



***European regional energy cooperation  
High Level Group for Central and South Eastern  
Europe Connectivity***

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# Regional energy cooperation in Europe has first been developed in the framework of the TEN-E regulation

*The 2013 Regulation on guidelines for trans-European energy infrastructure set :*

- **12 priority corridors**
- **governed by regional groups**
- **which have the responsibility of proposing a list of projects of common interest (PCIs)**
  - PCIs are the main instruments ensuring the development of trans-European networks
- **based on a cost-benefit approach**
- **according to principles derived from the TFEU**
  - interconnectivity and interoperability of national grids
  - third party access to national grids through the identification of PCIs
- **with political involvement**
- **and with and a detailed timeline**



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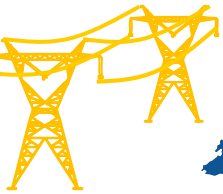
# TEN-E Regional groups

Oil

Smart  
grids

Electricity  
highways

CO2



*Northern Seas  
Offshore Grid*



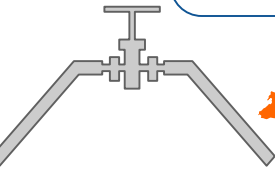
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interconnections  
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*BEMIP*



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*Southern Gas  
Corridor*

# Deepening regional cooperation

## High Level Groups



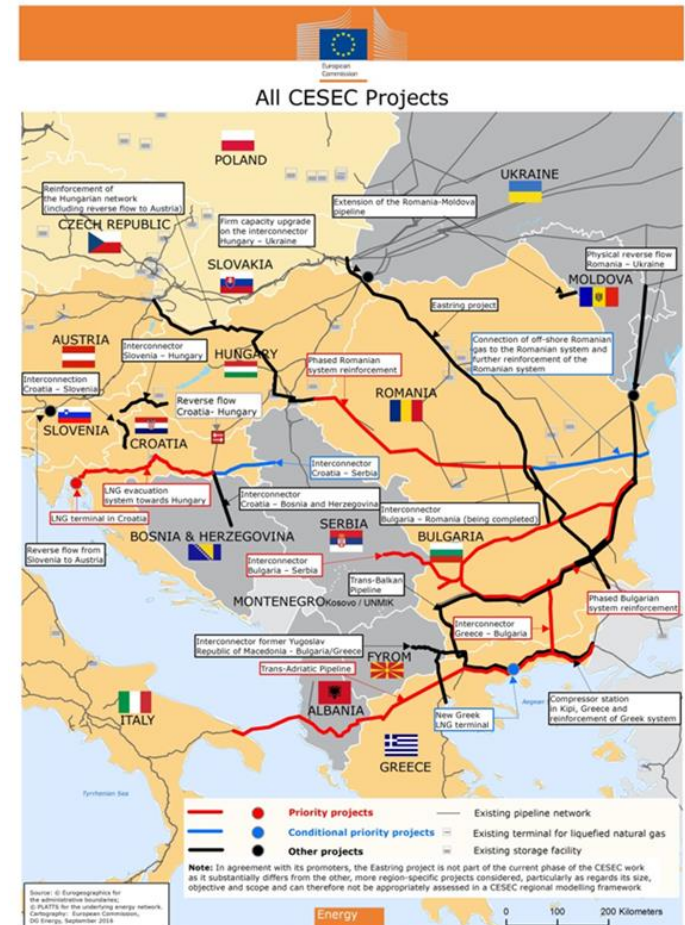
- High Level Group for interconnections in South West Europe
  - *Completing the integration of the Iberian Peninsula in the European electricity and gas markets;*
- High Level Group for Central and South Eastern Europe Connectivity (CESEC)
  - *Steer the transition to a secure energy future;*
- High Level Group on Baltic Energy Market Interconnection Plan (BEMIP)
  - *Synchronising our grids, exploiting Baltics' potential;*
- High Level Group on North Seas Energy Cooperation
  - *North Seas power: the resource at our shores.*

# Central and South Eastern Europe Connectivity (CESEC)

- Prioritisation of key projects in the region as well as on regulatory barriers
- High level political commitment
- Concrete deliverables with agreed timeline
- Mobilisation of EU financial support

2015 CESEC Memorandum of Understanding: gathering EU, 9 EU Member States and 8 Energy Community Contracting Parties in joint energy gas market integration:

- Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and the EU.
- Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova, Serbia, FYROM, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo and Montenegro.



# Gas Energy cooperation in South-East Europe bears fruits



## First LNG terminal Krk (Croatia)

CEF 2016: €102.147 million (studies+works)

Goal: enhanced diversification, security of gas supply and competitiveness in SEE



## Bulgaria-Romania-Hungary-Austria pipeline (BRUA)

CEF 2015: €179.320 million (works)

Goal: enhanced diversification, security of gas supply and competitiveness in SEE

# CESEC extension endorsed in Bucharest in September 2017



The agreed goals complement the 2015 Memorandum of Understanding, the concrete actions are enshrined in a dedicated Action Plan and the revised governance in the Terms of reference which have been signed in Bucharest.

## Electricity Trading: Linking EU & Energy Community initiatives to develop a larger, more liquid and competitive regional energy market in the region



### *Between EU & Energy Community borders:*

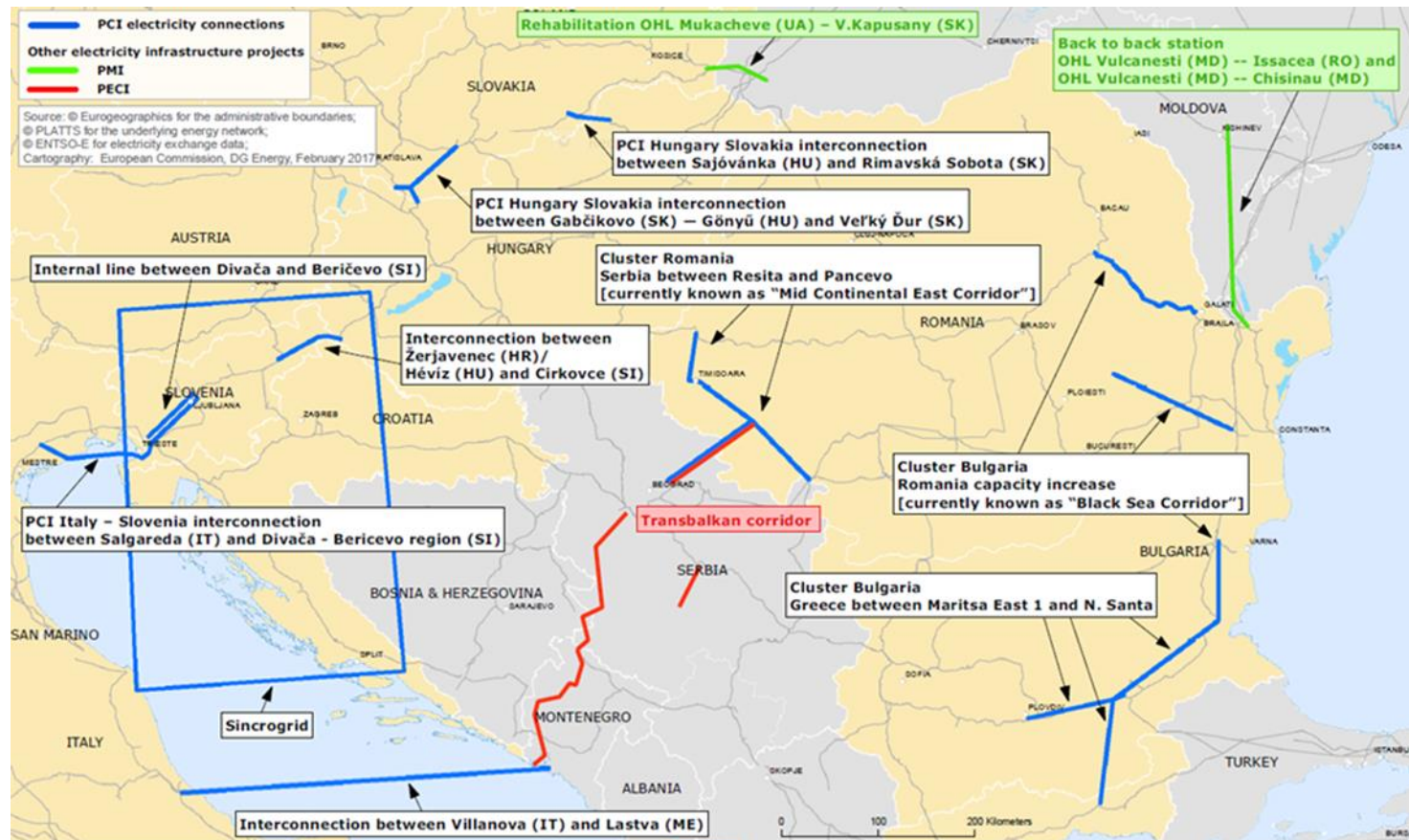
- *How to ensure consistent technical approaches?*
- *How to decide on common issues and projects?*
- *5 pilot market trading and coupling projects to link EU & Energy Community initiatives and develop a larger, more liquid and competitive regional energy market*





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# Power Grid Infrastructures: prioritisation of projects, link with PECIs/PMIs, coordination with trading and market coupling: 6 priority projects



## How can the work on regulatory issues directly benefit the projects?

- **General regulatory improvement** good for everybody: the general regulatory improvements reached in the CESEC region profit to all projects
- **Project promoters can raise issues** – Plenary groups:
  - The organisation of the CESEC high level group allows for project promoters to raise any issue they are facing
  - Gas Plenary group meetings with all project promoters take place regularly (2 to 3 times a year)
  - Possibility at these meetings to raise specific regulatory issues
- Also possibility for stakeholders to **engage bilaterally** with DG ENER on specific regulatory issues

## Concrete examples 1/2

- **Licensing:**

- *As a follow-up of the work on trading arrangements, the Energy Community Secretariat developed a non-paper on "Harmonisation of licensing regimes in electricity and gas"*
- *This work should lead to a mandate by the Council to revise title III of the Energy Community Treaty to harmonise standards for licencing*
- *The proposal is expected to be approved at the Energy Community Ministerial Council in November*

- **Tariffs Greece and Hungary**

- *Important tariff reforms took place in Greece and Hungary leading to simplified and lower entry-exit tariffs*

- **Stakeholders meetings**

- *Regular stakeholder meeting (Plenary meetings) are organised in the CESEC context*
- *Last stakeholder meeting of the gas group on 13 March 2018*

# Boosting renewables and energy efficiency to achieve Energy Union objectives



Security of supply



Global leadership in  
renewables



Decarbonization (Paris Agreement)

... while promoting growth, jobs and investment

# Specific Actions on Renewable Energy

- **Assessment of regional renewable energy potential and benefits of regional potential (in connexion with electricity infrastructure development national energy and climate plans)**
  
- **Best practice exchange on:**
  - ✓ **support instruments for renewable energies**
  - ✓ **means to reduce non-financial barriers**
  
- **Promotion of financial instruments for renewable energy projects (in particular to lower capital costs)**

# Boosting renewable energy and energy efficiency

**Tackling renewable energy and energy efficiency together, especially at decentralised level.**

**Promotion of financial instruments  
for building renovation and small-scale renewable deployment.**





**Thank you very much for your attention!**