The approval of one Member State is not enough, as it is a cross-border project. All involved countries will need to support it when you introduce your application. This can be in the form of letters.

Kind regards,

The approval of both Member States is needed to obtain the status of PCI. What we would like to know if is in the application phase the support of just one the Member States (i.e. in a form of a letter) is sufficient. We understand in the past was the case, but the text doesn’t clarify it.

Best regards,

You can certainly introduce an application for a PCI once the call opens (around half October – closure half December) even though it does not comprise a cross-border pipeline. The
infrastructure you mention – storage – has been added to the CO2 PCI category in the new TEN-E Regulation. Liquefaction also qualifies.

There should be a plan between at least your two Member States underlying the PCI, and you will need approval from both Italy and France.

I hope this answers your questions. Do not hesitate to come back to us.

From: @eni.com>  
Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2022 6:19 PM  
To: (ENER) @ec.europa.eu>  
Subject: Eni - Info Request - PCIs requirements for application

Dear ,

I hope this email finds you well.

I write to kindly ask a clarification on the next call for application for the 6th PCI list.

In particular, we would welcome your interpretation regarding the wording in the recently amended TEN-E Regulation and if and how it applies to our project we would submit as candidate for the 6th PCI list. The paragraph is in the section which establish the Process for Establishing a Regional List. I report it hereafter:

(6) Proposed carbon dioxide transport and storage projects falling under the energy infrastructure category set out in point (5) of Annex II shall be presented as part of a plan, developed by at least two Member States, for the development of cross-border carbon dioxide transport and storage infrastructure, to be presented by the Member States concerned or entities designated by those Member States to the Commission.

Our joint project with a French partner company is aimed at storing CO2 from an industrial district in the south of France with transport by ship and permanent storage in Italy. The project does not envisage the construction of an infrastructure (i.e pipeline) between the two Member States, but only the infrastructure for the treatment of CO2 (i.e liquefaction and storage). Is in this case the support of Member States mandatory? Is the support of one Member State sufficient? Could the project be eligible to qualify as a PCI in absence of a cross-border infrastructure?

I hope I have made myself clear. In case I was not, please do not hesitate to contact me for further information by email or over the phone.

Thanks in advance for your time.

Best regards,