



**Guidelines under the Cross-border
Electricity Regulation
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Principles

- Regulation provides for the adoption of rules in guidelines with respect to:
 - Inter-TSO compensation mechanism (ITC)
 - Rules on tariff harmonisation
 - Congestion management, including, where appropriate, safety and operational standards





Principles

- **Congestion management guidelines exist already, but they can be amended**
- **Guidelines on ITC and tariff harmonisation must be adopted together, when adopted for the first time**
- **Regulatory authorities to ensure compliance with the guidelines**





Adoption – Comitology

- Adoption by the Commission, after consultation of a committee of representatives of Member States (MS)
- MS to decide on their representation in committee
- Positive vote by qualified majority (QM) in committee needed; if not reached referred to the Council, which needs QM to prevent Commission from adoption
- European Parliament has “droit de regard”, to examine whether Commission has not exceeded its implementing powers; view of Parliament, however, not binding for Commission





State of play of guidelines

- In 2004 first discussion and consultation on guidelines on ITC, tariffs and congestion management, on the basis of drafts circulated by the Commission
- ERGEG advice on congestion management and tariffs end of July 2005, following mini-fora and consultation of stakeholders (documents published on ERGEG website)
- ERGEG advice on ITC expected in October/November, after results of ongoing study are available





Adoption of guidelines – timetable

- **Congestion management: objective to adopt by the end of this year**
- **ITC and tariffs: early 2006**
- **Current mechanism will need to be applied for a part of 2006**





Thank you for your attention!

