

## RGI Strategy

### RGI Mission Statement, Strategic Objectives and their Supporting Activities and Organisational Enablers

#### 1. RGI Mission Statement

RGI is a unique collaboration of NGOs and TSOs from across Europe engaging in an 'energy transition ecosystem-of-actors'. We promote fair, transparent, sustainable grid development to enable the growth of renewables to achieve full decarbonisation in line with the Paris Agreement.

#### 2. Strategic Objective 1

##### 2.1 Strategic Objective

RGI explores and communicates the need for grids for enabling the transition to a fully decarbonised energy system based on renewables.

##### 2.2 Supporting Activities regarding Strategic Objective 1

- RGI engages in an 'energy transition ecosystem-of-actors' by establishing a strong network of external stakeholders that are part of the energy system of the future.
- RGI, within this 'energy transition ecosystem-of-actors', takes action to increase the joint understanding about the role and need for sustainable grid infrastructure in a fully decarbonised energy system.
- RGI communicates and promotes findings to relevant European and national institutions – when possible together with the 'energy transition ecosystem-of-actors'.
- RGI Members speak up for each other in explaining the role of grids in a fully decarbonised energy system which combines both centralised and decentralised elements as well as sector coupling/sector integration.
- RGI Members acknowledge that grids can be built caring about nature concerns and with respect for stakeholders' needs and expectations. They also acknowledge that under certain conditions and in some spaces, grids can enhance local biodiversity.

#### 3. Strategic Objective 2

##### 3.1 Strategic Objective

RGI promotes and initiates innovative approaches to enable a fair, transparent and environmentally sensitive grid development.

##### 3.2 Supporting Activities regarding Strategic Objective 2

- RGI collects and facilitates the development of Best Practice solutions for fair and environmentally sensitive grid development with a special emphasis on nature conservation, transparency and participation across Europe both in the development of new grids and modernising or maintaining the existing infrastructure.
- RGI effectively disseminates, communicates and supports the implementation of best practice solutions.
- RGI actively instigates and facilitates cooperation between TSOs and NGOs to jointly work on better processes at local, regional and national level in “RGI countries” and with the European Institutions.
- RGI seizes opportunities to learn from best practices outside of European “RGI countries” and from beyond Europe.

## 4. Strategic Objective 3

### 4.1 Strategic Objective

RGI brings together different perspectives, facilitates learning and sharing in the ‘energy transition ecosystem-of-actors’ and creates policy, regulatory and societal support for needed grids and the energy transition.

### 4.2 Supporting Activities regarding Strategic Objective 3

- The RGI Secretariat and RGI Members continuously engages with relevant stakeholders to understand policy, regulatory and societal challenges and define possible actions.
- RGI actively engages with institutions such as the European Commission, ENTSO-E, ENTSO-G and ACER to promote activities which help to explain the role of grids in the energy system of the future and to define and implement best practice processes.
- The above included activities and interventions such as, but is not limited to, workshops, demonstration projects, communication activities and supporting coalition building efforts.
- RGI develops state-of-discussion documents, position papers and policy briefings which elaborate on open issues, explain the role of grids to enable the growth of renewables to achieve full decarbonisation in line with the Paris Agreement and how to implement better processes. RGI uses these documents for communication purposes.

## 5. Organisational Enablers

- RGI provides the leading platform for cooperation between TSOs and NGOs; the Secretariat facilitates the continued dialogue of all partners and fosters an atmosphere of trust and mutual understanding of the different but jointly reinforcing roles of RGI partners in society. This will increasingly encompass the

exchange with organisations which are not RGI Members but form part of an 'energy transition ecosystem-of-actors'.

- RGI helps to establish new TSO/NGO relationships to enable the implementation of strategic objectives.
- Where appropriate, RGI supports NGO fundraising activities and considers further NGO Members' needs in the search for funding funnels. This with the purpose of securing adequate and targeted NGO participation/ contributions to achieve the strategic objectives.
- The secretariat ensures that the added value for RGI Members is always clear by:
  - transparently communicating the nature, purpose and outcomes of the Secretariat's work.
  - regularly reviewing RGI activities with its Members.
- RGI focuses on new members and partnerships to establish an 'energy transition ecosystem-of-actors' by systematically engaging other players of the energy system of the future. This will allow RGI to build a common understanding, to broaden its stakeholder representation and intervention opportunities and to jointly communicate where possible and appropriate.