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Public consultation for the evaluation of the TEN-E regulation

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Identification

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- a private individual
 - an organisation or a company
 - a public authority or an international organisation

*2. Please indicate your name, the name of your company, organisation, or institution for which you respond to this consultation.

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- YES
- NO
- Not applicable

* 4. Contact email address

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5. Where are you based and/or where do you carry out your activity?

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6.
Your contribution,

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7.
Do you have personal knowledge of the TEN-E Regulation and the PCI framework introduced by the regulation?

- *.
- YES
- NO

8.
Do you have any experience in participating in a public consultation process, as part of permit granting, for an energy infrastructure project in your area or elsewhere?

- *.
- YES
- NO

Relevance and coherence

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Do you know of any national or local policies that conflict with the idea of enhancing trans-European energy infrastructure?

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- YES
 NO

Effectiveness

10.

Do you think the implementation of the trans-European energy infrastructure which allow for interconnecting of national energy networks improves the energy systems and contributes to keeping energy prices in check?

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- Yes, I am aware of greater energy interconnection across the EU which helps to introduce more market competition
 Yes, I am aware that reinforcing our energy networks makes the system more secure
 Yes, I am aware that energy networks are becoming more integrated but I was unaware of the benefits that such integration brings
 No, I was not aware that markets across Europe were becoming better interconnected and more integrated

11.

Do you think the implementation of the TEN-E Regulation and development of trans-European energy infrastructure is helping Europe to develop more renewable energy?

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- Yes, I am aware of greater energy infrastructure across the EU which facilitates the development of renewable energy
 Yes, I am aware that renewable energy development has increased but was unaware of the connection to trans-European infrastructure
 No, I was not aware of the role for the trans-European energy infrastructure in enabling renewable energy development

12.

One of the aims of the TEN-E Regulation is to improve the transparency of the planning and development of energy infrastructure projects. Have you noticed any change in the transparency of the planning and building process since the TEN-E Regulation was implemented in 2013?

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- Yes, energy infrastructure planning and building has become more transparent in recent years
 Yes, opportunities for public participation in energy infrastructure development (e.g. public meetings, questionnaires, information notices) have increased in recent years
 No, I have not noticed any changes with regard to transparency of planning and building of energy infrastructure in recent years

13.

Do you feel that there are sufficient possibilities in your country to provide input into the planning and building process of energy infrastructure projects?

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- Yes, there are many possibilities to get involved in energy infrastructure planning and building (e.g. public meetings, questionnaires, information notices)
 There may be sufficient possibilities to get involved in energy infrastructure planning and building but I am not aware of them
 No, I would like to see more opportunities to participate in energy infrastructure development
 I am not interested in participating in energy infrastructure planning and building

Efficiency and EU added value

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14.

Do you think it is worthwhile for the EU to try to enhance regional cooperation to develop energy infrastructure?

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- Yes, it is important for the EU to enhance regional cooperation on energy infrastructure because there are similar challenges across borders
- Yes, it is important for the EU to enhance regional cooperation on energy infrastructure because national governments do not sufficiently prioritise cross-border links
- No, there is already sufficient level of regional cooperation on energy infrastructure
- No, regional cooperation on energy infrastructure is not necessary

Alternatives

15.

Do you have any suggestions on how to improve the PCI framework?

Denmark supports the overall aim of the Regulation to facilitate cross-border energy infrastructure. We believe this can be achieved through a common understanding of the implementation of the Regulation. Issues and challenges in this regard could well be discussed at the annual Energy Infrastructure Forum. On that basis, Denmark does not see a need to revise the Regulation.

Denmark has encountered different interpretations of the Regulation's requirements by the Member States' national competent authorities. This does not necessarily require changes to the Regulation but could be remedied through a common understanding of the Regulation.

Denmark has encountered uncertainties about responsibilities for other Member States' one-stop-shops. It is our assessment that more time and experience with the Regulation will probably solve these uncertainties.

It would be useful for the Member States to have the manuals of procedures accessible in more languages – not just their national language.

It has been a challenge for the project promoters to coordinate the first public consultation due to different national procedures and understandings of the Regulation. Some flexibility in the interpretation of the Regulation would be useful.

An example of this need for more flexibility is the Regulation's requirements that even projects only crossing a Member State's territory offshore must hold public meetings in the Member State concerned, even though there are no obvious parties to the hearing. It is our experience that there is little or no public interest in these hearings. Therefore, if possible, it would be helpful if the Regulation could be interpreted in a way that such situations could be exempted from holding public meetings – but of course with the possibility of involving citizens through written hearings.

Denmark and the rest of the EU has an interest in ensuring that projects of a common EU interest are implemented on time, as they reinforce security of supply and are a prerequisite for achieving the common goals of a genuine internal energy market. On that basis stronger follow-up mechanisms could be considered to ensure that projects of such major European importance are completed in due time.

16.

If you wish to add further information - within the scope of this questionnaire - please feel free to do so here.

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The Energy Infrastructure Regulation is important due to the significance of energy infrastructure in reaching EU energy goals.

Firstly, the expansion of adequate electricity connections between EU Member States is necessary to promote renewable energy integration, ensure a fully integrated and well-functioning internal market and increase supply security.

Secondly, infrastructure development should primarily take place on a market-driven basis and in accordance with the Infrastructure Regulation, avoiding undercutting and over-investment in infrastructure.

Thirdly, regional cooperation - such as Nordic cooperation - is a crucial tool for overcoming barriers to the expansion of infrastructure.

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