

Summary of the responses to the public consultation of the annual priority list for network codes and guidelines 2019¹ and position statement

In total, **18** replies were received from **1 international association, 7 EU associations (including the European Network for Transmission System Operators for Electricity), 3 national associations, 1 Member State and 6 companies. Neither the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators, nor the European Network for Transmission System Operators for Gas responded to the public consultation.**

Many respondents to the public consultation addressed both the electricity and gas sectors. The respondents supported the Commission's intention to prioritise the full implementation and enforcement of the network codes and guidelines. A majority of respondents, while noting that the Clean Energy Package for All Europeans includes relevant areas for future electricity network codes and guidelines, did not see an immediate need for further network codes or guidelines in addition to those that have already been adopted with only a small number of respondents suggesting that new guidelines are developed in the areas related to demand response, flexibility trading and energy efficiency (1 mention) regarding electricity networks. A few respondents highlighted that it may be necessary to consider introducing amendments to existing network codes and guidelines in the short and mid-term (Denmark, EFET, ENI, NordPool, ENGIE). In addition, a number of respondents identified specific areas of concern regarding the implementation of network codes and guidelines (EFET, NordPool, ENGIE, SmartEN, IOGP) or topics to be addressed generally in the electricity (ENI) and gas sectors, referring to the studies to be developed by the Commission in 2019 (Engie, Eni, EFET, GRTgaz, IOGP, Uprigaz).

A number of the respondents to the public consultation have provided the following feedback regarding the implementation of network codes and guidelines:

- Maintaining the priority of full and correct implementation of the existing network codes and guidelines in gas and electricity.
- Need to strive for an efficient, inclusive and ambitious implementation of electricity network codes and guidelines.
- Criticise lack of transparency and inclusiveness in the process of developing proposals in implementation of electricity network codes and guidelines as well as the slow progress achieved regarding the adoption of the proposals.

Having regard to the European Commission's intention to prioritise the correct implementation of existing network codes and guidelines and to the replies to the public consultation supporting this intention, **there are no plans to develop new network codes or guidelines in 2019.** Therefore, the European Commission **will not issue a decision establishing an annual priority list identifying areas to be included for the development of network codes in 2019.** This is without prejudice to

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the work that the European Commission may undertake regarding the amendment of existing electricity network codes and guidelines, following the adoption of the new Electricity Regulation.