

Conclusions of the 2019 Energy Infrastructure Forum

1. The Forum agrees that the regulatory frameworks are largely in place to allow projects contributing to security of supply to be implemented. There is a need for further analysing including reliability and system service, from the overall system security perspective.

Regarding the uptake of innovative technologies, further improvements are necessary at the transmission and distribution level. The Forum invites the Copenhagen School for Energy Infrastructure together with Florence School of Regulation to further work on the topic and also organise roundtables transmission and distribution on uptake of innovative technologies in investments and report to the next Forum.

The Forum invites the NRAs to review their regulatory practice in light of the study recommendations. CEER and regulators are invited to present a progress report at the next Forum.

2. The Forum agrees on the necessity to speed up in the implementation of needed electricity transmission projects. The Forum agrees that the current CBA methodology may not sufficiently capture the benefits stemming from the timely implementation of the projects. The Forum asks ENTSO-E, ACER, RGI and relevant stakeholders to work together to complement the CBA methodology to be used at the national and European level.

The Forum invites the Commission to organise roundtables with ACER, TSOs, RGI and National Competent Authorities [one-stop shops] to further elaborate on the regulatory conditions and the timely implementation of projects. The outcomes are to be presented during the 2020 Forum.

3. The Forum welcomes the outcomes of the roundtable on the scenario consistency along the value chain, more specifically:
 - Between National Development Plans – Ten-year Network development Plans – Projects of Common Interest and Cross-border Cost allocation is necessary to have at least one consistent scenario.
 - For the PCI and the CBCA [for CEF application] the same scenario is to be used in order to assess the European benefits and the cross-border impact under the same assumptions

The Forum acknowledges the fact that the solutions for system needs are to be identified and tackled at the system level including non-infrastructure solution and asks the ENTSOs to assess and address this in the development of the interlinked model.

The Forum welcomes the ENTSOs roadmap to include in the interlinkage also the interlinks and interactions at the projects level.

The Forum invites the Commission to organise roundtables with the relevant DSOs associations on the gas and electricity interlinks at the distribution level and to present the outcomes in next Forum.

4. The Forum agrees on the need to strengthen the interlinkage between DSOs and TSOs on coordination and grid planning in gas and electricity. The Forum acknowledges that a good cooperation between the TSOs and DSOs is based on mutually respecting each other responsibility and tasks, will allow a proper dimensioning and use of the system flexibility.

Future EU DSOs entity for electricity and gas would further facilitate the cooperation.

The Forum invites the ENTSOs and the DSO organisations to further elaborate on this topic and present a concrete roadmap, starting with the scenarios building and coordination principles, for the TSO-DSO cooperation in grid planning included possibly in the next ENTSOs' TYNDPs. The Forum invites the ENTSOs and DSO organisations to present the outcome of the exercise in the next Forum.