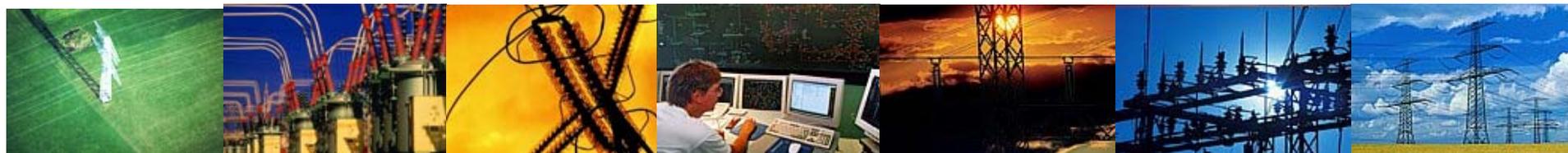




ETSO Comments on the EC Green Paper for a European Strategy for Sustainable, Competitive and Secure Energy

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- Full support towards an EU energy policy
 - including all existing and future energy sources
 - taking into account the specificities of MS states and
 - the increasing dependency on external resources
- Concerns about
 - the compatibility between EU and MS legislations
 - the alignment between GP, EC sector enquiry, ERGEG and MS regional initiatives
 - the importance of MS versus EU consumers



1. EUROPEAN GRIDS

- TSOs already working on a close cooperation of the European grids for many years
- New priorities still unclear
 - Remove all congestions? all the time?
 - Promote sharing of generation mix within EU?
 - Promote penetration of renewables?
 - Reduce market power at MS level?
- Financing consequences need to be assessed and accepted at MS level



- ETSO urges for concrete actions
 - to promote and secure investments and
 - streamline authorisation procedures
- Still need for clarification of responsibilities
 - EU and MS should be responsible for creating the overarching legislative framework
 - Regulators should be responsible for implementing the framework
 - TSOs should be responsible for planning, coordination and realisation



3. EUROPEAN GRID CODE

- Useful when referring to cross-border issues still needing further development such as:
 - Market-relevant cross-border rules not yet tackled by regulation and guideline
- Duplicate work when referring to a catalogue of technical rules and standards for reliable grid operation, planning, grid access, etc. (already exist for the 4 synchronous power systems and each MS, the latter approved by the EU)



- ETSO suggests we only need one body.
- It would:
 - Work on the issues described in the regulation, the SOS Directive, on transparency and on data collection and publication;
 - Be formed by all EU TSOs;
 - Work in coordination with ERGEG;
 - Report to the EC;
 - Provide necessary data as described for the Energy Supply Observatory.



- Improvements at MS level have been mostly achieved by TSOs
- Next steps involve at least 2 MS and will require
 - all parties working towards the same EU goal
 - faster decision processes when dealing with cross-border issues
- taking into account that
 - TSOs cannot solve market issues alone and that
 - there is no perfect solution having only advantages for each MS and each consumer segment

