

## RGI PCI Workshop “Understanding projects of Common (European) Interest – Concrete examples on how to implement the TEN-E Regulation”

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A workshop in cooperation with ENTSO-E and the European Commission

### Workshop topics

- What is important for the successful implementation of the TEN-E regulation on the ground?
- How to best implement the TEN-E regulation?

### Participation

>90 participants from TSOs, NGOs, authorities, industry, academia and politics

### Key messages

- The NGO community is understanding the need for a European grid and supports its development for the sake of renewables expansion
- The NGO community is largely aware of the PCI process, is committed and willing to collaborate with TSOs and project developers to make the process a success
- For a fast and sustainable development of the grid, impacts on nature have to be addressed at an early point in time and suitable measures to avoid them have to be taken. Both TSOs and NGOs agree that a development of the grid under full respect of natural environmental legislation is possible
- TSOs are ready to learn and implement in the best way possible the TEN-E regulation in terms of participatory processes and environmental legislation
- Information and decision making of consultations should be based on transparency
- Monitoring of projects should be required to publicly share experiences and lessons learned
- Permitting procedures should be of high quality and efficiency
- Permitting procedures, and especially instances for consultation on the regional level, are so far not fully understood and need to be better defined and explained

### Main outcomes

#### **1. Stakeholders**

- Design multi-stakeholder approaches to evaluate projects and identify PCIs
- Build on the expertise of various stakeholder groups
- Allow external stakeholders to apply sensitivities to grid plans through open-access modelling
- Ensure financing for NGO capacity is available

#### **2. Win public support**

- Communicate a positive story about PCIs and their linkage to renewables
- Develop a long-term energy vision
- Explain to the broad public PCI identification procedures
- Enable the public to be involved in both grid planning and implementation
- Develop a communication management strategy

#### **3. Implementation**

- Identify projects that are coherent with Europe’s carbon and renewable ambitions
- Allow the time to build capacity, including among TSOs and regulators

#### **4. Monitoring**

- Define the purpose of monitoring
- Appoint an institution with the mandate to monitor
- Define who should be monitored
- Consult at an early stage with stakeholders and define what to monitor

### Next steps

- RGI and environmental NGOs to engage with the activities of the PCI Regional Groups
- The PCI selection process will be further developed and improved as the process is repeated over the coming years; RGI and ENTSO-E intend to reconvene in a year’s time to present lessons learned and best practices

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