



20TH. FLORENCE FORUM – GEODE PERMIT GRANTING PROCEDURES

- **GEODE** welcomes EC initiative to legislate on permit granting procedures to facilitate building the needed new infrastructure and supports proposed options to facilitate administrative procedures.
- **GEODE** considers the scope of this legislative proposal should be extended **to infrastructure projects at the distribution level**. It seems restricted to cross-border projects, normally on the transmission level.
- Faster permitting procedures are needed at the distribution network level to avoid existing long and uncertain approvals processes, hindering the construction of new power lines, and the expansion or modification of the existing ones.
- **DSOs** face same obstacles and delays as transmission operators when building new infrastructure.
- **GEODE** agrees it is essential to obtain a broad social understanding of the benefits of investments in infrastructure. Citizens in general should be aware of the need of building new energy infrastructure