

## INSPIRE-Grid – Improved and Enhanced Stakeholder Participation in the Reinforcement of the Electricity Grid

### The project

With ten partners from six different countries, INSPIRE-Grid aims to increase stakeholder engagement in grid expansion projects, better manage conflicts, and speed up the permitting process. By way of an interdisciplinary approach, INSPIRE-Grid will develop stakeholder-led processes and design an expert-led European good practice guide. Methods to facilitate decision-making will be newly combined with engagement tools and tested with stakeholders from existing or concluded grid development project case studies.

### Objectives

The overarching goal of the project is to improve the support of future grid infrastructure development. This will be done by developing a methodology for stakeholder engagement in the decision-making process of grid development projects.

### Main activities

- Identify major stakeholders' concerns and needs and how they are currently addressed
- Determine the relevant practices of consultation process and permitting procedures in EU countries and select best practices
- Develop environmental and social methodologies for the evaluation of the project's impacts and their use for proactive stakeholder engagement
- Improve involvement processes and conflict management
- Implement case studies to validate the project results
- Develop guidelines and recommendations on public and stakeholder participation and permit granting for trans-European electricity infrastructure

### Partners

**Coordinator:** RSE SpA (Ricerca sul Sistema Energetico)  
**Research:** ARMINES (Association pour la recherche et le développement des méthodes et processus industriels), ETHZ (Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule Zürich), IZES (Institut für ZukunftsEnergieSysteme), PIK (Potsdam-Institut für Klimafolgenforschung), Poliedra (Poliedra Centri di Conoscenza e Formazione del Politecnico di Milano)  
**TSOs:** National Grid (UK), RTE (France), Statnett (Norway)  
**Association:** RGI

### Timeframe

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