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DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR ENERGY

Directorate B - Internal Energy Market

**Gas cross-Regional Group meeting**  
**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2015, 9:30-16:40**

**1. The establishment of the 2<sup>nd</sup> list of Project of common interest**

The Commission presented the updated schedule of the 2<sup>nd</sup> PCI evaluation for gas, which will include a delay of a month due to the withdrawal of the South Stream Project by Gazprom. The TYNDP will be published in mid-March. This and the following meeting will be used to discuss and agree on the methodology and to prepare for project specific CBA.

**2. State of play of the 2<sup>nd</sup> PCI evaluation process (Commission)**

The Commission provided an update on the consultation on the candidate PCIs.

Comments:

- NGOs: Due to the delay of the PCI evaluation and the publishing date of the TYNDP, they requested a delay in the Consultation to allow respondents sufficient time to take the new TYNDP into account

Conclusion:

- consultation period will be extended to March 31<sup>st</sup>)

Member State approval of the candidate projects on their territory: all Member States gave their approval, with the exception of Spain, whose approval of one storage project was not given. Spain needs to present its substantiated arguments to the relevant Regional Group

**3. Updated Terms of Reference of the Regional Groups**

The updated ToR was presented. No comments from participants and no rejections. The Terms of Reference was adopted.

**4. Project evaluation process and tool**

The Joint Research Centre (JRC) presented its Draft assessment method for the 2<sup>nd</sup> PCI list.

The Cost-Benefit Analysis is conducted by ENTSO-G and the project promoters and will include a large amount of data and qualitative information as results. To make this information more manageable for the Regional Groups to analyse, JRC was asked to provide a method to simplify / aggregate the CBA results without loss of information.

The assessment method aims aggregating, through statistical methods, the several CBA results (several indicators per scenarios and price configurations) per project into the four specific criteria of the TEN-E Regulation.

As a first step, JRC proposed to decrease the number of scenarios (green-grey, low - high) and price configurations (altogether 13) by using Green, low infrastructure scenario and the price configuration for LNG vs pipeline gas.

An overall indicator for cost per project will also be calculated that can be compared to the benefits.

Comments / Conclusions:

- The green scenario is preferred as it is the closest to the 2030 framework
- Selection of price configurations should be tailored to the Regions, ENTSOG will provide guidelines on more and less relevant price configurations for each region
- The aggregation of indicators into one value per project was not supported; it should stop at the level of the 4 TEN-E criteria
- Snapshots at each main step of the aggregation process will be shared with the Regional Groups
- JRC will provide a simple example with a few numbers to explain the statistical methods of aggregation it proposes
- Further comments to the method in writing to be sent to COM by February 2<sup>nd</sup>, next draft mid-February

**5. PCI Implementation Monitoring (ACER)**

ACER presented the PCI monitoring process and interface of the 1<sup>st</sup> list of PCIs.

**6. The TYNDP process (ENTSOG)**

The TYNDP will be published in mid-March. The results of the project specific modelling will be handed over to project promoters at the end of March. The project specific CBA templates will be sent out soon and ENTSO-G requests comments and suggestions.

**7. Eligibility of projects for PCI evaluation**

COM presented the eligibility criteria and the list of projects that are proposed to be excluded. After some discussion, the below projects will be excluded as agreed in the Regional Groups:

Corridor	Code	Project	Promoter	Commissioning	Reason
NSI WEST	UGS-F-259	Bordolano	Stogit S.p.a	2015	Commissioning date
	TRA-F-213	Support to the North West market	Snam Rete Gas S.p.A.	2015	Commissioning date
SGC	PRD N_055	Mediterranean LNG Export Terminal	Ministry of Cyprus	2020	Type of infrastructure One MS concerned
BEMIP Gas	TRA-N-238	Capacity enhancement of Klaipeda-Kiemenai pipeline in Lithuania	Amber Grid	2015	Commissioning date
	LNG-F-058	Klaipeda LNG terminal	Klaipedos Nafta	2015	Type of infrastructure

The Commission stressed it has requested additional information from a number of projects, which may still be subject to an assessment against the eligibility criteria.

## **8. Discussion on projects, groups and clusters**

COM presented each priority corridor and highlighted issues that need to be clarified. Some discussions took place during the meetings, with further discussions on a bilateral basis. Discussions about projects, groups and clusters will continue in the next Regional Group meetings.