

## 4.2 PCI projects

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# The competitiveness criterion must not be forgotten

IFIEC welcomes the consultation on PCI.

By end 2014, we should have the European regulatory framework ready but completing the IEM also requires to remove physical bottlenecks.

The PCI initiative is clearly perceived as providing the necessary framework to accelerate market integration.

But it has an important cost... and grid users (consumers in the first place) will have to pay for it in a context of deteriorated competitiveness while :

- incentives to optimize investments are missing
- an important share of these investments are necessary for back-up and balancing of intermittent energy sources and should be paid by them
  - ACER and NRAs must be the gatekeepers of the Competitiveness temple!
  - Grid costs allocation must take into account the system advantages of baseload consumption and the flexibility of industrial consumers