

Projects of Common Interest – Implementation Monitoring

PCIs should be implemented as soon as possible and be closely monitored and evaluated. Meanwhile administrative burdens for project promoters should be kept to a minimum.

Implementation & Monitoring:

The Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER) and the regional groups concerned are responsible for monitoring the progress of the PCI's implementation and if needed, make recommendations to facilitate it. Progress is evaluated by drawing on the project promoter's implementation plan that, provided at the initial stage, includes a timetable of the anticipated project timeline and comparing this to the **annual report** that is to be submitted by the project promoter to the competent permitting authority and ACER and/or respective regional group by 31 March every year.

Within 3 months of receiving the annual reports, ACER must submit a **consolidated report** to the regional groups that both discloses the progress made and provides recommendations on overcoming delays/difficulties. Meanwhile, the competent permitting authority is also to report to the respective groups each year and report on progress and delays.

The Implementation Report of the EU:

The European Commission **published a report on the on-going implementation of PCIs** which was presented in November 2015¹. This report includes information on the processes progress and if applicable, delays/difficulties encountered; the funds engaged and disbursed by the Union on PCIs; the evolution of the interconnection levels between Member States and its corresponding evolution of energy prices; permit granting and public participation; regulators treatment, 2020 climate targets and the 2050 low-carbon economy target.

PCI Transparency Platform:

The TEN-E regulation required from the Commission is required to establish an **infrastructure transparency platform** that provides a publicly accessible link to the official websites of the project promoters. This platform includes all relevant project information from **general** facts to the implementation plan, cost-benefit analysis results, the PCI list and the allocation of funds. All information must be kept updated, including the current status of any given project.

More information:

The EU's Guidelines for trans-European Energy Infrastructure: **Regulation** (please refer to Article 5: "Implementation & Monitoring")
The **infrastructure transparency platform** is accessible via this **link**.

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¹ https://ec.europa.eu/energy/sites/ener/files/documents/7_2%20PCI%20CSWD.pdf