

CEER Specialised Training on Projects of Common Interest

16 – 17 October 2017

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COURSE PROGRAMME

Energy infrastructure development is an essential element of the European Union's strategy for completing the internal energy market, integrating renewables and ensuring security of energy supply. Regulation (EU) No 347/2013 (commonly known as TEN-E Regulation or Energy Infrastructure Package - EIP) sets out a legislative framework for infrastructure planning and project implementation at the EU level. Projects of Common Interest (PCIs) are the most important hardware links and provide a significant contribution to the objectives of European energy policy. The Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER), National Regulatory Authorities (NRAs) and other competent authorities have been closely involved in the implementation of the EIP.

In order to contribute to improving the planning and implementation of electricity and gas transmission infrastructure at the EU level, staff from NRAs and other competent authorities need to have in-depth knowledge of the scenarios and cost-benefit analysis (CBA) methodologies used for the development of the Ten-Year Network Development Plans (TYNDPs). They need to understand the challenges in the implementation of the infrastructure projects and information requirements for the selection of PCIs as well as the main principles and challenges of Cross-Border Cost Allocation (CBCA).

This tailored-made 2-day CEER training programme is designed for staff from NRAs and other competent authorities who want to enhance their knowledge on the fundamentals and challenges in the implementation of the EIP and the PCI process in practice. The programme will cover the fundamentals and highlights of the EIP and PCIs, including the methodology applied for the PCI selection process, Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA) and Cross-Border Cost Allocation (CBCA). It will include the practical experiences and challenges of the PCI implementation, practical CBCA case studies as well as risk-related incentives for PCIs from different countries.

Monday, 16 October 2017

10:30-17:45

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

10:30-10:45 Opening remarks and round-table introduction of the participants.

- **Mr Deniz Erdem, CEER, BNetzA**

SESSION 1 FUNDAMENTALS AND HIGHLIGHTS OF ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE PACKAGE AND PROJECTS OF COMMON INTEREST

This introductory session explores the fundamentals and targets of TEN-E Regulation, the Energy Infrastructure Package and examines the process of Projects of Common Interest (PCIs) in practice. It addresses the methodology applied for the PCI selection process, Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA), Cross-Border Cost Allocation (CBCA) and sheds lights on their basic principles. What are the aims and challenges of the implementation of the PCI selection, CBA and CBCA at the European level? Different views from different stakeholders involved in the process will be presented to give a comprehensive picture of how it works in practice and how to improve the fundamentals and practices of the Energy Infrastructure Package.

10:45-12:00 Importance of Projects of Common Interest for European energy policy targets, TEN-E Regulation at a glance, financing framework of PCIs according to TEN-E Regulation and current activities of the European Commission.

- **Ms Catharina Sikow-Magny, European Commission, tbc**

Q&A/Discussion

12:00-13:00 Lunch Break – CEER Office

13:00-14:45 Cross-sectoral development of scenarios and project specific Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA) for establishing the Ten Year Network Development Plans and the PCI lists.

- **Ms Irina Mihaela Minciuna, ENTSO-E**
- **Mr Riccardo Vailati, AEEGSI**

Q&A/Discussion

14:45-15:15 Practices and improvements of the CBA methodologies for electricity and gas.

- **Mr Nico Keyaerts, FSR**

Q&A/Discussion

15:15-15:30 Coffee Break

15:30-17:30 The main principles and challenges of CBCA and roundtable discussion to exchange views on how to improve the fundamentals and practices of the Energy Infrastructure Package.

- **Lecturer tbc, BNetzA**
- **Mr Nico Keyaerts, FSR**
- **Mr Boyko Nitzov or Emmanouil Santorinaios, ACER, tbc**
- **Lecturer tbc, European Commission**

Q&A/Discussion

Roundtable discussion

17:30-17:45 Wrap up of Day 1.

- **Mr Deniz Erdem, CEER, BNetzA**

17:45-18:45 Reception drinks – For those who wish to join, we will host a small drinks reception at the CEER office – all participants and lecturers welcome!

- END FIRST DAY -

Tuesday, 17 October 2017
09:00-16:30

09:00-09:15 Opening remarks and a short wrap-up of 1st day.

- **Mr Deniz Erdem, CEER, BNetzA**

SESSION 2 PRACTICAL IMPLEMENTATION OF PCIs AND CASE STUDIES

This session explores the practical implementation of PCIs and elaborates monitoring issues, timely implementation of permit granting processes, public participation and cross-border coordination cases for national authorities. What are the new tasks of One-Stop-Shop (OSS) in case of cross-border impacts and projects? On which issues do National Regulatory Authorities (NRAs) have to cooperate with each other and how? This session also provides an overview of the financial assistance of EU, i.e. Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) and obligations for project promoters. The practical experiences and challenges of the PCI implementation and practical CBCA cases studies from different countries will be presented and discussed.

09:15-10:15 Permitting, implementing, monitoring issues and the role of One-Stop-Shop.

- **Lecturer tbc, BNetzA**

Q&A/Discussion

10:15-11:00 PCIs funded by the CEF-Energy: Requirements and overview of the CEF grants.

- **Ms Ona Kostinaite-Grinkeviciene, Innovation and Networks Executive Agency (INEA)**

Q&A/Discussion

11:00-11:15 *Coffee break*

11:15-12:45 Experiences and challenges in the implementation of the PCI selection process.

- **Mr Boyko Nitzov or Emmanouil Santorinaios, ACER, tbc**
- **Mr Christian Cuijpers, CREG**

Q&A/ Discussion

12:45-13:45 *Lunch Break – CEER Office*

13:45-14:45 Case studies from NRAs bilateral CBCA Decisions.

- **Ms Héloïse Tixier, CRE**
- **Lecturer tbc**

Q&A/Discussion

14:45-15:30 Group work on NRAs bilateral CBCA Decisions.

- **Mr Deniz Erdem, CEER, BNetzA**

15:30-16:15 Risk-related incentives for PCIs.

- **Ms Hannah Muller, ACM**

Q&A/Discussion

16:15-16:30 Wrap-up of Day 2 and closing remarks.

- **Mr Deniz Erdem, CEER, BNetzA**

- END SECOND DAY -