Cost-benefit ratio not sufficient |
| PCI | Hydrogen [H2ercules] Electrolyser Site Brunsbüttel (Germany) | Cost-benefit ratio not sufficient |

Priority Thematic Areas

12. Priority Thematic Area Smart electricity grids deployment ('Smart electricity grids')

| PCI/PMI candidate | Project Name | Comments |
|----------------------|--|----------|
| PCI | ACON (CZ, SK) - Again COnnected Networks to foster the integration of the Czech and Slovak electricity markets by improving efficiency of distribution networks | |
| PCI | CARMEN (BG, RO) to establish regional phasor data exchange, enhance TSO-DSO cooperation and improve grid stability, security and flexibility | |
| PCI | Danube InGrid (HU, SK) to efficiently integrate the behaviour and actions of all market users connected to the electricity networks in Hungary and Slovakia, except for paperless workflow management, voicebot, chatbot, workforce management automation, joint auctions SK- UA and assets for tourism cave. | |
| PCI | Gabreta Smart Grids (CZ, DE) to increase grid hosting capacity, enable remote monitoring and control of MV grids and improve grid observability and network planning | |
| PCI | GreenSwitch (AT, HR, SI) to increase hosting capacity for distributed renewable sources and efficient integration of new loads, improving observability of the distribution network and increasing cross-border capacity | |

13. Priority Thematic Area Smart gas grids deployment ('Smart gas grids')

No projects have been found eligible for CBA assessment.

14. Priority Thematic Area of Cross-border carbon dioxide network ('CO2')

| PCI/PMI candidate | Project name | Comments |
|----------------------|--|--|
| PCI | CO2 TransPorts (NL, BE) | |
| PMI | Northern Lights European CO2 Transport EcoSystem (BE, FR, NL, DE, SE, NO, UK) [currently known as "N-LiTES"] | |
| PCI | Aramis Cross Border CO2 Transport and Storage project (NL, BE) [currently known as "Aramis"] | |
| PCI | Delta Rhine CO2 Corridor (NL, DE) | |
| PCI | EU2NSEA - EU to North Sea (DE, BE, FR, LV, SE, NO, CH) | |
| PMI | Nautilus CO2 (FR, DE, NO) [currently known partially as "D'Artagnan"] | |
| PCI | Project Bifrost (DK, DE, PL) | |
| PCI | Project Norne (DK, BE) | |
| PCI | CCS Baltic Consortium (LT, LV) | |
| PCI | ECO2CEE (PL, LT) [currently known as "Poland- EU CCS Interconnector"] | |
| PCI | GT CCS Croatia (HR, HU) | |
| PCI | CALLISTO (CArbon Liquefaction, transportation and STOrage) Mediterranean CO2 Network (IT, FR) | |
| PCI | Prinos CO2 project (EL, IT, HR) | The suitability of the storage location – potential enhanced oil recovery - will be reassessed over the summer by the relevant EL authorities. |
| PCI | PYCASSO - PYrenean CO2 Abatement through Sustainable Sequestration Operations (FR, ES) | Spain expressed reservation on this project. |

For information to ACER: Projects that maintain their status of project of common interest (Article 24 derogation)

| Project Name | Comments |
|---|----------|
| Connection of Malta to the European gas network – pipeline interconnection with Italy at Gela | |
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| Pipeline from the East Mediterranean gas reserves to Greece | |
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| mainland via Cyprus and Crete [currently known as "EastMed | |
| Pipeline"], with metering and regulating station at Megalopoli | |
| | |