



# **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!**

