

Please note that you are kindly reminded to register as soon as possible and at the latest by Thursday 16 February at the indicated link: [cefcoordinationenergy17Feb17](#)

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Thank you in advance for your collaboration.

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Brussels, **03 FEB. 2017**
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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CEF ENERGY COMMITTEE

Dear Madam, Sir,

I would like to invite you to the next CEF Coordination Committee – Energy meeting which will be held on **Friday 17 February** at the **Albert Borschette Congress Center (CCAB)** in the room AB-1D, rue Froissart 36, 1040 Brussels.

The meeting will start at 10.00 and end at 13.30. The registration will start at 09.30.

The main aim of this meeting is to present the results of the second Call for Proposals in 2016 (CEF-Energy-2016-2) and seek the Committee's opinion on the proposal for a Commission Implementing Decision on the selection and award of grants for actions contributing to projects of common interest under the CEF in the field of trans-European energy infrastructure for 2016.

Furthermore, an advance version of the draft multiannual work programme for granting financial aid in the field of trans-European energy infrastructure under the Connecting Europe Facility for the period 2017-2020 will be presented to the Members of the CEF Energy Committee, as well as the state of play of the ongoing mid-term evaluation of the CEF Programme.

Please find enclosed the draft agenda for the meeting.

The usual Commission rules regarding the reimbursement of officials from the Member States participating at meetings shall apply. The travel costs incurred by one expert per Member State will be met by the Commission within the limits of its regulations.

Reimbursement will only be possible upon presentation of the original ticket, as well as boarding passes where appropriate. Payment is only guaranteed if the expert produces the documentation requested at the beginning of the meeting.

It should be noted that, from now on, the reimbursement of government experts will be settled on an account in the name of their Member State, their Ministry or the public organisation of which they are members, and no longer on a private account. This measure does not apply to experts from Luxembourg or Italy.

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Please show this invitation to Security at the entrance of the building.

Yours faithfully,

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February 2017

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**CEF Coordination Committee – Energy meeting
Albert Borschette Congress Center (CCAB)
36 rue Froissart, 1040 Brussels
Room AB-1D**

17 February 2017, from 10:00 to 13:30

Draft Agenda

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| 10:00 – 10:10 | Adoption of the agenda and introduction
 Director DG ENER Directorate B |
| 10:00 – 10:20 | Overview of results of CEF-Energy-2016-2 Call for Proposals
DG ENER |
| 10:20 – 12:00 | Presentation of proposals and results by corridor:

Northern Seas offshore grid ('NSOG')
North-South electricity interconnections in Western Europe ('NSI West Electricity')
North-South electricity interconnections in Central Eastern and South Eastern Europe ('NSI East Electricity')
Baltic Energy Market Interconnection Plan in electricity ('BEMIP Electricity')
North-South gas interconnections in Western Europe ('NSI West Gas')
North-South gas interconnections in Central Eastern and South Eastern Europe ('NSI East Gas')
Southern Gas Corridor ('SGC')
Baltic Energy Market Interconnection Plan in gas ('BEMIP Gas')
Smart Grids thematic area |
| 12:00 – 12:05 | Formal opinion of the Committee on the proposed list of Actions to be granted financial support under the CEF-Energy-2016-2 Call for Proposals |

- 12:05 – 12:30 Presentation and discussion of the CEF Energy draft multiannual work programme 2017 (draft Commission implementing decision establishing the multiannual work programme for granting financial aid in the field of trans-European energy infrastructure under the Connecting Europe Facility for the period 2017-2020)
DG ENER
- 12:30 – 12:45 Presentation of the state of play of the ongoing mid-term evaluation of the CEF Programme
DG ENER
- 12:45 – 13:00 Information on Action Status Reports (ASRs) for Grant Agreements and their certification by Member States
INEA
- 13:00 – 13:30 AoB



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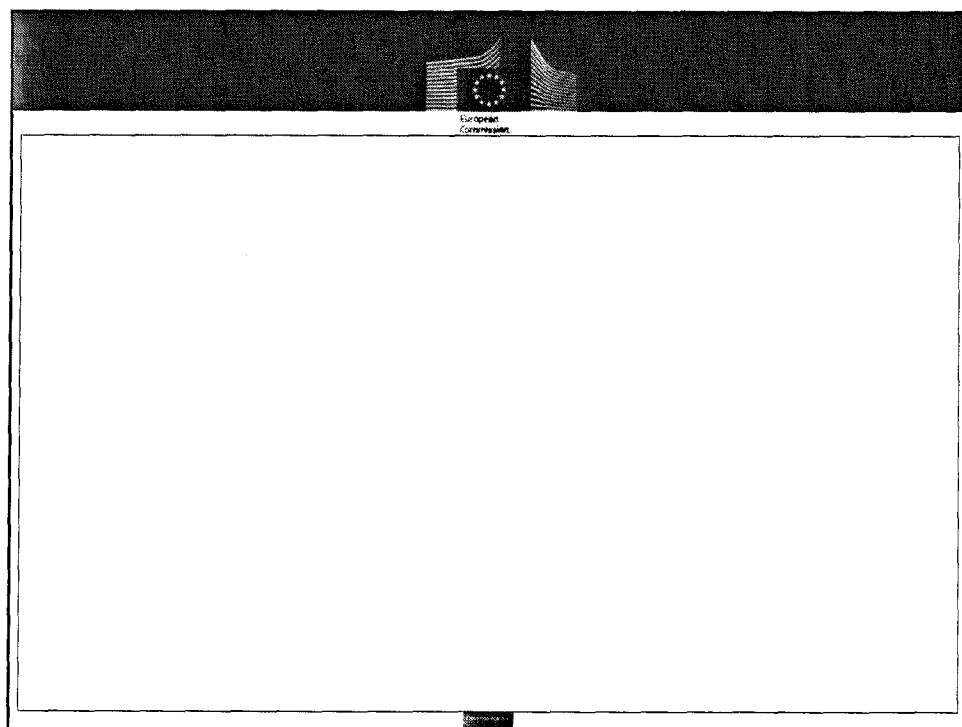
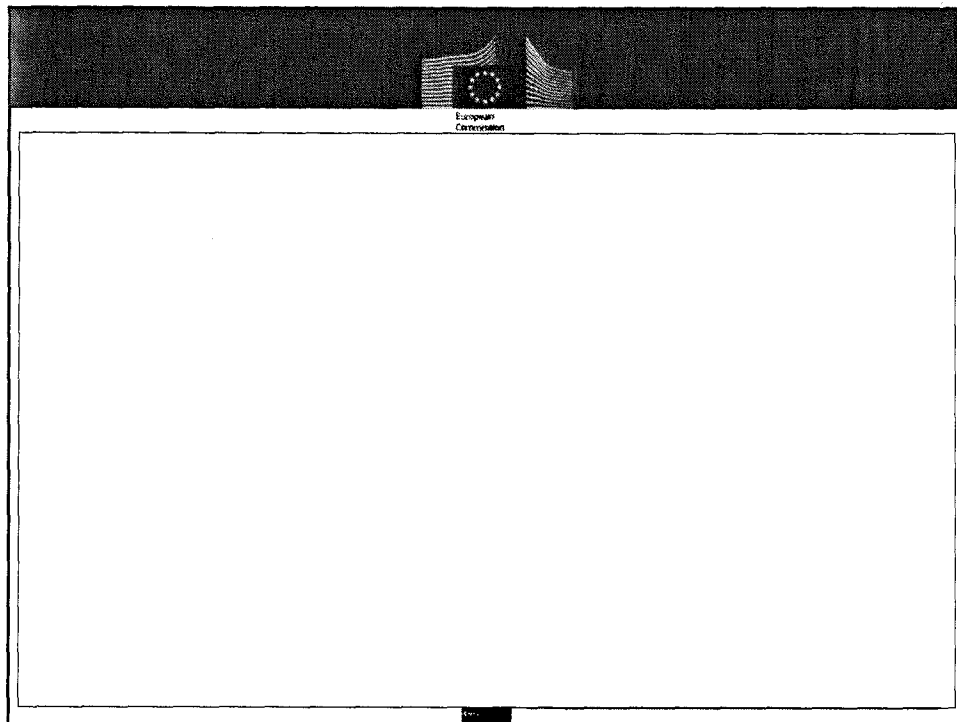
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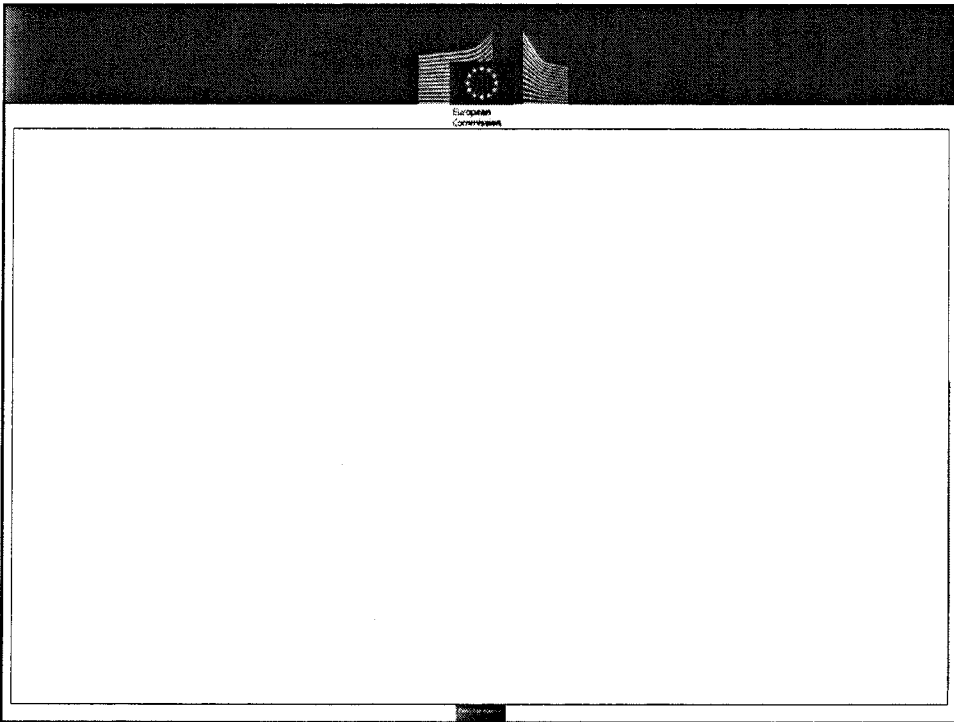
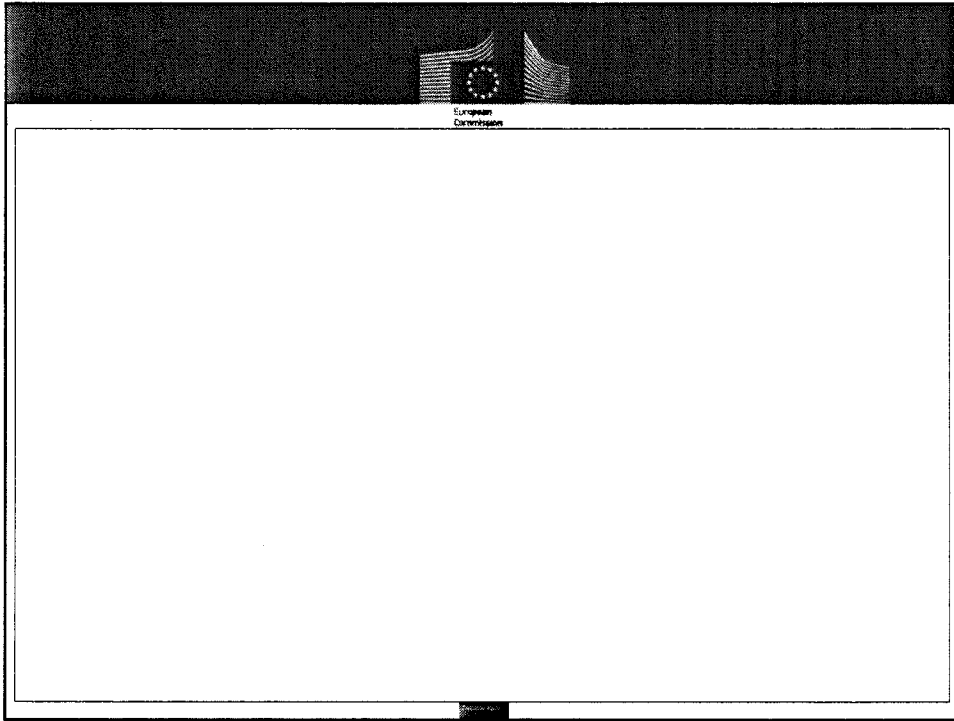
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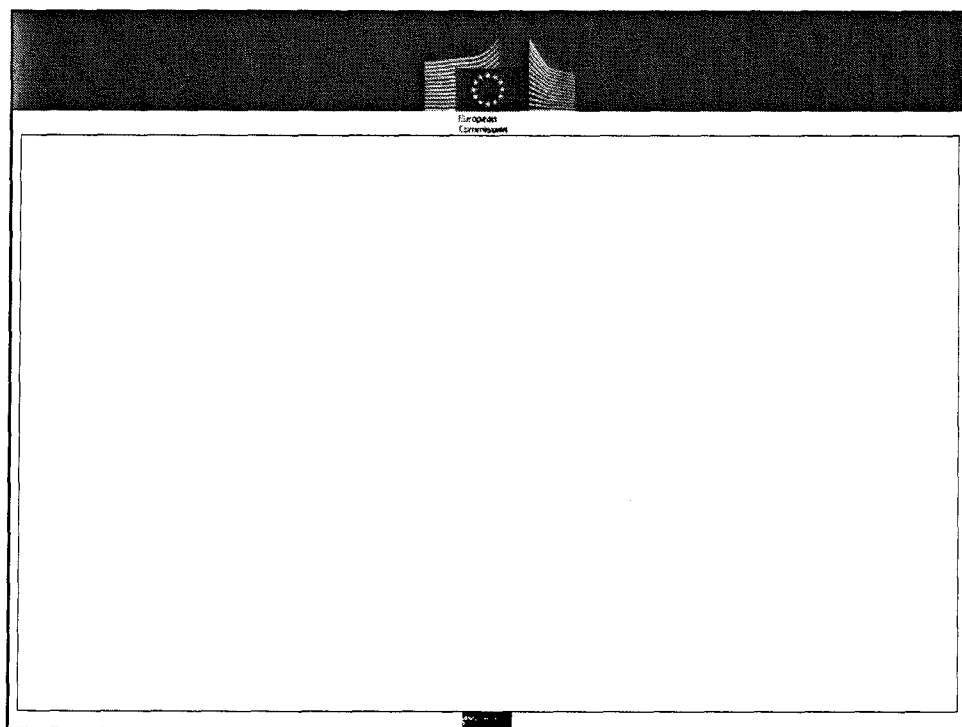
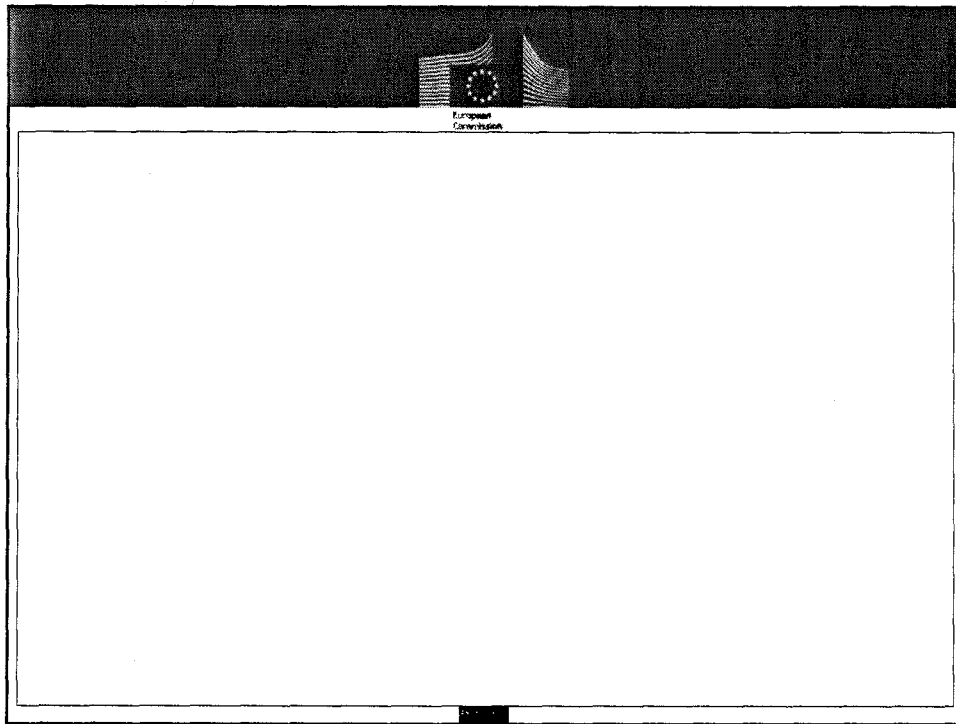


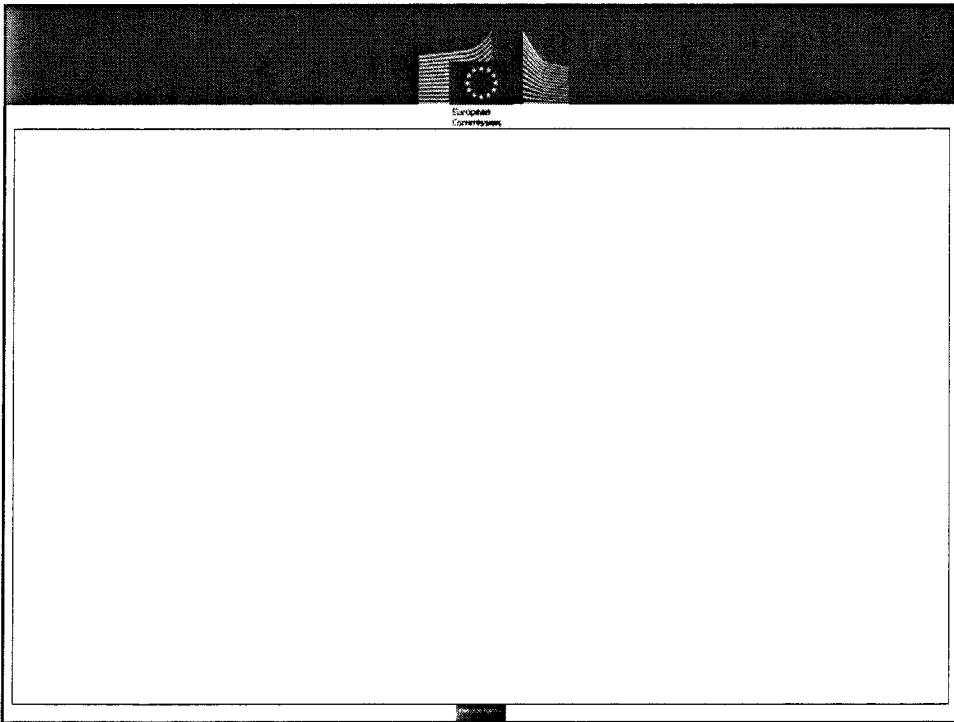
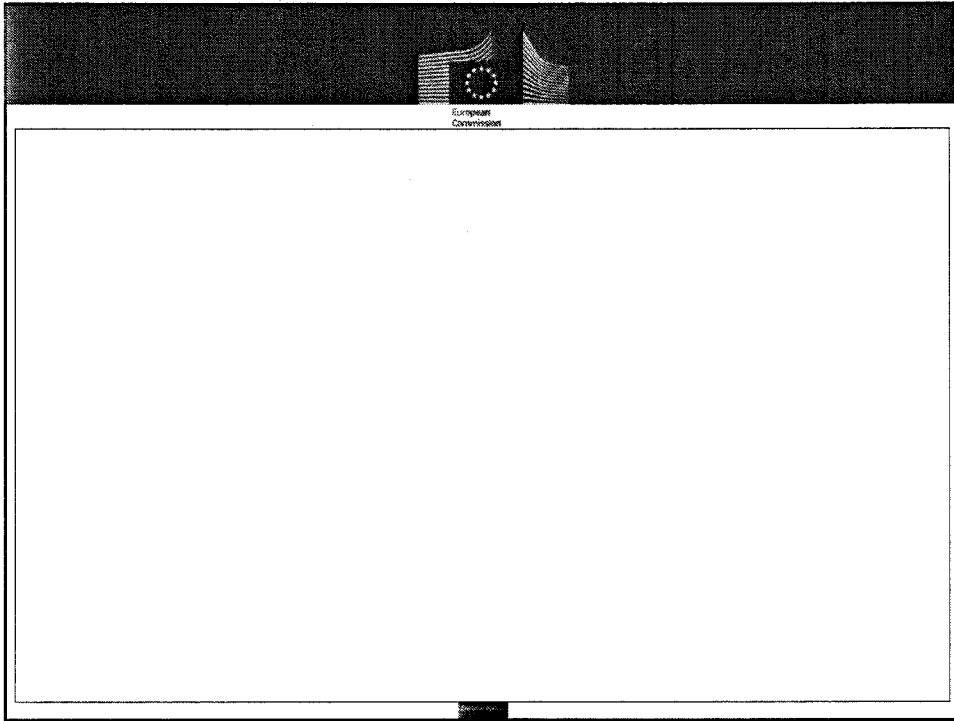
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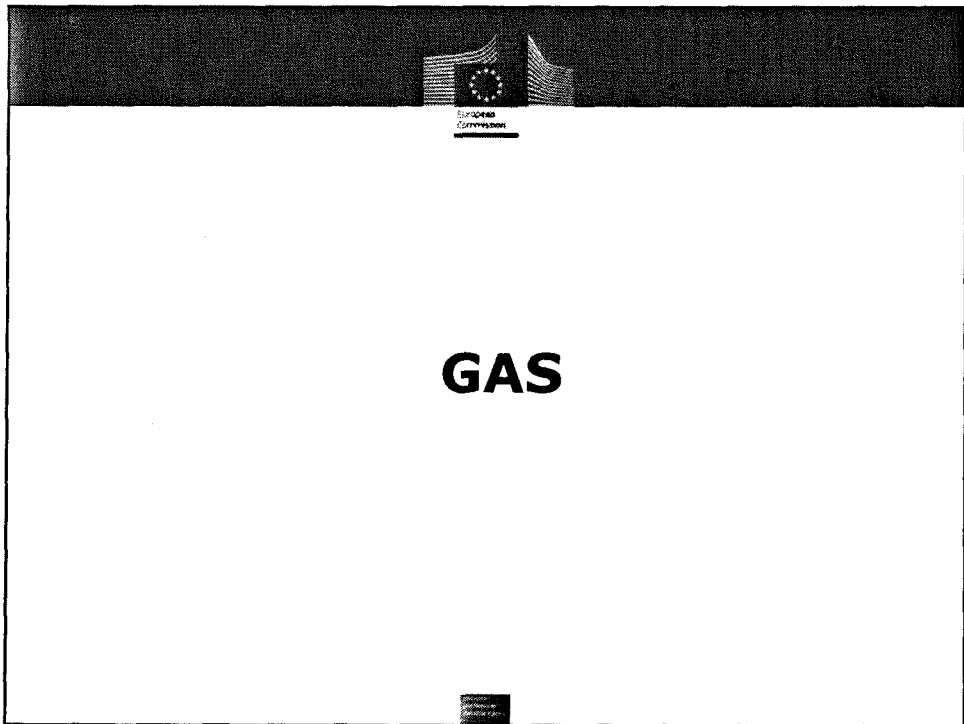
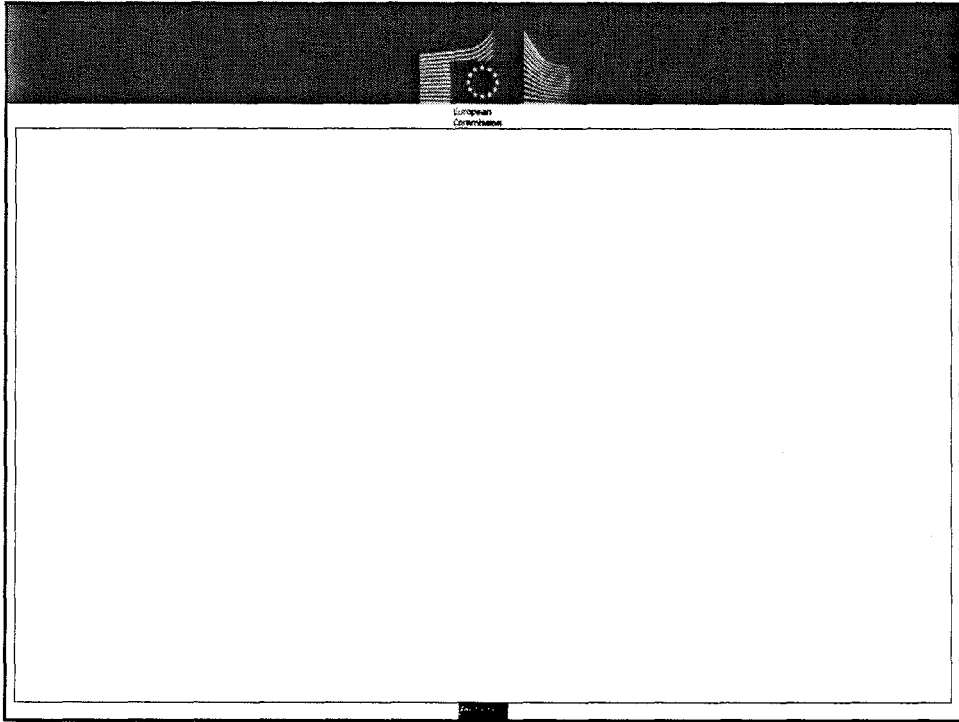
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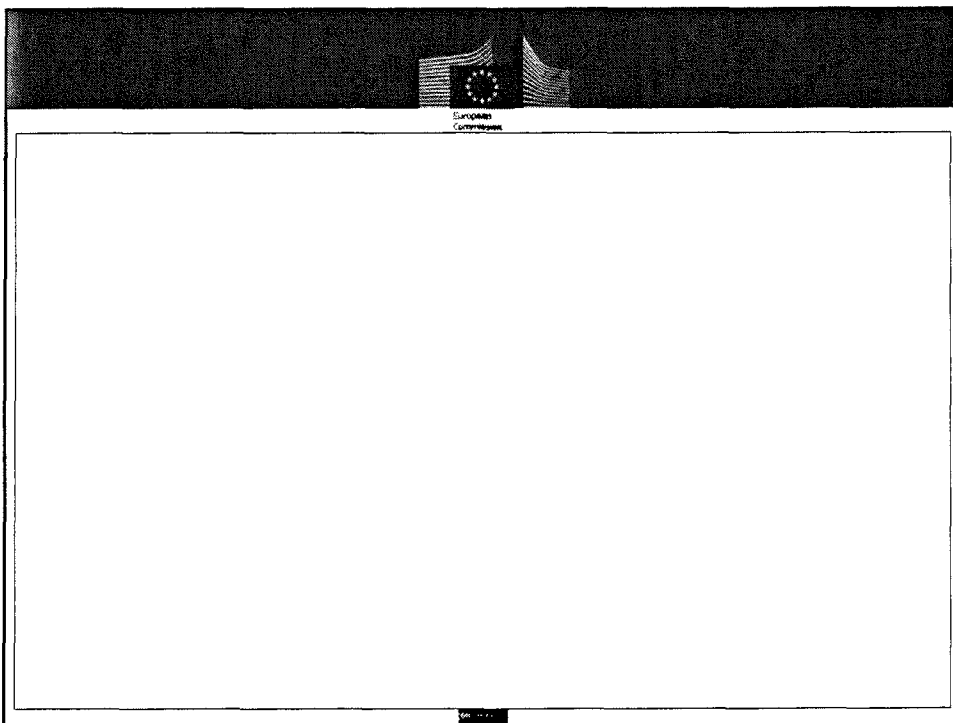
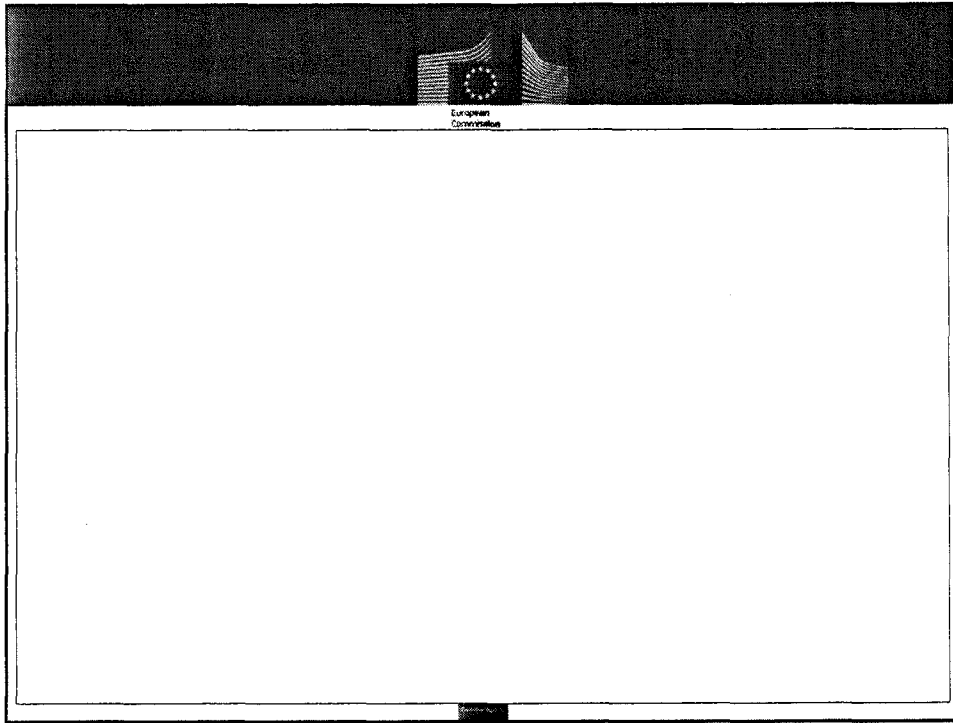


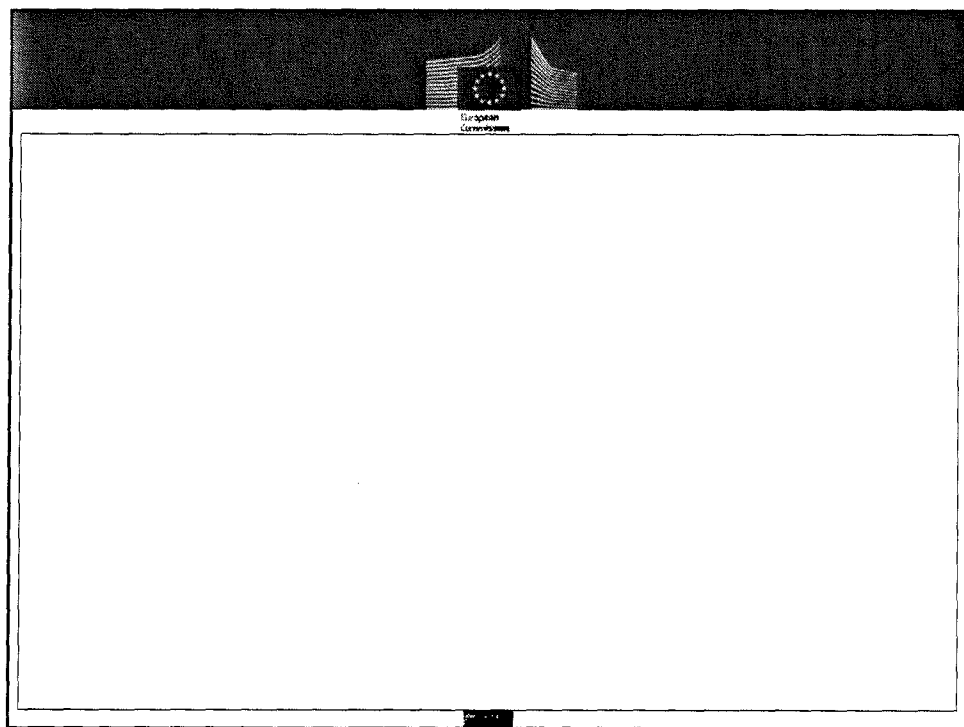
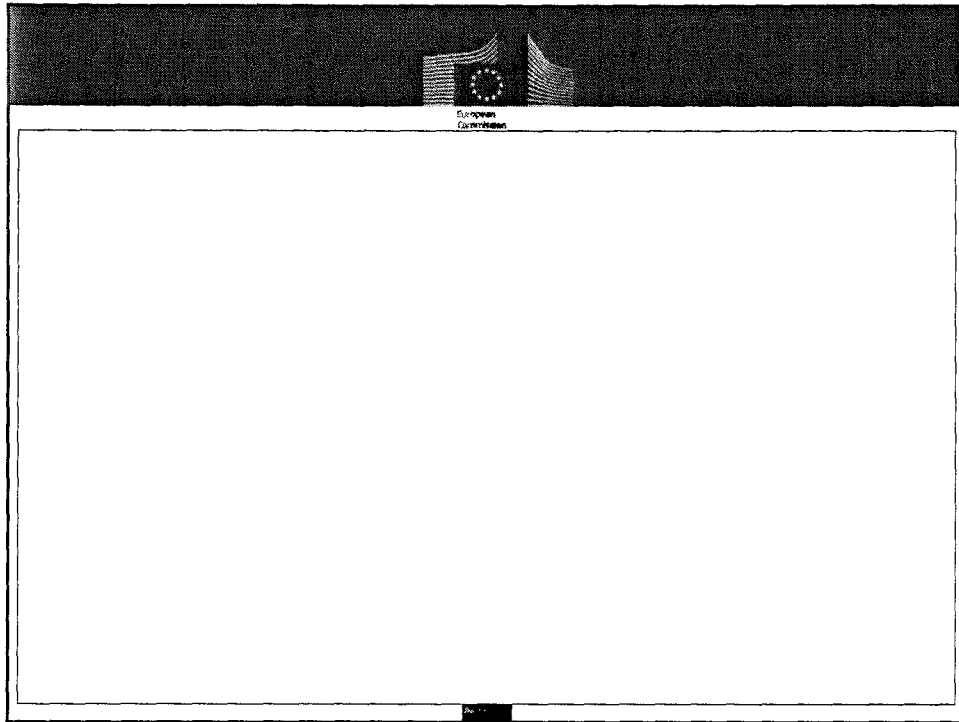


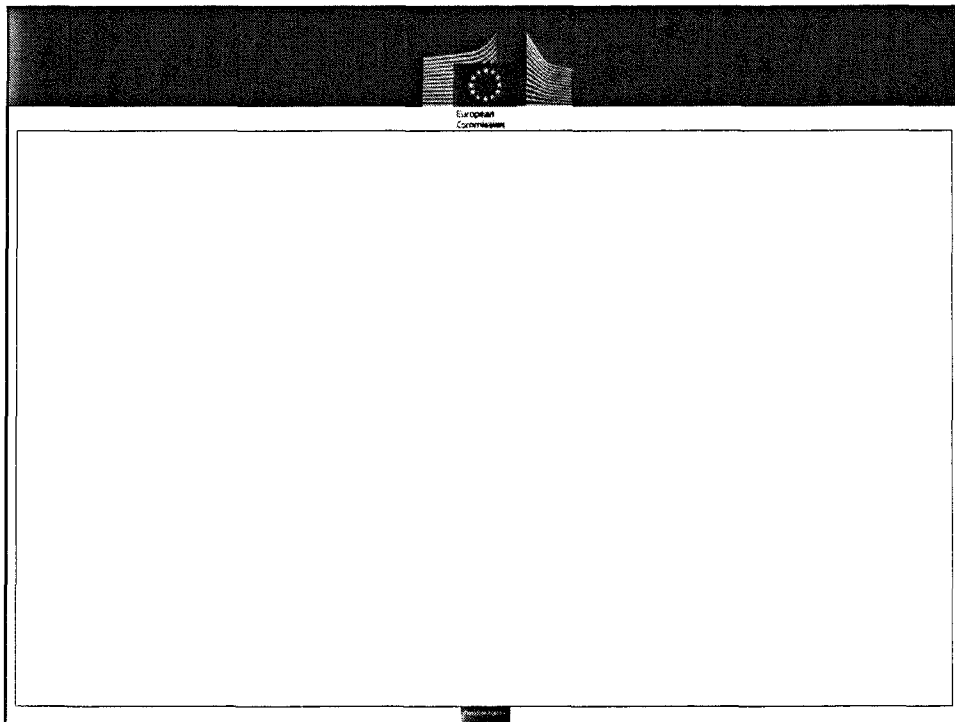
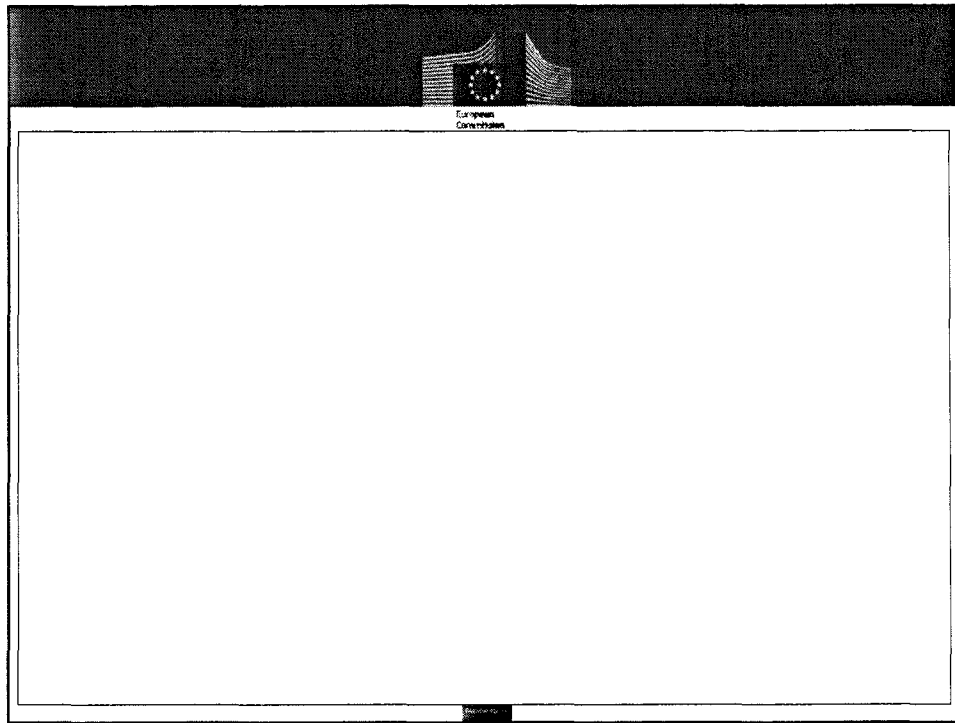


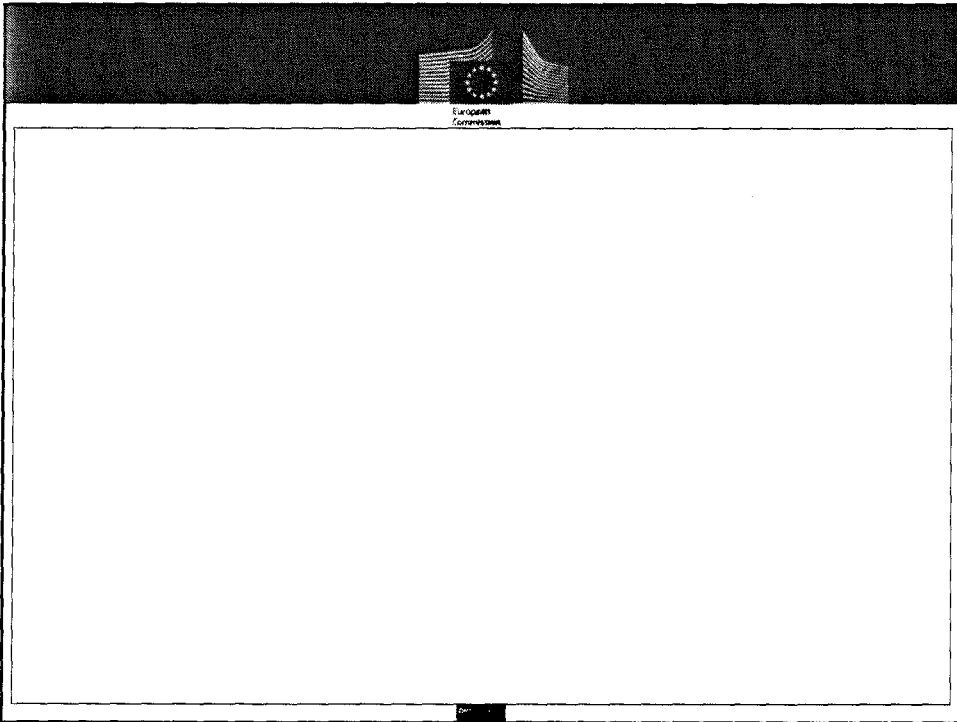
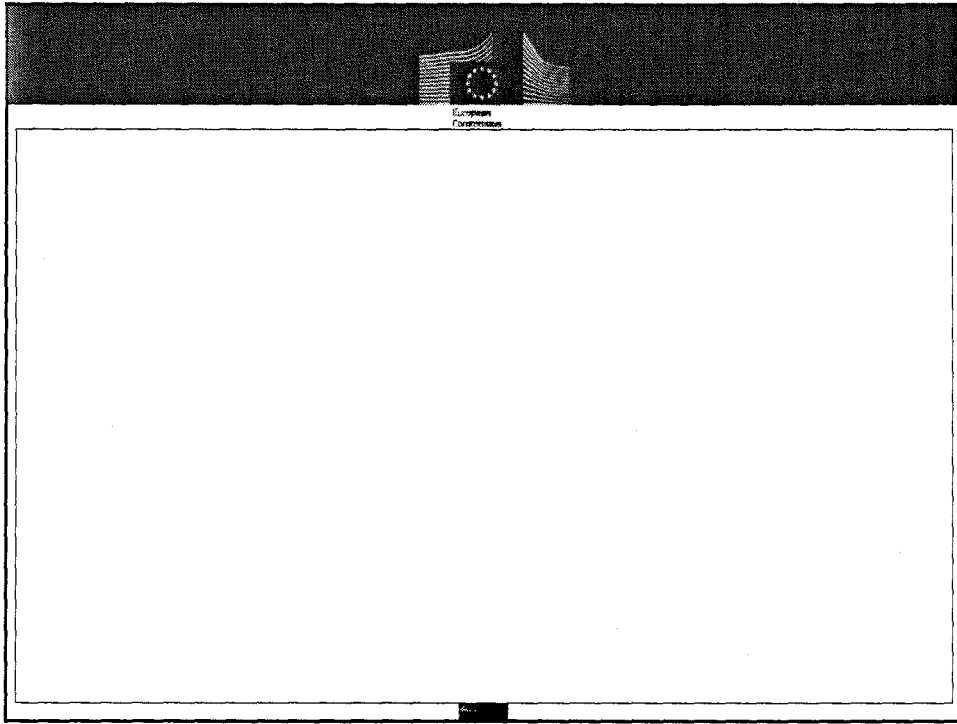


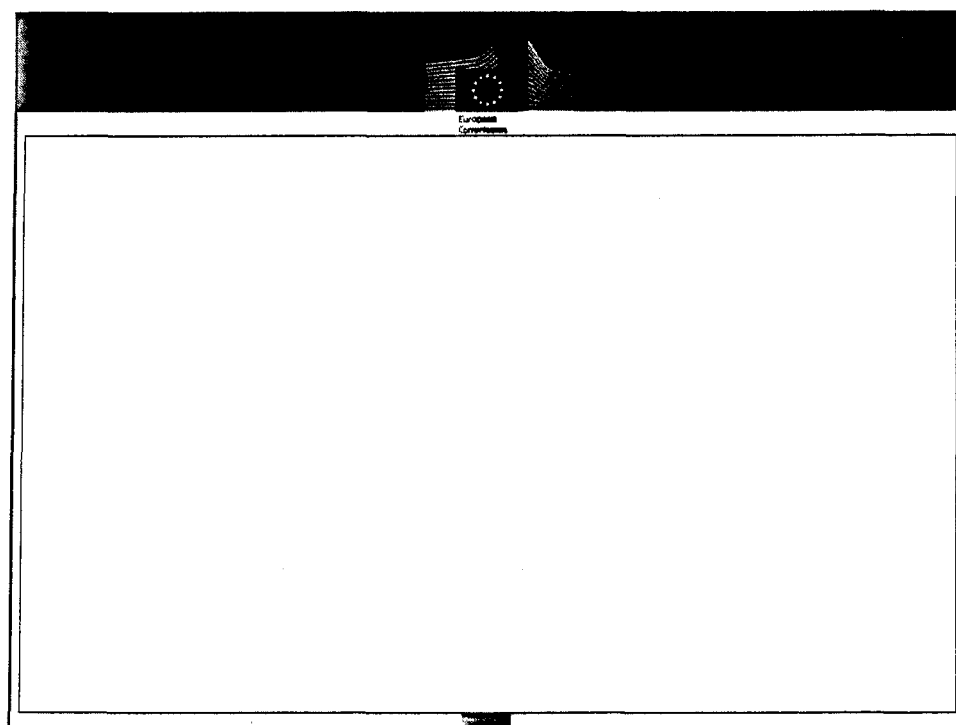
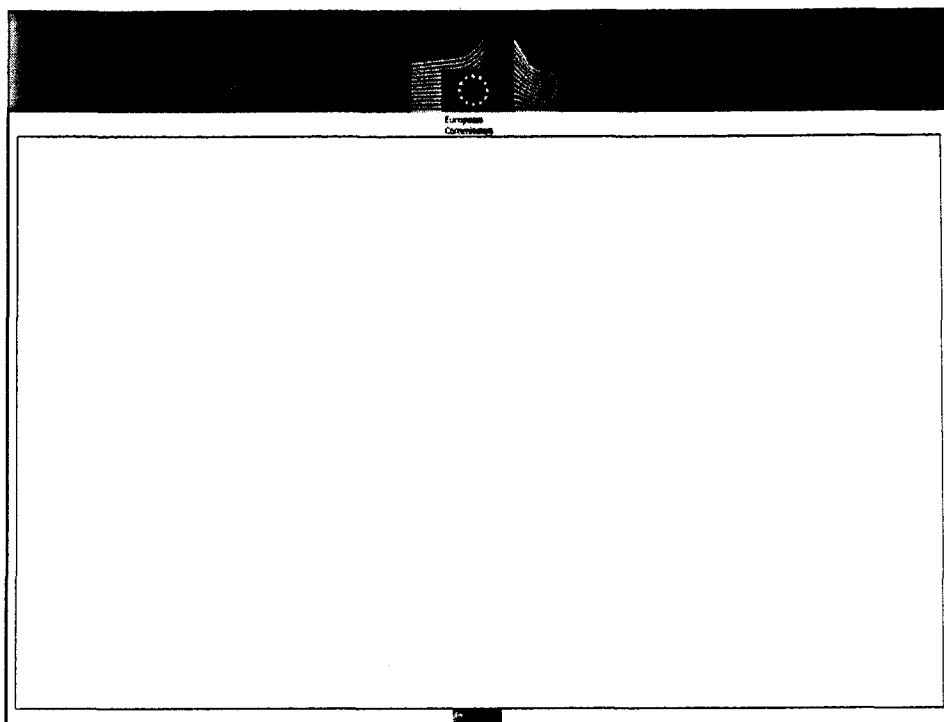


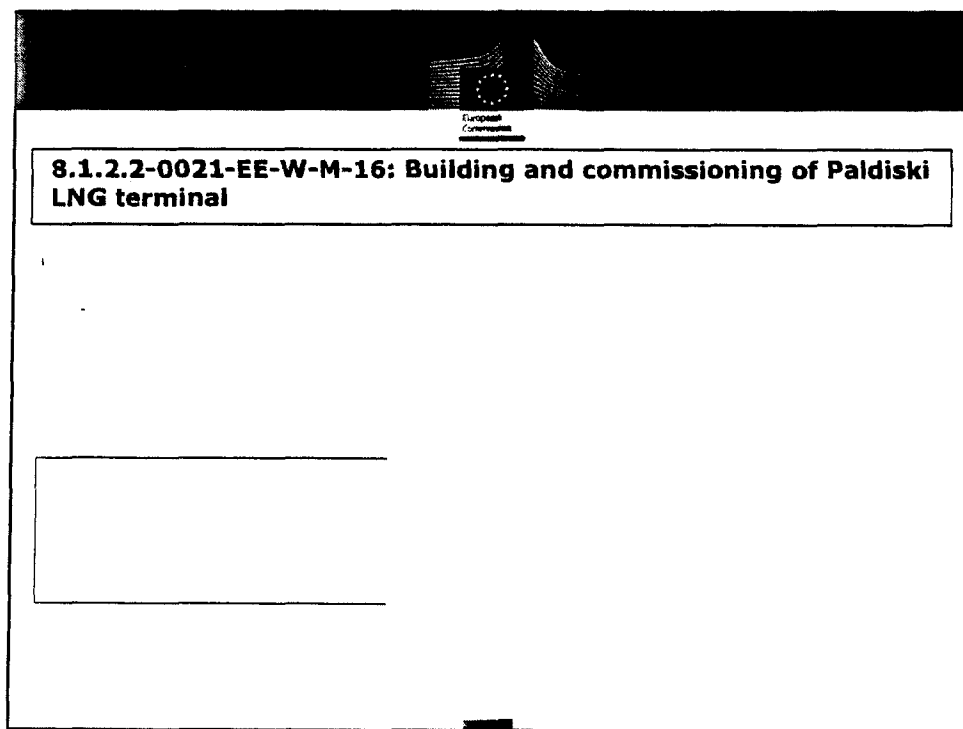
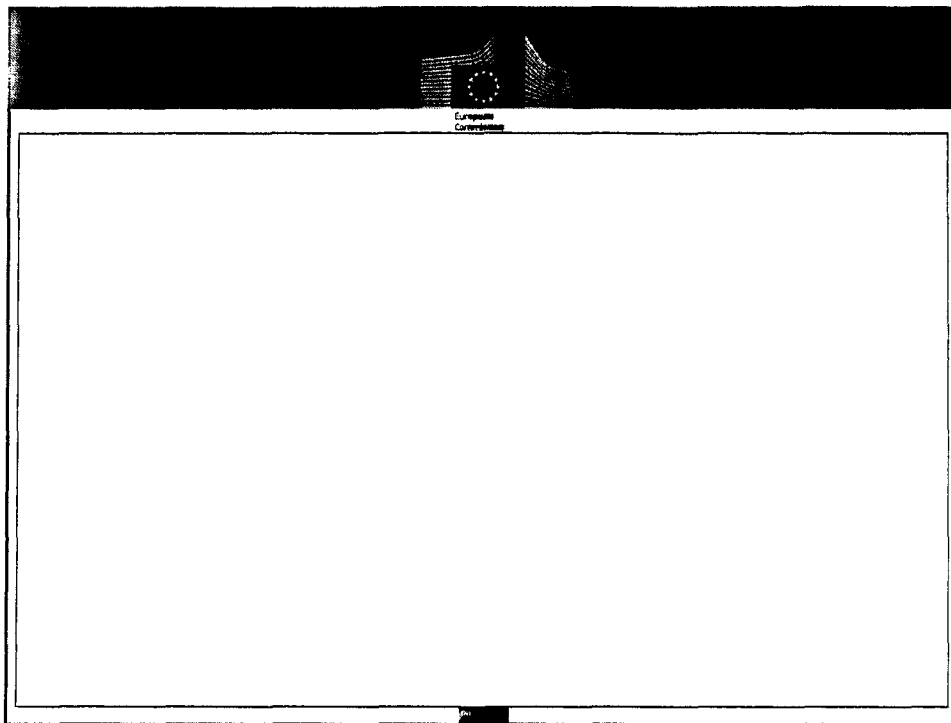


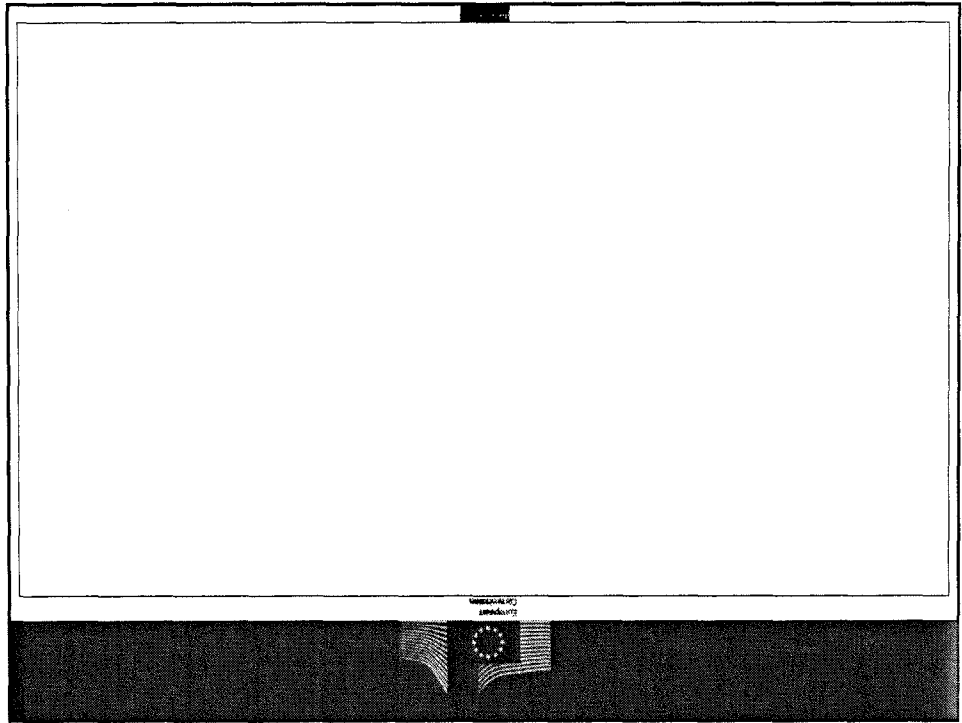
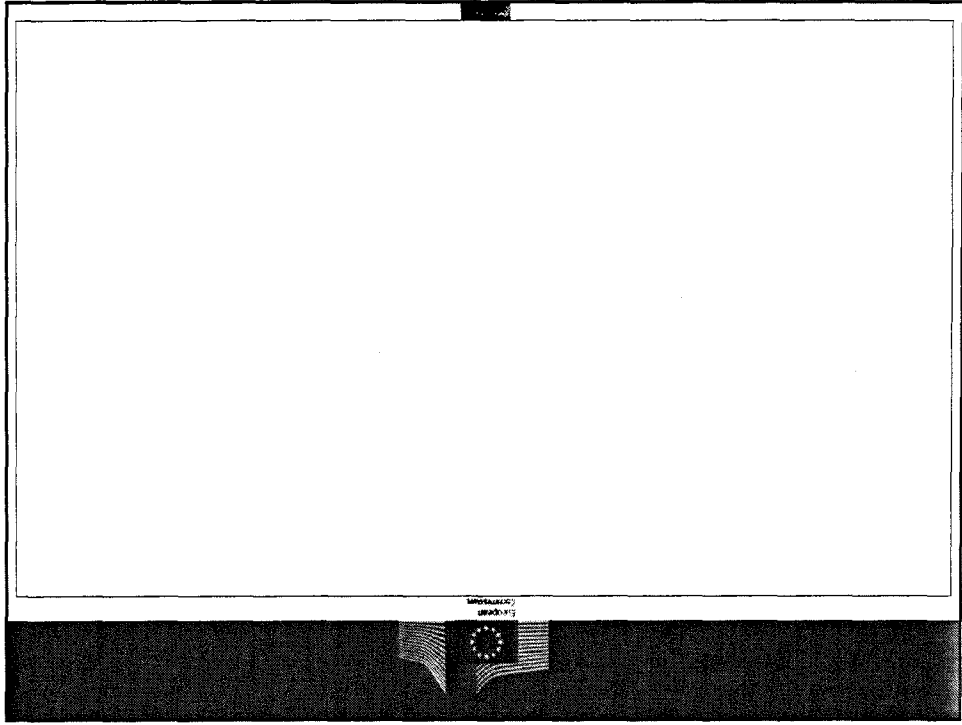














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**MINUTES OF THE CEF COORDINATION COMMITTEE – ENERGY FORMATION
BRUSSELS – 17 FEBRUARY 2017**

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The aim of this CEF Coordination Committee (Energy formation) meeting was to discuss and subsequently to express its formal opinion on the proposal for a Commission Implementing Decision on the selection and award of grants for actions contributing to projects of common interest under the Connecting Europe Facility in the field of trans-European energy infrastructure for the second call for proposals in 2016¹. The list of participants is attached (Annex 1).

The Chairman, Director [REDACTED] welcomed the Committee Members and presented the agenda. The agenda was adopted.

The Chair reminded the Committee members that they can only vote on the full list of proposed actions to be co-financed and that no changes can be brought to the list.

The Chair informed that, after the positive vote of the Committee, the Decision will be formally adopted by the Commission in March this year and INEA will then start preparing the grant agreements.

Mr [REDACTED] Deputy Head of Unit B. 1 in DG ENER, gave a short introduction on the proposals received within the CEF Energy 2016 Call 2 (CEF-E-2016-2) call for proposals, as well as an overview of the evaluation process followed.

2. Presentation and discussion on the proposed list of Actions to be granted CEF financial support

All the proposals submitted were presented in front of the Committee. The aim of the presentation was to explain why proposals were selected or rejected.

¹ <https://ec.europa.eu/inea/en/connecting-europe-facility/cef-energy/calls/2016-cef-energy-calls-proposals>

3. Opinion of the Committee on the proposed list of Actions to be granted CEF financial support for the Second 2016 CEF Energy Call for Proposals (CEF-Energy-2016-2)

After this presentation and a discussion with Member States, the Committee then delivered its positive opinion:

- Absent: Austria, Luxemburg and Denmark
- Abstentions: Romania and Estonia
- Positive: all the other Member States

Lithuania, Malta and Sweden, have delegated their positive vote to Latvia, Greece and Finland respectively.

4. Presentation and discussion of the CEF Energy draft multiannual work programme 2017 (draft Commission implementing decision establishing the multiannual work programme for granting financial aid in the field of trans-European energy infrastructure under the Connecting Europe Facility for the period 2014-2020)

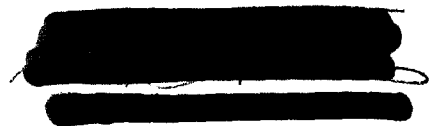
A presentation was given by the Commission on the draft Commission implementing decision establishing the multiannual work programme for granting financial aid in the field of trans-European energy infrastructure under the Connecting Europe Facility for the period 2014-2020. The Chair informed the Committee Members about the intention to ask the opinion of the Committee in writing (examination procedure with urgency), in line with the Committee's rules of procedures.

5. Presentation of the state of play of the ongoing mid-term evaluation of the CEF Programme

A presentation of state of play on the CEF Mid Term evaluation was also given.

6. Information on Action Status Reports (ASRs) for Grant Agreements and their certification by Member States

INEA provided an info point on the certification by Member States for the Action Status Reports under the Grant Agreements.



Annexes

- 1: List of participants
- 2: Draft Commission Implementing Decision on the selection and award of grants for actions contributing to projects of common interest under the Connecting Europe Facility in the field of trans-European energy infrastructure

Annex: List of participants

Country	Organisation / Title
Belgium	Ministry for Economy, General Directorate Energy
Bulgaria	Ministry of Energy
Croatia	Ministry of Environment and Energy
Czech Republic	Permanent Representation of Czech Republic to the EU
Cyprus	MECIT
Estonia	Permanent Representation of Estonia to the EU
Finland	Permanent Representation of Finland to the EU
France	Ministry of the Environment, Energy and Sea
Germany	Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy
Greece	Permanent Representation of Greece to the EU
Hungary	Ministry of National Development
Ireland	Permanent Representation of Ireland to the EU
Italy	Ministry of Economic Development
Latvia	Ministry of Economics of the Republic of Latvia
The Netherlands	Permanent Representation of the Netherlands to the EU
Poland	Ministry of Energy
Portugal	Directorate General for Energy and Geology
Romania	Ministry of Regional Development, Public Administration and European Funds
Slovenia	Ministry of Infrastructure
Slovakia	Permanent Representation of Slovakia to the EU
Spain	Permanent Representation of Spain to the EU
The United Kingdom	BEIS
<i>European Union</i>	<i>The European Commission, DG ENER</i> <i>INEA Agency (observer)</i>



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Brussels, 14.3.2017
C(2017) 1593 final

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION

of 14.3.2017

on the selection and award of grants for actions contributing to projects of common interest under the Connecting Europe Facility in the field of trans-European energy infrastructure

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COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION

of 14.3.2017

on the selection and award of grants for actions contributing to projects of common interest under the Connecting Europe Facility in the field of trans-European energy infrastructure

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1316/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing the Connecting Europe Facility, amending Regulation (EU) No 913/2010 and repealing Regulations (EC) No 680/2007 and (EC) No 67/2010¹, and in particular Article 18(1) thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 347/2013 of European Parliament and of the Council of 17 April 2013 on guidelines for trans-European energy infrastructure and repealing Decision No 1364/2006/EC and amending Regulations (EC) No 713/2009, (EC) No 714/2009 and (EC) No 715/2009² and in particular Articles 14 and 15 thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union³, and in particular Article 133(2) thereof,

Having regard Commission Delegated Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012 on the rules of application of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, and in particular Article 204(5) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Implementing Decision C(2014) 2080⁴ establishes a multiannual work programme for granting financial aid in the field of trans-European energy infrastructure under the Connecting Europe Facility for the period 2014-2020.
- (2) Based on that multiannual work programme, a call for proposals for grants in the field of the trans-European energy infrastructure under the Connecting Europe Facility for the period 2014-2020 was published on 30th June 2016⁵.
- (3) The call for proposals was closed on 8th November 2016. Twenty-three (23) proposals were submitted in response to the call. Twenty-two (22) proposals complied with the formal requirements and were assessed against the evaluation criteria. Eighteen (18)

¹ OJ L 348, 20.12.2013, p. 129

² OJ L 115, 25.4.2013, p. 39

³ OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

⁴ Commission Decision amending Commission Implementing Decision C(2014)2080 establishing the multiannual work programme for granting financial aid in the field of trans-European energy infrastructure under the Connecting Europe Facility for the period 2014-2020, C(2016) 1587 final of 17.3.2016

⁵ OJ 2016/C 236/47 of 30.6.2016

proposals were selected to receive financial assistance under the Connecting Europe Facility.

- (4) An evaluation of proposals was carried out pursuant to Article 133 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 and Article 204(1) of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1268/2012⁶.
- (5) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Connecting Europe Facility Coordination Committee,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

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The proposals listed in Annex are selected and awarded grants for maximum amounts as set out in the Annex.

Done at Brussels, 14.3.2017

For the Commission
Miguel ARIAS CAÑETE
Member of the Commission

⁶ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012 on the rules of application of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (OJ L 362, 31.12.2012, p. 1).

ANNEX

Reference	Action title	Applicant(s)	Maximum EU financial assistance in EUR
1.10-0016-UKNO-S-M-16	NorthConnect Studies and preparatory activities leading to investment decision	NORTHCONNECT KS	10,756,224.00
1.12-0023-UK-W-M-16	CAES Larne Implementation	Gaelectric Energy Storage Limited	90,000,000.00
1.6-0024-IEFR-S-M-16	Initial Design and Pre-Consultation of France - Ireland Interconnector	EirGrid plc / RTE Reseau de Transport d'Electricite	4,000,000.00
2.10-0017-DE-S-M-16	Developing the SuedLink	TenneT TSO GmbH / TransnetBW GmbH	40,250,000.00
2.7-0001-FRES-S-M-16	Additional studies for the new Atlantic electrical interconnection between Spain and France	RESEAU DE TRANSPORT D'ELECTRICITE / RED ELECTRICA DE ESPANA S.A.U.	6,250,000.00
3.10.1-0004-CYEL-S-M-16	EuroAsia Interconnector - Final Detailed Studies Prior to Project Implementation	EuroAsia Interconnector Limited	14,500,000.00
4.2.3-0008-LV-W-M-16	Internal line between Riga CHP 2 and Riga HPP	Augstsprieguma tikls AS / Latvijas elektriskie tikli AS	9,990,000.00
10.3-0022-SIHR-W-M-16	Implementation of the SINCRO.GRID PCI - Phase 1	ELES, Ltd., Electricity Transmission System Operator / Hrvatski operator prijenosnog sustava d.o.o. / SODO sistemski operater distribucijskega omrežja z elektricno energijo, d.o.o. / HEP Operator distribucijskog sustava d.o.o. (HEP-ODS)	40,489,013
5.1.1-0005-UKIE-S-M-16	Physical reverse flow at Moffat interconnection point (Ireland/United Kingdom)	GNI (UK) Limited	925,000.00
6.2.1-0019-SKPL-W-M-16	Construction works for the Poland - Slovakia Gas Interconnection	eustream, a.s. / Operator Gazociagow Przesylowych GAZ-SYSTEM S.A.	107,741,144.00

6.24.1-0011-HU-S-M-16	Preparation of EIA and obtainment of the environmental permits for the Hungarian part of the RO-HU-AT corridor	FGSZ Natural Gas Transmission Private Company limited by Shares	922,500.00
6.25.1-0010-SKHU-S-M-16	Feasibility Study for the Easting project	eustream, a.s.	1,000,000.00
6.25.4-0015-BG-S-M-16	Feasibility Study on the Balkan Gas Hub	Bulgartransgaz EAD	920,500.00
6.5.1-0014-HR-S-M-16	Studies for the LNG terminal Krk FSRU solution	LNG Hrvatska d.o.o.	747,000.00
6.5.1-0018-HR-W-M-16	Construction of LNG terminal Krk	LNG Hrvatska d.o.o.	101,400,000.00
6.8.2-0026-BG-S-M-16	Preparatory activities for rehabilitation of the transmission system's section PF Valchi dol-VS Preselka	Bulgartransgaz EAD	182,000.00
7.1.3-0013-ELIT-S-M-16	Archeological Trial Trench Investigations & Rescue Excavations	Trans-Adriatic Pipeline AG Italy	14,018,347.00
8.2.4-0025-LV-S-M-16	Inčukalns underground gas storage - study of increased flexibility and use as strategic gas storage	Joint Stock Company "Latvijas Gaze"	150,000.00