
Electricity Infrastructure Workshop

13 February from 9.30 to 16.00

DIAMANT Conference & Business Centre, 80 Bd. A. Reyers, 1030 Brussels

BACKGROUND

Building critical electric power grid infrastructure - primarily Electricity High Voltage (EHV) lines and transformers - is the key prerequisite for the electricity market development and also for secure electric power supply.

Over the past decades, Europe has seen a number of crucial infrastructure projects coming to a standstill for different reasons. One key reason concerns the difficulties obtaining authorisations and permission procedures that last many years. Whereas the aspects of incentives for building the new infrastructure as well as sharing of risks and costs in such crucial infrastructure projects deserve thorough study and efficient solutions, speeding-up authorisations and making the processes efficient throughout Europe equally for the cross-border and the inter-control-area projects is regarded by the CEER as the most important pre-condition for such projects to realize.

The CEER therefore organises this workshop, inviting representatives from the European Commission, the Member States, TSOs and their branch organisations ETSO, UCTE, Nordel, UKTSOA, ATSOI and Baltija in order to achieve the following:

- Exchange practical experiences from the field / actual projects – from the perspective of TSOs, regulators, and law makers (Member States);
- Identify the reasons for the delay;
- Identify the areas of work and requirements to be resolved in the future in order to speed-up the development of electricity infrastructure projects.

AGENDA

9.30 – 9.40	Opening address <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation by Ms Asta Sihvonen-Punkka, CEER Electricity WG Chair
9.40 – 10.20	Cross-border framework for Transmission Network Infrastructure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation by Mr Shaun Kent, CEER
10.20 – 11.00	Strategic Energy Review and Priority Interconnection Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation by Mr Wolfgang Kerner, DG TREN European Commission
11.00 – 12.00	Practical experiences – lessons learned <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Austria – completing the 380 kV ring, presentation by Mr Gerhard Christiner, Verbund APG - Spain-France interconnection, presentation by Mr Martín Portillo, REE & Jean Verseille, RTE - Nordic grid extensions, presentation by Mr Ulf Moberg, Svenska Kraftnät - "Interconnection of the Cycladic Islands to the Greek mainland system via submarine cables" presentation by Dr Athanassios Koronides /Dr Stamatina Efstathiou, HTSO, Dr Nikolaos Boulaxis, RAE
12.00 – 12.30	How to balance the public's concerns and critical infrastructure construction? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation by Mr Matti Vainio, DG ENV, European Commission
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch break
13.30 – 14.30	Are underground 380 kV cables an option? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation by Frank Vandenberghe, ELIA, (member of ETSO Steering Committee) - Comments by regulators
14.30 – 15.30	Further steps, views and comments by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The European Commission - ETSO, UCTE, Nordel, UKTSOA, ATSOI, Baltija - CEER
15.30 – 16.00	Closing remarks