

# ***ENTSOG Practical implementation document for developing the 10-year network development plan (TYNDP) 2018***

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## 1 Introduction

The present document provides guidance to the project promoters on the procedural steps and administrative and technical requirements the project promoters need to comply with to have their projects included in the Union-wide 10-year network development plan (“TYNDP”) 2018. ENTSOG shall adopt the TYNDP every two years pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 715/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 on conditions for access to the natural gas transmission networks and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1775/2005 (hereafter “Regulation 715/2009”).

In line with the Regulation (EC) No 347/2013 on guidelines for trans-European energy infrastructure and repealing Decision No 1364/2006/EC and amending Regulations (EC) No 713/2009, (EC) No 714/2009 and (EC) No 715/2009 (hereafter “Regulation 347/2013”), the present document is addressed to all project promoters which are planning to develop a gas infrastructure project **of European relevance**: gas transmission pipeline, underground storage facilities, reception and storage and regasification or decompression facilities for liquefied natural gas (LNG) or compressed natural gas (CNG) or any equipment or installation essential for the system to operate safely, securely and efficiently or to enable bidirectional capacity.

This document should be read in conjunction with the “Commission Recommendation on Guidelines on equal treatment and transparency criteria to be applied by ENTSO-E and ENTSOG when developing their TYNDPs as set out in Annex III 2(5) of Regulation (EU) No 347/2013” planned to be adopted by the European Commission in February 2018. This Commission Recommendation sets the general framework for the structure, principles, adoption, revision and application of the present document.

Gas infrastructure can be an essential part of the future energy system, enabling the implementation of both existing and innovative carbon neutral gas technologies. Therefore, in line with the sustainability criteria defined in art. 4 of the Regulation 347/2013, promoters sponsoring projects aiming at reducing emissions, supporting intermittent renewables generation and enhancing the deployment of renewable gas (e.g. biomethane or power-to-gas) can submit their projects to TYNDP.

Project promoters are advised to read this document so that they understand the:

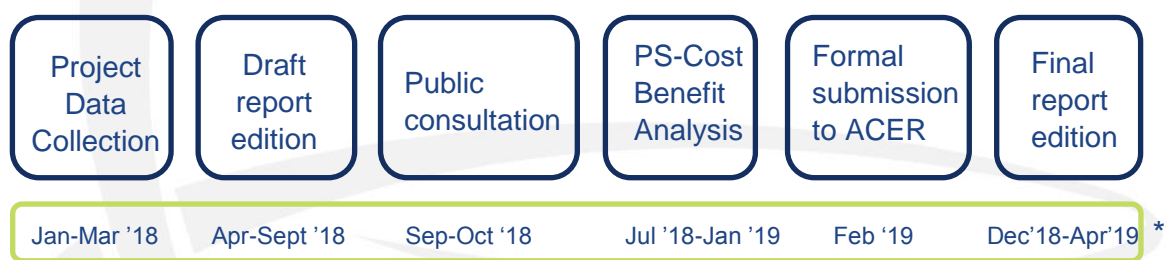
- Type of applicant the project promoter is;
- Administrative and technical criteria the promoters and their projects will be required to meet;
- Documents and information they will be required to submit to fulfil the criteria;
- Use and circulation of the information submitted, and;
- Other use of information regarding their application, including useful contact details.

By describing the TYNDP development - including application procedure, timelines, administrative and technical requirements, project promoters’ rights, access to data and confidentiality principles— this document implement the TEN-E Regulation Annex III 2.5 requirement of ensuring equal treatment and transparency of the TYNDP process.

## 2 TYNDP process

In order to ensure greater transparency regarding the development of the gas sector in the EU, ENTSOG shall draw up, publish and regularly update a non-binding TYNDP.

The TYNDP is a biennial plan built upon national and regional development plans as well as planned developments at a European scale. It aims at developing a European supply adequacy outlook and assessment of the resilience of the gas system, including identification of the investment gaps by identifying where missing infrastructure prevents achieving the pillars of the internal energy market. Furthermore, the TYNDP assesses how the submitted projects contribute to the improvement of the European gas system, mitigating the identified infrastructure gaps. The TYNDP also acts as a basis to derive the list of PCIs in the gas sector. The TYNDP process is represented in a schematic way in Figure 1 below:



\*Timeline and related described stages refer to TYNDP 2018 and are subject to the approval of the updated CBA Methodology 2.0).

Source: ENTSOG Annual Working Programme 2018

**Figure 1: Phases and timeline of the TYNDP 2018 development**

Candidates will have to submit their project applications within a particular data collection window of minimum 4 weeks which will be advertised/communicated by ENTSOG in due time. ENTSOG will consider these applications and their compliance with the criteria set out in section 4 below.

The submission of projects will be done by promoters through an online tool (except for renewable gas projects) operated by ENTSOG, when the data collection window is open. For accessing the data collection portal, each promoter has to have valid credentials given by ENTSOG on request. New project promoters should request the credentials to ENTSOG.

The TYNDP Project Data Collection process is supported by an Information Package which will be made available to the project promoters in due time. The ENTSOG Data Portal Handbook will be updated for each Project Collection and it constitutes the Annex 3 of this document but still remains a physically independent document.

Promoters of projects already included in the previous TYNDP and having the intention to be part of the TYNDP under preparation shall officially make a new re-submission for inclusion in the new TYNDP. However, the inclusion of such a project will benefit of a simplified application

process for the current TYNDP under a form of pre-filled questionnaire with the latest available data, where applicable.

Failing to provide the necessary information to meet the criteria within the Project Data Collection phase will result in the project not being included nor assessed in the relevant TYNDP.

The validation window follows the data collection window and takes approximately 4 weeks. During this window, the ENTSG staff will check the submitted projects, and where necessary will contact the relevant Project Promoters for clarifications.

Within 2 months after the close of the validation phase, ENTSG will make public on its website the list of projects accepted for inclusion in the TYNDP. In advance of the list publication, ENTSG informs and justifies to the relevant promoters about any rejection of their project from inclusion in the TYNDP.

### **3 Link between the TYNDP and PCI process**

In order to comply with the Regulation (EU) 347/2013 Annex III.2 (4) gas projects **shall be part of the latest available TYNDP** to be eligible for inclusion in the Union list of projects of common interest (PCIs).

Once part of the TYNDP, projects wanting to obtain the status of Projects of Common Interest can submit an application for selection as project of common interest during the PCI candidate submission phase and in line with the steps defined in the specific PCI process. The PCI selection is a process separate from the TYNDP process and under the responsibility of the TEN-E Regional Groups led by the European Commission.

### **4 Criteria to be fulfilled to allow a project to be part of the TYNDP**

This chapter includes the administrative and technical criteria that each candidate project of European relevance shall fulfil in order to be included in the TYNDP. Failure to provide the necessary information to meet the administrative and technical criteria within the Project Data Collection phase, will result in the project not being included in the relevant TYNDP. The administrative and technical criteria below are grouped based on the type of the promoter, the type of the project (transmission, storage or LNG) and the maturity of the project.

A TYNDP project promoter can fall under the following categories:

- A. Promoter of gas transmission infrastructure project** certified or exempted in line with the Directive 2009/73/EC<sup>1</sup> and Regulation (EC) No 715/2009, which can be either:
  - A.1** Project promoters which are certified and member of ENTSG
  - A.2** Project promoters which are certified but not member of ENTSG

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<sup>1</sup> 2009/73/EC Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 concerning common rules for the internal market in gas and repealing Directive 2003/55/EC

**A.3** Project promoters which are exempted from unbundling in accordance with Article 49 of Directive (EC) No 73/2009.

**B. Project promoter of gas transmission infrastructure projects not certified / not exempted in line with the Directive 2009/73/EC:**

**B.1** Project promoters from EU countries or from countries being contracting parties to the Energy Community, as well as Norway and Switzerland

**B.2** Any other project promoters not bound by the EU regulated framework (Turkmenistan, Turkey, etc.)

**B.3** Governmental Bodies at national level

**C. Project promoters of storage projects**

**C.1** Licensed SSO and/or TSO of type A, or companies whose shareholder is a TSO of type A

**C.2** Other type of companies (non-licensed/certified)

**C.3** Governmental Bodies at national levels

**D. Project promoters of LNG projects and CNG projects.**

**D.1** Licensed LSO and/or TSO of type A, or companies whose shareholder is a TSO of type A

**D.2** Other type of companies (non-licensed/certified)

**D.3** Governmental Bodies at national levels

**E. Project promoters of renewable gas projects (biomethane or power-to-gas).**

There are criteria applicable for all projects and others applicable only for projects “under consideration”<sup>2</sup> (UC) or for projects “under design & permitting, construction”<sup>3</sup> (UDPC).

The status “under consideration” and “under design & permitting, construction” have been created for the purposes of this document and therefore shall be interpreted as different compared to the project status described in the CBA Methodology and used in the TYNDP to derive the so-called Infrastructure Levels. Please refer to chapter 6 for the definition of the project status.

**4.1 Transmission projects**

**4.1.1 Administrative criteria**

The following table shows the list of administrative pass-fail criteria. **All criteria must be fulfilled.**

<sup>2</sup>For the purpose of this document, a project “under consideration” is a project at an early stage and which has not yet completed the phase of a feasibility study.

<sup>3</sup> For the purpose of this document, a project “under design & permitting, construction” is a project which has completed the phase of a feasibility study.

No	Criteria	A.1	A.2	A.3+B
1	Company existence (all)	The project promoter shall be a registered undertaking or a subsidiary of a registered undertaking. For projects “under design & permitting, construction” the company has to be in existence for at least 1 year before the date of submission		
2	Financial strength (all)	The assets of the undertaking or its shareholders shall amount to at least 1 million EUR.		
3	Technical expertise (all)	The project promoter has the technical expertise to realize the project by its own or by using subcontractors.		

The following table shows a list of alternative administrative criteria. **At least one criteria must be fulfilled.**

No	Criteria	A.1	A.2	A.3+B
4	PCI (all)	The project is a PCI in the latest available PCI list		
5	National plan (UDPC)	Inclusion in the latest available APPROVED National Development Plan (NDP)		
6	National plan (UC)	Inclusion in the latest DRAFT <sup>4</sup> National Development Plan		
7	Agreement with the Member State (MS) / National Regulatory Authority (NRA) (UC)	Project shall have a signed agreement with the competent MSs or NRAs		
8	Exemption process (UDPC)	Valid (not rejected) application for exemption under the European regulations or equivalent		
9	TSO agreement (UC)	Agreement with the concerned TSO(s) regarding the development of the submitted project OR Pre-feasibility study for the project		
10	Feasibility study (UDPC)	Feasibility study for the project		
11	Decision for studies (UC)	Internal decision to perform a feasibility / pre-feasibility study		

#### 4.1.2 Technical criteria

The following table shows the list of technical pass-fail criteria. **All criteria must be fulfilled.**

No	Criteria	A.1	A.2	A.3+B
12	Technical description	The project shall be a gas transmission pipeline with the purpose to transmit gas to/from an interconnection point or be an enabler <sup>5</sup> of a pipeline with the purpose to transmit gas to/from an interconnection point.		

<sup>4</sup> DRAFT national development plan means a NDP prepared by the TSO (or TSOs or responsible entity) which has not yet completed the scrutiny process in its country (e.g. it did not yet receive the MS or NRA approval, it did not yet receive the MS or NRA evaluation/opinion).

<sup>5</sup> A Project is considered as an Enabler Project, when it is necessary for another Project (the Enabled Project) to realize its full capacity potential.



13	Location	The project to be at least partially located in one of the countries included in the geographical perimeter <sup>6</sup> of the TYNDP plus countries hosting gas “supply chain” projects bringing additional gas sources to EU border.
14	Project data	All the project characteristics necessary for the assessment. The detail of this data is included in the TYNDP Project data collection handbook <sup>7</sup> .

**NOTE:** In case of projects of gas equipment or installation such as gas compressor stations, regulation stations, etc. the administrative criteria described in section 4.1.1 shall apply. The technical condition for these projects to be included in the TYNDP is that the respective equipment or installation is part of or connected to a gas transmission pipeline as defined in section 4.1.2 (12).

## 4.2 Storage projects

### 4.2.1 Administrative criteria

The following table shows the list of administrative pass-fail criteria. **All criteria must be fulfilled.**

No	Criteria	Promoter C
1	Company existence (all)	The project promoter shall be a registered undertaking or a subsidiary of a registered undertaking. For projects “under design & permitting, construction” the company has to be in existence for at least 1 year before the date of submission
2	Financial strength (all)	The assets of the undertaking or its shareholders shall amount to at least 1 million EUR
3	Technical expertise (all)	The project promoter has the technical expertise to realize the project by its own or by using subcontractors

The following table shows a list of alternative administrative criteria. **At least one criteria must be fulfilled.**

No	Criteria	Promoter C
4	PCI (all)	The project is a PCI in the latest available PCI list
5	National plan (UDPC)	Inclusion in the latest APPROVED available National Development Plan (NDP)
6	National plan (UC)	Inclusion in the latest DRAFT national plan of the country where the storage will be built
7	TSO agreement (UC)	Signed connection agreement with the concerned TSO OR Pre-feasibility study for the project
8	Feasibility study (UDPC)	Feasibility study for the project
9	Decision for studies (UC)	Internal decision of the SSO to perform a feasibility / pre-feasibility study

<sup>6</sup> The geographical perimeter of the TYNDP covers the EU-28 countries as well as Switzerland, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia and Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM).

<sup>7</sup> The Project Data collection handbook also describes which information is considered mandatory to be provided by the project promoters.

#### 4.2.2 Technical criteria

The following table shows the list of technical pass-fail criteria. **All criteria must be fulfilled.**

No	Criteria	Promoter C
10	Technical description	The project shall be a new gas storage facility used for storing gas in underground reservoirs (depleted gas fields, salt caverns or aquifer) under pressure or an upgrade of an existing gas storage, to be connected to a gas transmission pipeline as defined in section 4.1.2 (12), aiming at promoting at least one of the following technical characteristics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- working gas volume</li> <li>- injection and/or withdrawal rate</li> </ul>
11	Location	The project to be at least partially located in one of the countries included in the geographical perimeter of the TYNDP.
12	Project data	All the project characteristics necessary for the assessment. The detail of this data is included in the TYNDP Project data collection handbook.

#### 4.3 LNG projects and CNG projects

##### 4.3.1 Administrative criteria

The following table shows the list of administrative pass-fail criteria. **All criteria must be fulfilled.**

No	Criteria	Promoter D
1	Company existence (all)	The project promoter shall be a registered undertaking or a subsidiary of a registered undertaking. For projects “under design & permitting, construction” the company has to be in existence for at least 1 year before the date of submission.
2	Financial strength (all)	The assets of the undertaking or its shareholders shall amount to at least 1 million EUR
3	Technical expertise (all)	The project promoter has the technical expertise to realize the project by its own or by using subcontractors

The following table shows a list of alternative administrative criteria. **At least one criteria must be fulfilled.**

No	Criteria	Promoter D
4	PCI (all)	The project is a PCI in the latest available PCI list
5	National plan (UDPC)	Inclusion in the latest APPROVED available National Development Plan (NDP)
6	National plan (UC)	Inclusion in the latest DRAFT national plan of the country where the LNG facility will be built
7	TSO agreement (UC)	Signed connection agreement with the concerned TSO OR Pre-feasibility study for the project
8	Feasibility study (UDPC)	Feasibility study for the project

9	Decision for studies (UC)	Internal decision of the LSO to perform a feasibility / pre-feasibility study
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#### 4.3.2 Technical criteria

The following table shows the list of technical pass-fail criteria. **All criteria must be fulfilled.**

No	Criteria	Promoter D
10	Technical description (all)	The project shall be a new LNG/CNG terminal/facility or an upgrade of an existing terminal, to be connected to a gas transmission pipeline as defined in section 4.1.2 (12), aiming at promoting at least one of the following technical features/characteristics: -Send-out (regasification or decompression) capacity. -LNG storage capacity. -Range of ship size to be received in an LNG terminal.
11	Location (all)	The project to be at least partially located in one of the countries included in the geographical perimeter of the TYNDP.
12	Project data (all)	All the project characteristics necessary for the assessment. The detail of this data is included in the TYNDP Project data collection handbook.

#### 4.4 Renewable gas projects

##### 4.4.1 Administrative criteria

The following table shows the list of the administrative pass-fail criteria. **All criteria must be fulfilled.**

No	Criteria	Promoter E
1	Company existence (all)	The project promoter shall be a registered undertaking or a subsidiary of a registered undertaking. For projects “under design & permitting, construction” the company has to be in existence for at least 1 year before the date of submission.
2	Financial strength (all)	The assets of the undertaking or its shareholders shall amount to at least 1 million EUR
3	Technical expertise (all)	The project promoter has the technical expertise to realize the project by its own or by using subcontractors

##### 4.4.2 Technical criteria

The following table shows of the list pass-fail criteria. **All criteria must be fulfilled.**

No	Criteria	Promoter E
4	Technical description	The project is a renewable energy project which is physically connected to a gas transmission pipeline as defined in section 4.1.2 (12).
5	Location	The project to be at least partially located in one of the countries included in the geographical perimeter of the TYNDP.

## 5 Data handling and access to the assessment

### 5.1 Access to and usage of the provided data and documentation

The **documents** provided by the project promoters during the submission phase to prove the fulfilment of the administrative and technical criteria **will be solely used by ENTSOG** to ensure compliance with the criteria defined in this document and will be treated as confidential by ENTSOG, in line with the internal rules, unless already public. However, upon request, ENTSOG will make available to the European Commission and the Agency for Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER) data and documentation provided by the promoters as part of the project submission phase. In this respect, EC and ACER will comply with the confidentiality provisions. Project promoters will be beforehand informed about the request and subsequent transmission of the data and documentation.

The technical input provided by the project promoters as part of the project data collection as well as the benefits of the projects assessed in accordance with the CBA methodology in force will be made public by ENTSOG within the TYNDP processes and TYNDP document.

The cost data submitted by the project promoters for the projects to be included in the TYNDPs will be made public by ENTSOG unless the data is deemed confidential by the respective project promoters. Such information may be still published as part of the TYNDP Report, but only on an aggregated, non-identifiable manner.

### 5.2 Correction of project input data

The project promoter is **fully responsible for the correctness and completeness of the information** that it provides in the TYNDP process.

In case of incomplete submission of information during the application period, ENTSOG will send a request to the Project promoter to complete the missing information within a specific window of submission.

In case the missing information is not provided to ENTSOG and, where applicable, this missing information prevents the TYNDP assessment, this specific project will be disregarded, and not included in the TYNDP.

With respect to the corrections of the project information, they shall be dealt with in the following manner:

- In case of incorrect information submitted within the data collection window the project promoter shall perform the correction of the data through the ENTSOG project portal, not later than by the end of the validation phase.
- Between the validation phase and the draft TYNDP public consultation, project promoter shall inform ENTSOG by e-mail of any incorrect information as long as it refers to elements that would not impact on the TYNDP assessment and TYNDP timeline. This correction will be included in the respective TYNDP project sheet and be clearly labelled with the date of information submission.

### 5.3 Access to assessment results

Where relevant and in accordance with the CBA methodology in force and in line with the timeline described in chapter 2, ENTSOG will deliver to the project promoters at least one month in advance of the final TYNDP publication their project's assessment results, if not differently specified in the latest available Annual Working Programme<sup>8</sup>. On review of these results, project promoters may have questions or queries about the results which can be dealt on a bilateral basis. If deemed necessary, a request can be made to ENTSOG for a bilateral meeting by sending a request for a meeting to the contact details as set out in Annex 1 of this document. This request should include a brief description of the topics and issues that the project promoter may wish to discuss, including the project promoters' upcoming availability.

ENTSOG will be hosting public workshops at key stages in the development of the TYNDP to consult on the associated methodologies and results. Project promoters are strongly advised to contribute through these workshops to the ongoing development of the TYNDP. These workshops are advertised on ENTSOG's website.

### 5.4 Right to request a review

All information submitted in the ENTSOG project data collection template as part of the application process for TYNDP shall be treated in line with section 5.1 above.

A promoter has the right to request a review by ENTSOG in two cases:

- In case of disagreement with the ENTSOG decision to reject its project from inclusion in the TYNDP
- In case of a disagreement with ENTSOG's assessment of its project conducted in accordance with the CBA methodology in force

In both cases, the concerned project promoter shall contest ENTSOG decision by email within two weeks from the notification of the project rejection (as per chapter 2) or, respectively from the receipt of the assessment results. ENTSOG may consult with the European Commission and the Agency and if deemed necessary, it may also consult on an ad-hoc basis the relevant stakeholders. ENTSOG will respond to the project promoter contestation after duly examining the project promoter's justifications and duly taking into account the views expressed by the consulted parties.

The following elements - considered as having been already consulted with stakeholders earlier in the process, agreed upon and finalised – **are not to be open for discussion within**

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<sup>8</sup> The ENTSOG Annual Working Programme is a document detailing all the activities to be performed by ENTSOG within a calendar year, including an indicative calendar. The Programme is prepared in accordance with the Regulation 715/2009 and it is available on ENTSOG website.

**the project assessment review phase:** scenario assumptions and data, CBA methodologies in force and project data submitted within the process.

## 6 Project status in TYNDP

Depending on their level of maturity projects are categorized along different status. Those status are a pre-requisite for the definition of the infrastructure levels (for more details, please refer to TYNDP 2017, chapter 4.4) to be used in the TYNDP assessment.

Each project status is directly derived from the information provided by its promoter when submitted for inclusion in the TYNDP:

- The **FID status** of a project corresponds to a project that has taken the final investment decision ahead of TYNDP project collection.
- the **Advanced status** is applied to all projects that, based on the information submitted, have:
  - commissioning year expected at the latest by 31st December of the year of the TYNDP project data collection + 6 (e.g. 2024 in case of TYNDP 2018, for which projects are collected in 2018)
  - and
    - whose permitting phase has started ahead of the TYNDP project data collection
    - OR
    - FEED has started (or the project has been selected for receiving CEF<sup>9</sup> grants for FEED<sup>10</sup> ahead of the TYNDP project data collection.
- All projects which do not meet the criteria of being FID or Advanced are considered as having the **Less-Advanced status**.

Additionally, the **PCI status** is assigned to a project which is part of the latest approved Union list of Projects of common interest (The PCI List) referred to in Article 3 of the Regulation 347/2013, irrespective of the above-mentioned project status.

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<sup>9</sup> Connecting Europe Facility

<sup>10</sup> Front End Engineering Design.

## 7 Annex 1: Required documentation to prove the fulfilment of administrative and technical criteria

All documents necessary to prove the fulfilment of administrative and technical criteria shall be provided together with the submission of the project during the project data collection phase.

### 7.1 Transmission projects

#### 7.1.1 Administrative documentation

Information requested to fulfil the administrative pass-fail criteria:

No	Criteria	A.1	A.2+A.3	B.1+B.2	B.3
1	Company existence (all)	Already available	Proof of certification/exemption	The constitutive act/statutes of the registered undertaking	Legal basis for the establishment
2	Financial strength (all)	Already available	Proof of exemption	The latest available balance sheets submitted to the national tax office (shareholders' balance sheets are also accepted). For companies younger than 1 year this information is to be proven with the company existence documentation.	Legal basis for the establishment
3	Technical expertise (all)	Already available	Proof of exemption	Information on the company and its technical expertise, including references from other relevant projects or existing infrastructure, organisational chart, CVs of key personnel. In case of subcontractors, a copy of the contract has to be provided.	Legal basis for the establishment

Information requested to fulfil the administrative alternative criteria. **At least one criteria must be fulfilled.**

No	Criteria	A.1	A.2	A.3+B
4	PCI (all)	PCI number and definition as in the latest approved EC published PCI list.		
5	National plan (UDPC)	The reference code of the project in the latest available National Development Plans (validated by the corresponding NRA(s)). When the NDP does not use project codes, promoters can indicate the name of the project as labelled in the NDP.		
6	National plan (UC)	The reference code of the project in the latest Draft National Development Plans. When the NDP does not use project codes, promoters can indicate the name of the project as labelled in the NDP.		
7	MS / NRA agreement (UC)	The signed agreement on the project between the TSO and the relevant MSs or NRAs of the impacted countries, and the recent amendments for it if any		

8	Exemption process (UDPC)	The acknowledgment receipt of the application for the exemption pursuant to Art. 36 of Directive (EC) No 73/2009 from the responsible regulatory authorities of the concerned EU countries.
9	TSO agreement (UC)	The signed common agreement with the concerned TSO(s) regarding the development of the submitted project, OR The pre-feasibility study performed for the project
10	Feasibility study (UDPC)	Feasibility study <sup>11</sup> performed for the project.
11	Decision for studies (UC)	Documents proving the launch of a tender for a feasibility / pre-feasibility study OR (In case the study is performed in-house or the tender has not been launched yet) a formal written statement <sup>12</sup> of the concerned TSO(s) to perform a feasibility / pre-feasibility study

**NOTE:** In case of projects of gas equipment or installation such as gas compressor stations, regulation stations, etc., the information requested in section 7.1.1 shall apply. The technical proof for these projects to be included in the TYNDP is that the respective equipment or installation is part/connected of/to a gas transmission system.

#### 7.1.2 Technical documentation

Information requested to fulfil the technical pass-fail criteria:

No	Criteria	A1	A2	A3+B
12	Technical description (all)	The technical description which demonstrates the compliance of the project with the criteria described in 4.1.2 (12) shall be provided in the project Data Collection Portal ("Project Description" box) when the promoter submits the project for the TYNDP, and should be consistent with the specific project data.		
13	Location (all)	Location of the project (using ENTOSOG map layout)		
14	Project data (all)	To be provided as part of the project data collection in line with ENTOSOG handbook		

## 7.2 Storage projects

### 7.2.1 Administrative documentation

Information requested to fulfil the administrative pass-fail criteria:

<sup>11</sup> The feasibility/pre-feasibility study shall not be older than 4 years at the date of submitting the project.

<sup>12</sup> Formal written statement means a document signed by the relevant top management by which the company commits to perform the relevant study.



No	Criteria	C.1	C.2	C.3
1	Company existence (all)	Proof of certification	The constitutive act/statutes of the registered undertaking	Legal basis for the establishment
2	Financial strength (all)	Proof of certification	The latest available balance sheets submitted to the national tax office (shareholders' balance sheets are also accepted). For companies younger than 1 year this information is to be taken from the company existence documentation.	Legal basis for the establishment
3	Technical expertise (all)	Proof of certification	Information on the company and its technical expertise, including references from other relevant projects or existing infrastructure, organisational chart, CVs of key personnel. In case of subcontractors, a copy of the contract has to be provided.	Legal basis for the establishment

Information requested to fulfil the administrative alternative criteria. **At least one criteria must be fulfilled.**

No	Criteria	C
4	PCI (all)	PCI number and definition as in the latest approved EC published PCI list.
5	National plan (UDPC)	The reference code of the project in the latest available National Development Plans (validated by the corresponding NRAs). When the NDP does not use project codes, promoters can indicate the name of the project as labelled in the NDP.
6	National plan (UC)	The reference code of the project in the latest Draft National Development Plans. When the NDP does not use project codes, promoters can indicate the name of the project as labelled in the NDP.
7	TSO agreement (UC)	The signed connection agreement with the impacted TSO, OR The pre-feasibility study performed for the project
8	Feasibility study (UDPC)	The feasibility study <sup>13</sup> performed for the project.
9	Decision for studies (UC)	Documents proving the launch of a tender for a feasibility / pre-feasibility study OR In case the study is performed in-house or the tender has not been launched yet (i) formal written statement <sup>14</sup> of the SSO to perform a feasibility / pre-feasibility study or (ii) official request of the SSO to the concerned TSO(s) to perform the feasibility / pre-feasibility study

<sup>13</sup> The feasibility/pre-feasibility study shall not be older than 4 years at the date of submitting the project.

<sup>14</sup> Formal written statement means a document signed by the relevant top management by which the company commits to perform the relevant study.

## 7.2.2 Technical documentation

Information requested to fulfil the technical pass-fail criteria:

No	Criteria	C
10	Storage facility	The technical description which demonstrates the compliance of the project with the criteria described in 4.2.2 (9) shall be provided in the project Data Collection Portal ("Project Description" box) when the promoter submits the project for the TYNDP, and should be consistent with the specific project data.
11	Location	Location of the project in the ENTSG map
12	Project data	To be provided as part of the project data collection in line with ENTSG handbook

## 7.3 LNG projects and CNG projects

### 7.3.1 Administrative documentation

Information requested to fulfil the administrative pass-fail criteria:

No	Criteria	D.1	D.2	D.3
1	Company existence (all)	Proof of certification	The constitutive act/statutes of the registered undertaking	Legal basis for the establishment
2	Financial strength (all)	Proof of certification	The latest available balance sheets submitted to the national tax office (shareholders' balance sheets are also accepted). For companies younger than 1 year this information is to be taken from the company existence documentation.	Legal basis for the establishment
3	Technical expertise (all)	Proof of certification	Information on the company and its technical expertise, including references from other relevant projects or existing infrastructure, organisational chart, CVs of key personnel. In case of subcontractors, a copy of the contract has to be provided.	Legal basis for the establishment

Information requested to fulfil the administrative alternative criteria. **At least one criteria must be fulfilled.**

No	Criteria	D
4	PCI (all)	PCI number and definition as in the latest approved EC published PCI list.
5	National plan (under design &, permitting, construction)	The reference code of the project in the latest available National Development Plans (validated by the corresponding NRAs). When the NDP does not use project codes, promoters can indicate the name of the project as labelled in the NDP.

6	National plan (UC)	The reference code of the project in the latest Draft National Development Plans. When the NDP does not use project codes, promoters can indicate the name of the project as labelled in the NDP.
7	TSO agreement (UC)	The signed connection agreement with the impacted TSO, OR The pre-feasibility study <sup>15</sup> performed for the project
8	Feasibility study (UDPC)	The feasibility study <sup>16</sup> performed for the project
9	Decision for studies (UC)	Documents proving the launch of a tender for a feasibility / pre-feasibility study OR In case the study is performed in-house or the tender has not been launched yet (i) formal written statement <sup>17</sup> of the LSO to perform a feasibility / pre-feasibility study or (ii) official request of the LSO to the concerned TSO(s) to perform the feasibility / pre-feasibility study

### 7.3.2 Technical documentation

Information requested to fulfil the technical pass-fail criteria:

No	Criteria	D
10	LNG facility (all)	The technical description which demonstrates the compliance of the project with the criteria described in section 4.3.2 (9) shall be provided in the project Data Collection Portal ("Project Description" box) when the promoter submits the project for the TYNDP, and should be consistent with the specific project data.
11	Location	Location of the project in the ENTSOG map
12	Project data	To be provided as part of the project data collection in line with ENTSOG handbook

## 7.4 Renewable gas projects

### 7.4.1 Administrative documentation

Information requested to fulfil the pass-fail criteria:

No	Criteria	E
1	Company existence (all)	The constitutive act/statutes of the registered undertaking
2	Financial strength (all)	The latest available balance sheets submitted to the national tax office (shareholders' balance sheets are also accepted). For companies younger than 1 year this information is to be taken from the company existence documentation.

<sup>15</sup> The feasibility/pre-feasibility study shall not be older than 4 years at the date of submitting the project.

<sup>16</sup> The feasibility/pre-feasibility study shall not be older than 4 years at the date of submitting the project.

<sup>17</sup> Formal written statement means a document signed by the relevant top management by which the company commits to perform the relevant study.

3	Technical expertise (all)	Information on the company and its technical expertise, including references from other relevant projects or existing infrastructure, organisational chart, CVs of key personnel. In case of subcontractors, a copy of the contract has to be provided.
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#### 7.4.2 Technical documentation

Information requested to fulfil the administrative pass-fail criteria:

No	Criteria	Promoter E
4	Technical description	The technical description which demonstrates the compliance of the project with the criteria described in section 4.4.2 (4) shall be provided via e-mail <sup>18</sup> during Project Collection window.
5	Location	Location of the project in the ENTSOG map

### 8 Annex 2: ENTSOG contact details

ENTSOG can be contacted for this specific topic by using the following contact details:

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### 9 Annex 3: ENTSOG Data Portal Handbook

Document is provided via a separate link.

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