

## **GUIDELINES FOR TRANS-EUROPEAN ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE**

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### **Background**

Following up on its Energy Infrastructure Priorities Communication of November 2010, the European Commission published a package of legislative proposals on 19 October 2011 aiming at speeding up the development of infrastructure (energy, transport, broadband) by streamlining certain processes relevant for such development. With regards to energy (both electricity and gas), the Commission submitted to the Council and the European Parliament three legislative proposals, namely the proposal for

- Regulation on guidelines for trans-European energy infrastructure ('Infrastructure Guidelines')
- Regulation establishing the Connecting Europe Facility ('CEF')
- Regulation launching the Europe 2020 Project Bonds pilot

Taking into account the role given to ENTSOG in the Infrastructure Guidelines proposal as well as the importance of it for further development of European gas transmission network, ENTSOG considers it appropriate to provide its views on the proposal's relevant parts. These views aim at contributing to the establishment of a clear and truly incentivising environment for investments into gas infrastructure, especially gas transmission.

The accompanying document provides ENTSOG views as indicated above and, for the purpose of clarity, is divided into seven sections:

- General (proposal for action at the EU level)
- Identification of PCIs
- Cost-Benefit Analysis (CBA) methodology development
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- Permit Granting & Public Participation
- Regulatory Treatment (cross-border allocation, incentives)
- Financing