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# Open public consultation on the revision of Regulation (EU) 347/2013 on guidelines for trans-European energy infrastructure (TEN-E Regulation)

#### Introduction

#### EU rules on the Trans-European Networks for Energy – the TEN-E Regulation

The **European Green Deal** confirms the EU's ambition to be climate neutral by 2050 and outlines a wide range of measures in different policy areas which need to be revised or newly introduced in order to meet this objective. In the energy sector, one of the key aims is to ensure that our energy infrastructure is fit for the purpose of achieving climate neutrality. In this sense, the Green Deal highlights the importance of smart infrastructure in this transition and specifically identifies the need to review and update the EU regulatory framework for energy infrastructure, including the Regulation (EU) No 347/2013 on guidelines for trans-European energy infrastructure (the "TEN-E Regulation"), to ensure consistency with the 2050 climate neutrality objective. As part of the political agreement between the European Parliament and the Council on the Connecting Europe Facility for the period 2021-2027 – the part of the EU budget which funds cross-border infrastructure projects for energy, transport and digital services – it was already agreed that the Commission should evaluate the effectiveness and policy coherence of the TEN-E Regulation. This revision of the TEN-E Regulation will also address the new policy ambition of the European Green Deal inter alia by integrating a significant increase in renewable energy in the European energy system and by putting the energy efficiency first principle into practice. More information on the European Green Deal is available on the Europea website.

The TEN-E Regulation lays down rules for the timely development and interoperability of cross-border energy infrastructure [TEN-E] networks in order to achieve the EU's energy policy objectives. Its key objective is the timely implementation of the projects of common interest (known as "PCIs") which interconnect the energy markets across Europe. Interconnected energy markets allow for better integration of renewable energy sources, better security of supply and higher competition within markets that keeps prices in check. The TEN-E Regulation sets out criteria for establishing the PCIs necessary to implement priority corridors and areas in the categories of electricity, gas, oil, smart grids, and carbon dioxide networks.

More information on the TEN-E network is available on the Europa website.

#### WHAT IS THIS QUESTIONNAIRE ABOUT?

This public consultation is part of a wider consultation strategy which feeds into the evaluation and impact assessment process. In line with EU rules on better regulation, the aim of the consultation is to gather the views of EU citizens and stakeholders on the TEN-E Regulation. This public consultation aims to collect input on what

should be viewed as the priority corridors and priority thematic areas. In addition, the TEN-E Regulation was designed to help overcome some of the key barriers to the development of European wide energy infrastructure such as permit granting, at the same time ensuring better public consultations in this process. The key questions asked therefore concern the extent to which it has achieved these objectives. The result would help to set up the policy objectives of the Regulation and options on how to improve the current shortcomings.

This questionnaire is addressed to citizens and organisations (e.g. NGOs, local government, local communities, companies and industry associations) that have no specialist knowledge of the TEN-E Regulation.

If you have specialist knowledge of the TEN-E Regulation (e.g. as a professional for a national competent / regulatory authority, TSO, DSO, company project promoter, energy producer, NGO with specific knowledge on the subject) and you are aware of issues like the energy infrastructure priority corridors and thematic areas, criteria for selection of PCIs, regulatory regimes and incentives, you are invited to fill in the targeted survey - <u>available here</u> - which is taking place in parallel to this one. [NB. There is no problem for professionals to answer both questionnaires.]

#### INFORMATION ON THE QUESTIONNAIRE

This Online Public Consultation questionnaire is structured as follows:

- Introduction: This part will ask you to provide information about yourself.
- Part I: Relevance and EU added value (your view on Europe's energy infrastructure needs and objectives)
- Part II: Public participation and transparency (your view on how information on energy infrastructure projects should be shared by project promoters).

The questionnaire should take you no more than 15 – 20 minutes to complete.

Fields marked with \* are mandatory.

#### THE RESULTS

The consultation period will last eight weeks. Once the evaluation of the TEN-E Regulation is completed, a synopsis report of all consultation activities will be published.

#### YOUR OPINION REALLY MATTERS

Thank you in advance for taking the time to contribute to this consultation.

### About you

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## \*Publication privacy settings

The Commission will publish the responses to this public consultation. You can choose whether you would like your details to be made public or to remain anonymous.

# Anonymous

Only your type of respondent, country of origin and contribution will be published. All other personal details (name, organisation name and size, transparency register number) will not be published.

## Public

Your personal details (name, organisation name and size, transparency register number, country of origin) will be published with your contribution.

I agree with the <u>personal data protection provisions</u>

## Part I: Relevance and EU added value

In this section, we would like to ask you some questions regarding your perceptions on the current and emerging needs of trans-European energy infrastructure networks.

How would you rate the importance of the following objectives for trans-European energy infrastructure networks:

	Important	Important to a large extent	Important to a small extent	Not important	l don't know
* A competitive and properly functioning integrated energy market	•	0	0	0	0
* Increased resilience of energy infrastructure against technical failures, natural or man-made disasters, and the adverse effects of climate change and threats to its security	•	0	0	0	0
* Consumer empowerment - making sure consumers' interests are considered in decisions related to energy infrastructure	•	0	•	0	0
* Secure and diversified EU energy supplies, sources, and routes	•	0	0	0	0
* Integration of renewable energy sources into the grid	•	0	0	0	0
* Increase cross-border interconnections and deepen regional cooperation to transport energy from renewable sources where it is most needed	•	0	0	0	0
* Giving priority to energy efficiency (putting the 'Energy efficiency first' principle in practice)	0	•	0	0	0
* Achieving the EU's decarbonisation objectives for 2030 and 2050, including climate neutrality under the European Green Deal	•	0	0	0	0
* Increased digitalisation of the energy infrastructure (e.g. Smart Grids)	0	•	0	0	0
* Energy system integration and sector coupling (integration of the different energy sectors and beyond)	•	0	0	0	0

Which of the following infrastructure categories do you consider relevant for the regulatory framework on trans-European energy networks:

	Relevant	Relevant to a large extent	Relevant to a small extent	Not relevant	l don't know	
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* Electricity infrastructure (transmission lines and storage)	•	0	0	0	0
* Grids for offshore renewable energy	•	0	0	0	0
* Smart electricity grids	•	0	0	0	0
* Smart gas grids	0	•	0	0	0
* Natural gas infrastructure (pipelines and storage)	•	0	0	0	0
* Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) terminals	•	0	0	0	0
* Dedicated hydrogen (H2) networks	•	0	0	0	0
* Infrastructure for the integration of renewable and carbon neutral gases	•	0	0	0	0
* Power-to-gas installations	0	0	•	0	0
* CO2 networks (for transporting CO2)	•	0	0	0	0
* Geological storage of CO2	•	0	0	0	0

In case you are aware of other emerging energy infrastructure categories, which you consider relevant for the regulatory framework on trans-European energy networks, please, describe them below:

Hydrogen storage, both peak and seasonal. Effort should be put on adapting natural gas networks to transport blends of hydrogen and, when needed to the development of a dedicated hydrogen networks effort.

Which features do you consider the most important for a project of common interest (PCI) as part of trans-European energy network?

	Important	Important to a large extent	Important to a small extent	Not important	l don't know
* Integration of renewable energy sources into the grid	0	0	•	0	0
* Contribution to greenhouse gas emissions reduction	•	0	0	0	0
* Security of supply	•	0	0	0	0
* Market integration (e.g. to improve infrastructure and increase system flexibility)	•	0	0	0	0
* Increase competition in the market	•	0	0	0	0

* Innovation	0	0	•	0	0
* Contribution to increase the energy efficiency of the energy system	0	0	•	©	0
* Environmentally sound implementation, i.e. compliance with the relevant regulations especially in the area of environmental impact assessment, water protection, nature conservation and air quality	•	•	•	©	©
* Generation of direct benefits to the local communities	0	•	0	0	0

To what extent do you agree with the following statement: The development of trans-European energy networks cannot be sufficiently achieved by the Member States alone and can therefore be better achieved through coordination at EU level?

- Fully agree
- Agree to a large extent
- Agree to a small extent
- Disagree
- I don't know

Do you agree that the revised TEN-E Regulation can make an important contribution to the economic recovery in Europe through a green transition in response to the COVID-19 crisis?

- Yes
- O No
- I don't know

Please explain your response (optional)

The COVID-19 outbreak has unleashed an unprecedent socio-economic crisis in Europe, and globally, which is affecting all citizens and all economic activities. The economic consequences of this sanitary crisis loom large and raise several questions around Europe's future strategic industrial capacity. Without industrial activity in Europe, there will not be any future economic recovery, growth and R/D/I investments. The achievement of these objectives will require further use of energy including natural gas, as well as the development of clean gases capacity (hydrogen and biomethane).

As recently highlighted by EVP Timmermans, in the press conference presenting the Recovery Plan for Europe 'the use of natural gas will probably be necessary to shift away from coal to sustainable energy'. In the short term, switching from coal to natural gas in power generation would significantly reduce up to 60% CO2 emissions (in the power sector)'.

To reach this, further efforts in providing security of supplies based on diversification of routes, sources and suppliers as well as in integrating internal gas market (and integration with the Energy Community) is necessary. Security of supplies, competition and market integration should remain at the core of further development of gas infrastructure in the EU and the key criteria for PCI selection and EU funding. At the same time, efforts are being pursued to increase the GHG emission reduction ambitions of the Union. In order to deliver economic recovery and greater GHG emission reductions, public and private sector efforts should now become more focused on scale and costs. IOGP therefore believes that public support should be also directed to industrial-scale carbon management projects. Industry can deliver the scale of projects required to reach the EU climate goals while, as a priority, maintaining existing jobs and stimulating the creation of new ones.

In this context, and as recently confirmed by the IEA, investments in large-scale industrial carbon management technologies, such as carbon capture and storage (CCS), hydrogen and renewable gas (biomethane) will play an important role to meet the European Green Deal objectives. Alongside coal-to-gas switching and use of gas and renewables in power, heat generation, transport, CCS and hydrogen technologies will be a key element of the announced green recovery as confirmed in the Commission's Communication on Next Generation EU. We believe that the revised TEN-E infrastructure, facilitating the development of a CO2 and hydrogen infrastructure and therefore creating local jobs in the short/medium term, will fit with this approach, confirmed in the Commission's Communication on Next Generation EU .

## Part II: Public participation and transparency

Below we ask you questions regarding the participation of the public and local communities in the permit granting process for Projects of Common Interest (PCIs) and the transparency of the PCIs.

Despite the existence of established standards and procedures for the participation of the public in the environmental decision-making process, the TEN-E Regulation states that additional measures are needed to ensure the highest possible standards of transparency and public participation for all relevant issues in the permit granting process for projects of common interest. Enhancing public participation is among the key objectives of the Regulation. Under the current rules, the public consultation aims to inform relevant stakeholders (the appropriate national, regional and local authorities, landowners and citizens living in the vicinity of the project, the general public and their associations, organisations or groups) about the project at an early stage in order to help identify the most suitable location or trajectory and address all the relevant issues in the project application.

Are you aware of any Projects of Common Interest (PCI) in Europe?

Yes, I am aware of one or several PCIs

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Yes, I am aware of the procedure and	its specifi	cs		
Yes, I am aware that there is a proced	ure, but I	do not how it	works in	
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* Have you visited the website of a PCI?	0	•	0	0
* Have you seen the information leaflet of a PCI?	0	•	0	0
* Have you participated in meetings dedicated to a PCI?	0	•	0	0
* Have you provided feedback on a PCI during any consultation phase?	0	0	•	0

IOGP has not direct experience in public participation, however we can share some general views. Public consultations are useful for PCIs that use public funds. This is also valid for CO2 projects. The current CO2 transport PCIs are all located in jurisdictions where such public participations processes are a common element of the regulatory and permitting process. The PCI process assess that such processes are being followed but there is no need to impose additional requirements if such processes are already in place at

Yes, I am aware that there are PCIs, but I do not know any details about

them

Member State level.

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indicate why not.
I was not aware of the notion of PCIs
$^{\square}$ I was not aware of the opportunity to take part in the public consultation
process
I was not interested in this topic
$^{\square}$ The level of technicalities in the published information (e.g. on the project
website, leaflet) was too complicated for me to provide meaningful feedback
I did not think that my feedback would be considered
Other reasons

If you have never participated in the public participation process of a PCI, please

## Please explain your answer

IOGP as an association is not directly investing in projects.

How would you assess the usefulness of the following communication channels for providing and exchanging information on PCIs:

	Very useful	Useful to a large extent	Useful to a small extent	Not useful	l don't know
* Project website (with information such as a detailed implementation schedule, a link to the manual of public participation procedures, a non-technical and regularly updated summary, public consultation planning, contact details)	•	0	0	0	0
* Information leaflet (up to 15 pages, giving, in a clear and concise manner, an overview of the purpose and preliminary timetable of the project, the national grid development plan, alternative routes considered, expected impacts, including of cross-border nature, and possible mitigation measures)	©	•	©	•	0
* Meetings to discuss the project of common interest	•	0	0	0	0
* Providing information in writing (from the project promoter to the public and vice versa)	0	•	0	0	0

Do you have any suggestions for other useful communication tools that could be created at local, national, and/or European level?

Whereas gas and electricity projects are already included in TYNDP, CO2 transport and potentially hydrogen PCI projects should be included in long-term network planning tools. The TEN-E Regulation should guarantee that all PCI projects are included in the TYNDP of ENTSO-G and ENTSO-E as well as the NECPs of national member states. This would improve project and policy coordination and visibility within Member States and at EU level.

In line with the requirements of the TEN-E Regulation, the Commission established an infrastructure transparency platform easily accessible to the general public, including via the internet, with the purpose of providing information on current PCIs in an open, transparent and interactive way.

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- Yes
- Yes, to a large extent
- Yes, to a small extent
- O No

How would you assess the <u>PCI interactive map on the Transparency Platform</u>, which includes the geographic information, implementation plan, amount of EU financial support and the benefits that each project brings at national and local level?

	Fully	To a large extent	To a small extent	Not at all	l don't know
* Comprehensive	0	0	0	0	•
* Up-to-date	0	0	0	0	•
* Provided in a simple language	0	0	0	0	•
* Easy to navigate	0	0	0	0	•

Please explain your ans	swer(s) to the above question on t	the PCI interactive map

Have you observed any improvement in the transparency of the planning and building process of any PCIs in comparison to other energy infrastructure projects?

- Yes
- To a large extent
- To a small extent
- O No

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Please share any other recommendations that would contribute to an enhanced/
strengthened participation of the public in TEN-E energy infrastructure planning
and building.
Documents upload and final comments
If you have further comments, please feel free to upload a concise document. The maximum file size is 1 MB.
The uploaded document will be published alongside your response to the questionnaire which is the essential input to this public consultation. The document is optional and serves as additional background reading to better understand your position.
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Thank you for your time and effort in answering this questionnaire.

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