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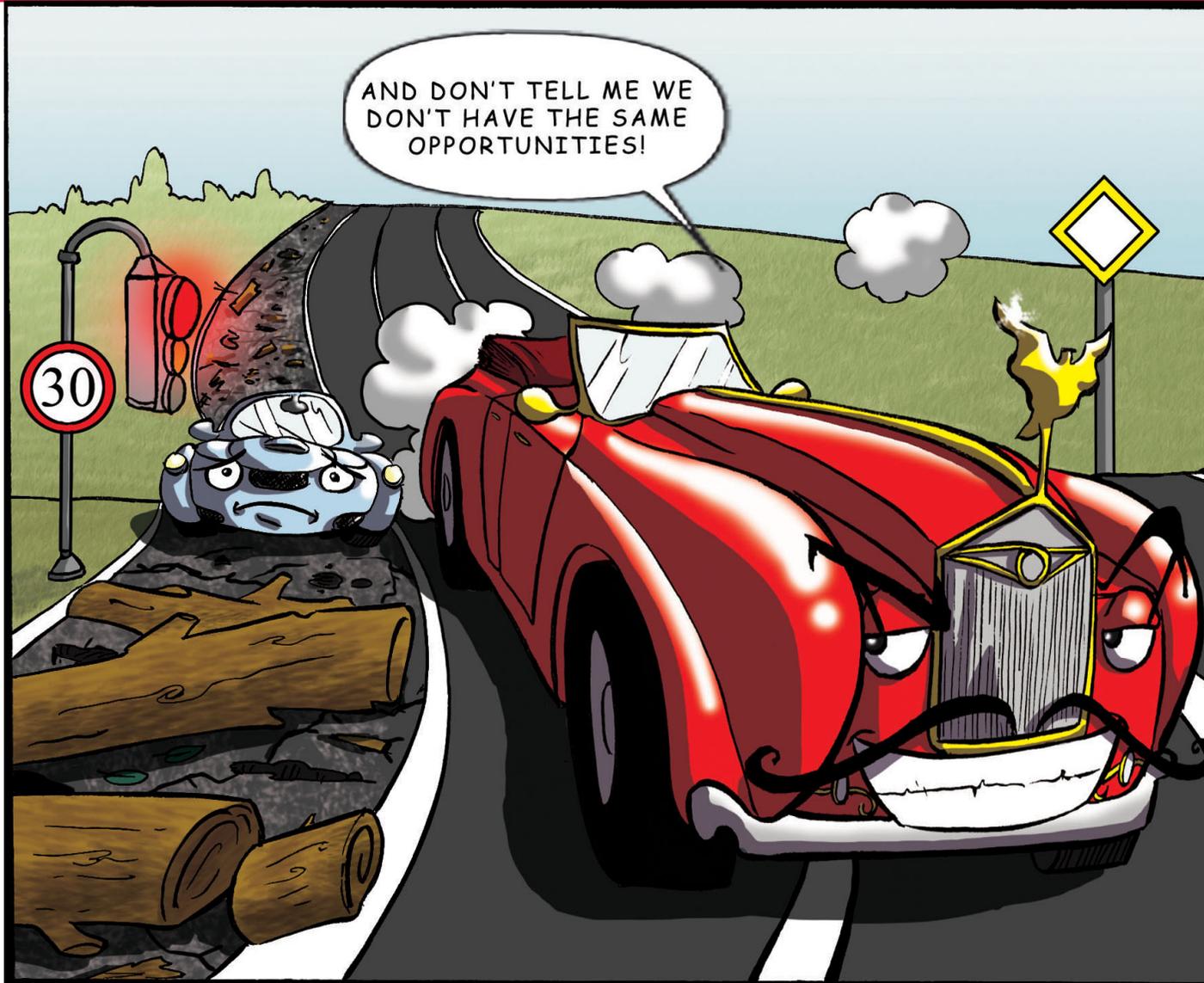
**The 3<sup>rd</sup> EU Energy package –  
towards a single gas market**

EFET Gas Committee

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# Access across the EU gas market!



# More Effective Unbundling

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- § ISO must make Independent decisions
- § Goal that ISOs transcend national boundaries

# Powers & duties of National Energy Regulators

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- § Consistent powers and sufficient independence
  
- § Coordination between financial, energy and competition authorities needs to be improved

# European Agency for Cooperation in Energy Regulatory (EACER) – has a real job to do!

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- § EACER needs a clear focus on x-border issues and the ability to take action
  
- § Powers and duties of EACER should match the activities of ENTSO(g) (if such a body were to be established)
  
- § Revise EACER powers & duties after evaluation of effectiveness

# Information transparency – a crucial issue

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## Infrastructure information

- § Improved information on gas infrastructure remains a fundamental issue, which is well addressed by the proposals in the 3<sup>rd</sup> package

## Market information

- § Overall market monitoring needs to be facilitated by the provision of consistent information from hub operators & exchanges
- § The circumstances under which a particular regulator could request records of individual confidential transaction need careful definition.

# Storage - support for the main proposals



But we suggest better clarification that

- § the goal is a competitive storage market
- § unbundling should equally apply to TSOs who own storage
- § emphasis should be on convergence and harmonisation across Europe, in particular regarding information, annual allocation of capacity and facilitation of trading throughout the year.
- § decisions about inclusion in TPA or the nature of the access regime should have the same basis for all storage facilities and include an assessment of genuine competition within the same balancing zone.

# Balancing

## 3<sup>rd</sup> package needs to provide greater impetus

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- § Europe needs to converge on market-based balancing in which information provision is sufficient and timely to enable market participants to take corrective action within the balancing period.

- § First step is regional grid analyses to ensure that sufficient physical infrastructure to deliver gas will be built and made available to the market
  
- § Transparency is needed for any mutual assistance agreements, to avoid undue increased gas prices for consumers

# ENTSO (gas) – benefit is not clear



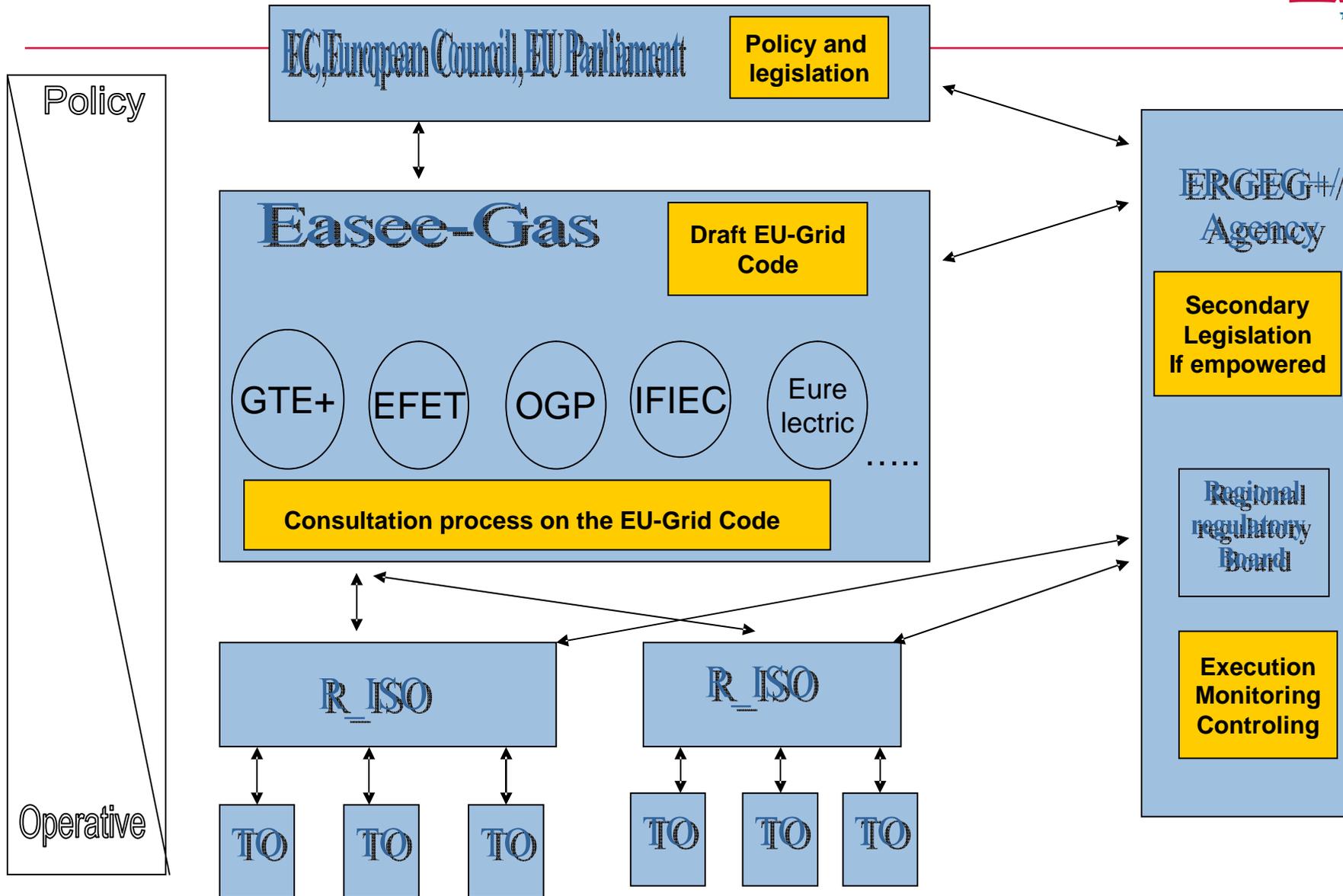
We recommend:

1. recognise an industry-wide platform as responsible for drafting binding documents on topics that affect wide parts of the industry
2. place clear obligations on TSOs both severally and jointly to implement the network parts of those documents and other network-related tasks that are specific to TSOs
3. empower EACER to step in if the industry cannot agree or the TSOs fail to deliver

§ equitable distribution of powers and duties

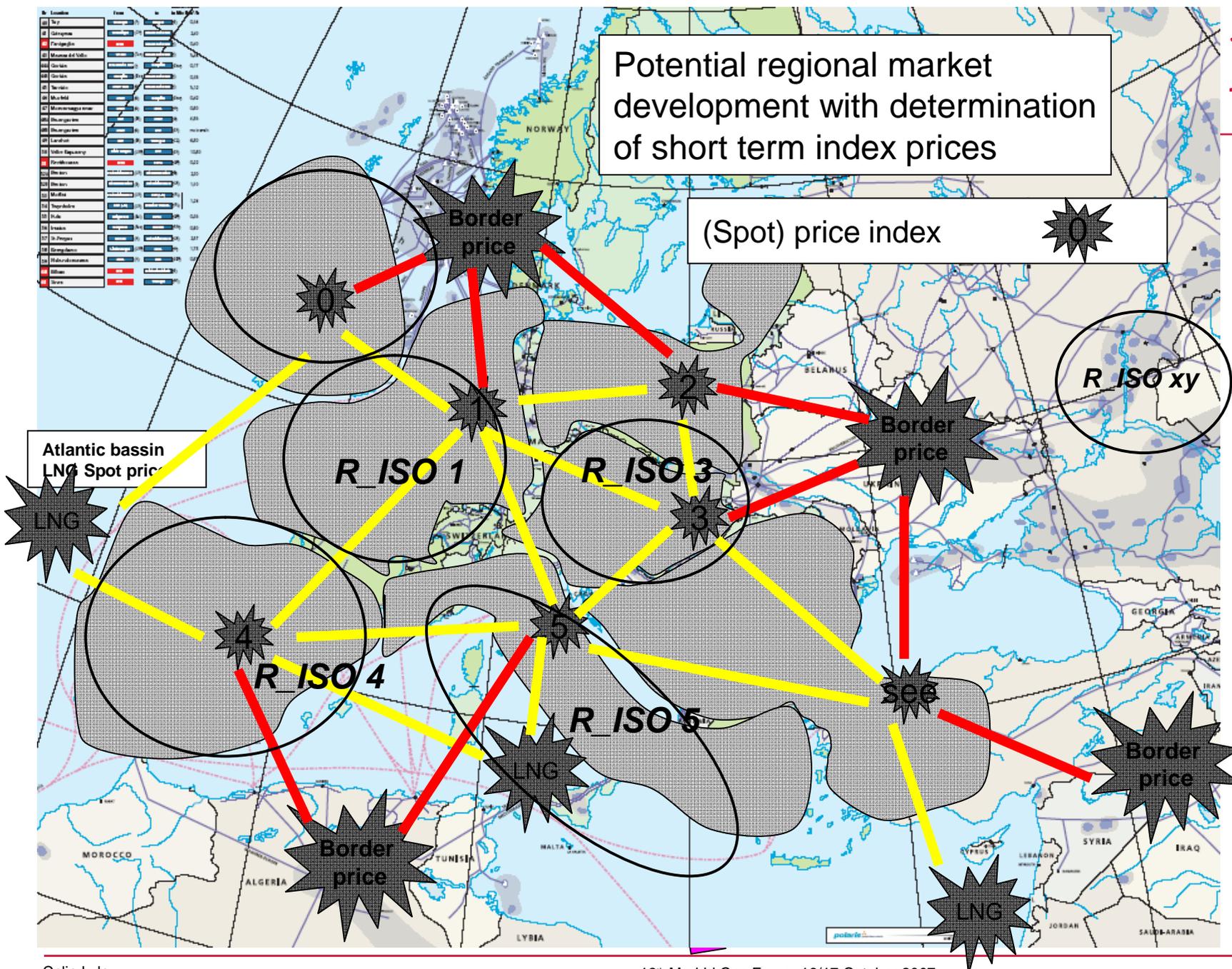
§ regulators responsible for the economic rationale of their decisions.

# A better process for EU-wide gas network rules



Potential regional market development with determination of short term index prices

(Spot) price index 



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