



EuroNest Committee on Energy Security



2014 Draft Report Energy efficiency and renewable energy cooperation within the Eastern Partnership

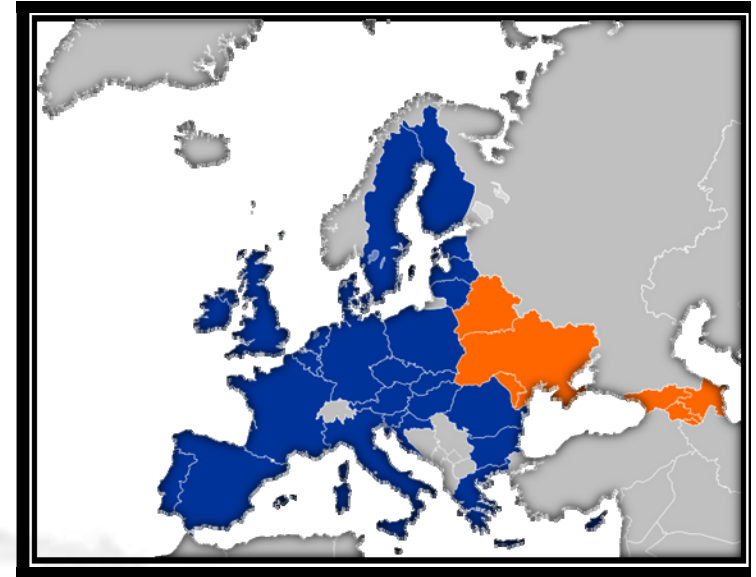


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5 Delegations: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine and EP

- Idea launched in 2006 in the EP
- Constituted 3 May 2011 in Brussels
- Parliamentary dimension of the Eastern Partnership
- Joint Assembly with two components
- Incomplete set of the Assembly – no Belarus
- **Next ordinary session planned in the first half of 2015, in Armenia**



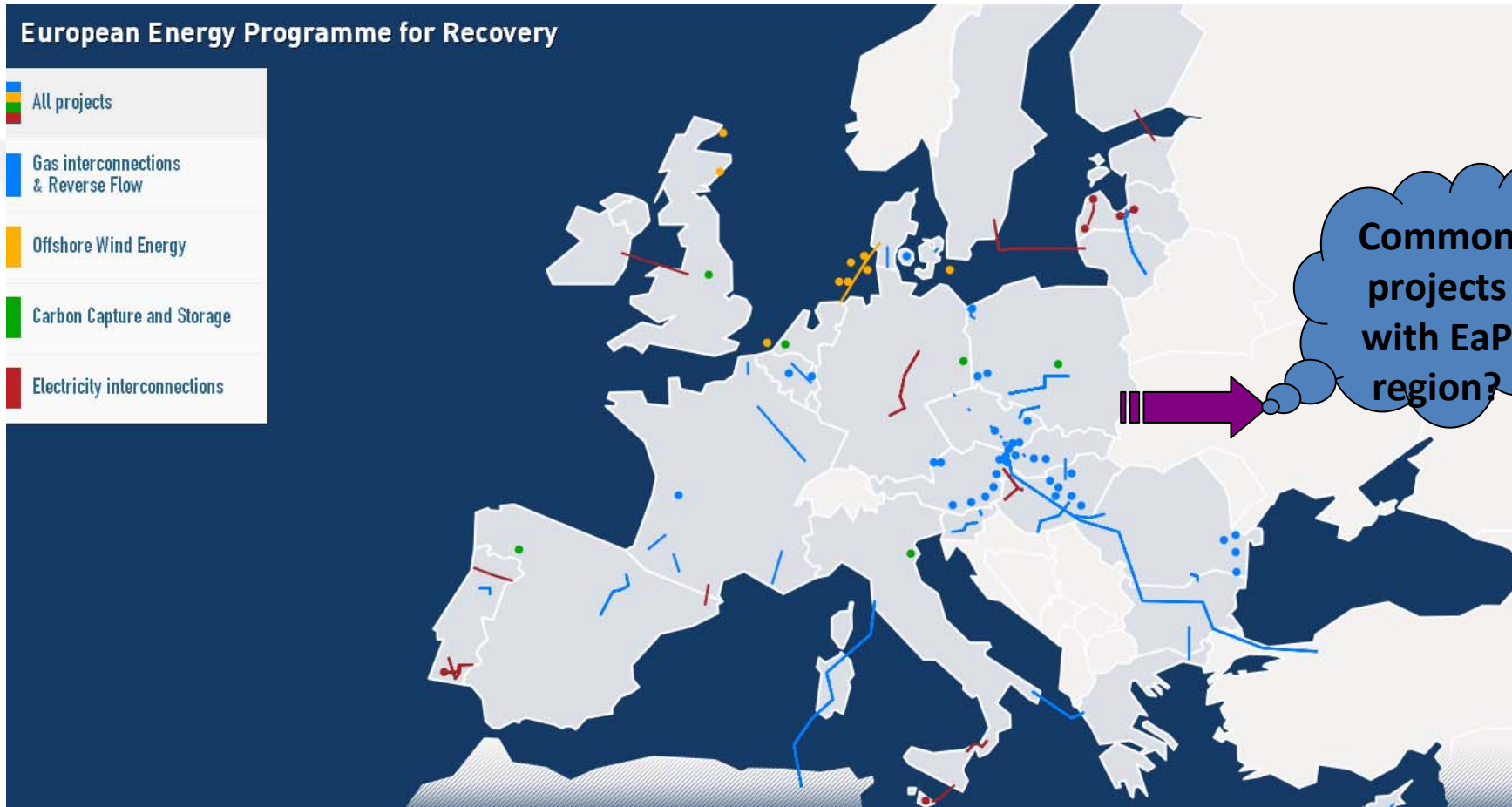
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Basic observations

- **Increase of global energy demand** puts at risk energy supply, in particular of the poorest economies;
- **Energy consumption** is to increase **at a higher speed within the Eastern European region** than the EU average;
- **High potential** of renewables and energy savings to mitigate climate change and to sustain economic growth;
- Need to take into account **competitiveness** when shaping policies on energy efficiency / renewable energy.



Energy efficiency / renewables: what to do under the EaP?



<http://ec.europa.eu/energy/eepr/projects/#!/electricity-interconnectors>



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General recommendations

- **Strengthening EaP cooperation** in view of a new climate agreement, at the 2015 UN Climate Change Conference;
- Developing **common approaches** for policy-making;
- Tackling **in parallel** issues on energy efficiency /renewable energy with **the problem of energy poverty**;
- Ensuring **transparency, continuity and consistency** in shaping/implementing **regulatory frameworks**.



Energy Committee's Draft Report Recommendations – Renewable energy

- Engaging in the development of **regional trade** of electricity from renewables;
- Giving priority to **investments for transmission and storage** of electricity, and **modernisation of energy grids** through e.g. 'smart grids';
- Fostering and testing **local and decentralised** renewable energy production; supporting **partnerships** between renewables and back-up power generation sectors.



Energy Committee's Draft Report Recommendations – Energy efficiency

- Giving priority to **remove barriers to investments** and to **gradually implement performance standards** in all energy-intensive sectors;
- Building policies on **deep analyses** of energy use, market, technologies and economic opportunities;
- Developing programmes and initiatives such as the “Covenant of Mayors” initiative which can **change mentalities**.