

TEN consultation process

As reported in the “Revision of the TEN Guidelines” the creation of a more favourable context is absolutely necessary for investment in energy networks, given that the construction of new energy projects requires the full support of not only all energy market participants but also of governmental and local authorities.

With reference to the open questions of the Internet based consultation we propose:

- regarding **the administrative support measures** (1.a):

The Commission should really promote cooperation between Member States with a view to easing authorisation procedures for projects on Trans-European energy networks in order to reduce delays and associated costs.

Notably we propose a single authorisation procedure for TEN projects and its appurtenances necessary for the functioning of the infrastructure, with fixed terms.

In this context, when a project is inserted on TEN programme as priority project at community level, it should be identified as a priority project also at national level, taking advantage in such a way of simplified institutional and regulatory framework stated at this level.

- regarding the **financial support measures** (1.b):

Inadequacy of the EU budget dedicated to TEN projects

Progressive rate of the financing with respect of the development phase of the project (eg. feasibility study → higher risk → higher financing)

2) Incentive to new investments

It appears absolutely necessary an agreement amongst Member State for a consistent administrative procedure with respect to projects involving several countries.

3) Priority projects

- priority axe NG2: modify as follows: new pipeline from Algeria ~~to~~ through Sardinia and Corsica and mainland Italy
- priority axe NG3: insert the following projects: “expansion of the national Turkish and Greek transmission network”
- priority axe NG4 / NG5 (LNG terminals/ Underground Storage): important to point out that they include the pipes and its appurtenances necessary for the exercise of the LNG terminal/ Underground Storage.