



Monitoring of PCIs 2019 - Electricity

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Progress report for Projects of Common Interest (PCIs) pursuant to Article 5(4) of Regulation (EU) No 347/2013 to be submitted by 31st March, 2019

Questionnaire for electricity transmission, smart grid and storage PCIs

Use of the single reporting

Pursuant to Article 5(4) of Regulation (EU) No 347/2013, project promoters of PCIs shall submit by 31 March an annual report to the relevant national Competent Authority(ies)[*] and to the Agency. In order to relieve the reporting burden, the Agency and the Competent Authorities have signed a Memorandum of Understanding on PCI information exchange (“MoU”). The MoU allows promoters to submit the annual report via a single reporting service to the Agency, which will then transmit the report to the relevant national Competent Authority(ies), who are signatories to the MoU. For a list of Competent Authorities who signed the MoU, please refer to the background document for this questionnaire in the right-hand menu.

[*] *The relevant Competent Authorities are the ones on whose territory the PCI is partly or fully located.*

Three national Competent Authorities, namely those of Germany, France and the Netherlands, have not signed the MoU with the Agency. Please note that the Agency shall not transmit any annual reports from promoters to these non-signing Competent Authorities. Therefore, in case one of these non-signing Competent Authorities is relevant for a PCI, project promoters shall need to submit their report directly to it.

The non-signing Competent Authorities are the following:

- *Bundesnetzagentur für Elektrizität, Gas, Telekommunikation, Post und Eisenbahnen (Germany),*
- *Ministère de l'Ecologie, du Développement Durable et de l'Energie (France)*
- *Ministerie van Economische Zaken (Netherlands)*

Important: the Irish Competent Authority (An Bord Pleanála) - in a reservation to the MoU advises project promoters to submit their annual reports for each project as is required by article 5.4 of Regulation (EU) No 347/2013 directly to An Bord Pleanála in addition to the use of the IT tool as operated by the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators.

Project promoters may also choose not to use the single reporting service. In this case, the report will need to be submitted in separate submissions to the Agency (via this online questionnaire) and also directly to any relevant national Competent Authority. Please note that the Agency will not forward the report to any Competent Authority in case the project promoter chooses to submit the report separately to the Agency and to the relevant Competent Authority(ies). Please be aware that the Agency shall be in no event liable to any person or entity for any direct or indirect loss or damage arising out of the non-transmission of the report to any of the relevant national Competent Authorities in this case.

Please indicate your choice by selecting one of the boxes below.

*** 1 Please tick ONE of the following boxes:**

- I confirm that I would like to use the single reporting service provided by the Agency, and I agree that the Agency shall transmit my report in full without any alterations only to those relevant national Competent Authorities which have signed the MoU with the Agency. I am aware that the Agency shall not transmit my report to those relevant national Competent Authorities which have not signed the MoU with the Agency, and I confirm that I will also submit the report to these authorities. I confirm that my submission constitutes the report on the progress of the PCI indicated below pursuant to Article 5 (4) of Regulation (EU) No 347/2013.
- I confirm that I do NOT wish to use the single reporting service provided by the Agency. I am aware and I explicitly agree that the Agency shall not transmit any information to any relevant Competent Authority included in or related to my submission. I confirm that I will submit my report directly to all relevant Competent Authorities. I confirm that my submission constitutes the report to the Agency on the progress of the PCI indicated below pursuant to Article 5(4) of Regulation (EU) No 347/2013.

Information sharing with the Directorate-General for Energy of the European Commission (DG ENER) and the Innovation & Networks Executive Agency (INEA)

The information provided in this questionnaire will be shared with DG ENER and INEA for the purpose of monitoring the implementation of Regulation (EU) No 347/2013, unless differently indicated by the promoter. For this purpose, at the end of each section of the questionnaire you can indicate whether you do not agree that the information contained in that specific section is transmitted to DG ENER and INEA, and in such a case, you will be requested to provide the relevant reasons.

Technical information regarding the questionnaire:

Please note that some of the following questions are dependent to your replies to previous questions, and, therefore, their visibility may depend on a previous answer. In order to obtain the entire questionnaire please download a pdf version.

Please also note that all questions are mandatory (the red star mark indicated before some of the questions serve only for technical purposes).

Administrative details

*2 Email address of the contact person:

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1. PCI identification

*3 PCI number (No X.Y or X.Y.Z) in the 2017 Union list of PCIs:

Enter the PCI number as it appears in the 2017 Union list of PCIs. (The list is available for download below)

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You can download the 2017 Union list of PCIs here:

[2017 Union list of PCIs](#)

*4 PCI name in the 2017 Union list of PCIs:

Enter the name of the project as it appears in the 2017 Union list of PCIs. (The list is available for download above)

CARES - Compressed Air Renewable Energy Storage

*5 Please indicate whether the PCI is:

- Transmission PCI
- Storage PCI
- Smart grid PCI

*6 Draft ENTSO-E TYNDP 2018 project number (or numbers, in case different parts of the PCI belong to different TYNDP projects):

1022

*7 Draft ENTSO-E TYNDP 2018 investment number (or numbers, in case the PCI includes multiple investments):

n/a

* 8 Is there any change regarding the PCI promoters compared to the data submitted in the ACER monitoring report 2018?

E.g. a promoter changed its name, a promoter of the project has changed, etc.

- Yes
 No

* 10 Is there any change regarding the hosting countries (where the project is located) compared to the data submitted in the ACER monitoring report 2018?

- Yes
 No

* 12 Please choose which of the following statements is true regarding the NDP (National Development Plan) inclusion of the PCI:

- All investment items of the PCI are fully included in the latest NDP(s) of all hosting EU Member States
 The investment items of the PCI are only partially included in the latest NDP of the hosting EU Member States (i.e. not all investment items of the PCI are included and/or not in all relevant NDPs)
 None of the investment items of the PCI are included in the NDP of any of the hosting EU Member States.

* 13 Please also provide the reasons for Non-inclusion or only partial inclusion in the relevant NDP(s)

In case the project is hosted by multiple EU Member States, and the reason for non-inclusion in the NDP is different, please provide the reason for non-inclusion for each hosting EU Member State separately.

The CARES project is two plants: 1 x 40MW, 160–200MWh and 1 x 500MW, 2.5GWh. The former is omitted in error from the list. The larger plant qualifies for PCI as being of sufficient size and voltage. As the smaller plant is a first-of-a-kind (FOAK), it needs to be built first in order to obtain project financing and full engineering (EPC) guarantees for the large plant; therefore the large plant depends on successful construction of the small plant. However the additional time requirement to build the small plant is small, as it is subject to local planning laws and to distribution grid connection. The original application was for both, and it was accepted that both are integral parts of a single PCI qualifying project. The total project size is therefore 540MW, 2.7GWh.

14 Identification of the PCI investment items in the latest available National Network Development Plans.

(Please fill in only if there is some change compared to the 2018 PCI monitoring report.)

Please fill one row PER INVESTMENT ITEM PER MEMBER STATE

(e.g. for a PCI with the following 2 investment items: (IIT1) an interconnection between Member States A and B; and (IIT2) an internal line in Member State A, please fill 3 rows: IIT1 in Member State A; IIT1 in Member State B; IIT2 in Member State A)

In case a unique number or code for the project is not available, please provide the page and section of reference/description of the investment items in the LATEST available NDP.

In case an investment item is not or no longer included in the NDP, please fill in "not included" in the column "Investment code in the latest NDP".

Final or draft NDP: Please indicate whether the latest NDP is in a draft format or it is already final (e.g. approved by the relevant authority) by stating "Final" or "Draft".

	Investment number in the EU TYNDP	Member State	Investment code (or other reference) in the latest NDP	Date of latest available NDP (Year/month)	Final or draft NDP	Date of first inclusion of the investment in the relevant NDP (Year)
1.						
2.						
3.						
4.						
5.						
6.						

* 15 Did you submit an application file for the permit granting process before 16th November 2013?

According to Article 19 of the Regulation (EU) No 347/2013, in such a case the provisions of Chapter III of the Regulation "Permit granting and public participation" do not apply.

- Yes
- No

* 16 Is there any new link to the PCI website according to Article 9(7) of Regulation (EU) No 347/2013 compared to the data submitted in the ACER monitoring report 2018?

- Yes
- No

* 18 The information in Section 1 is going to be shared with DG ENER and INEA

- I agree
- I disagree (*Please provide the reasons below.*)

3. Public support

34 Did you apply for financial support from the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) between 1st February 2018 and 31st January 2019?

In case of a PCI with several sections or promoters, where more than one answer is applicable for different sections or promoters, please select "other" and explain in the available box.

- Yes, we applied for CEF (for studies only)
- Yes, we applied for CEF (for works only)
- Yes, we applied for CEF (for studies and works)
- No, we did not apply for CEF
- Other (please specify)

36 Do you intend to apply for financial support from the Connecting Europe Facility until 31st January 2020?

If you already applied in February or March 2019, please also select "yes".

- Yes, for studies only.
- Yes, for works only.
- Yes, for studies and for works.
- No, we do not plan to apply.
- The promoter(s) have not decided yet.

37 Do you intend to apply for financial support from the Connecting Europe Facility between 1st February 2020 and 31st January 2021?

- Yes, for studies only.
- Yes, for works only.
- Yes, for studies and for works.
- No, we do not plan to apply.
- The promoter(s) have not decided yet.

38 Did you receive any financial support from funding programmes other than CEF at European, regional or national level for any part or section of the PCI between 1st February 2018 and 31st January 2019?

- Yes

No

41 Do you intend to apply until 31st January 2020 for any funding programmes other than CEF at European, regional or national level for any part or section of the PCI?

If you already applied for a programme in February or March 2019, please also select "yes".

- Yes
 No
 The promoter(s) have not decided yet

*44 The information in Section 3 is going to be shared with DG ENER and INEA

- I agree
 I disagree (*Please provide the reasons below.*)

4. Technical information

In this section please fill in the required information valid as of 31st January 2019.

4.1. PCI Technical Characteristics

*46 Is there any change or update in any of the following PCI technical characteristics compared to the data submitted in the ACER monitoring report 2018?

In this questionnaire, changes in technical characteristics include the followings:

- Change of the PCI category: i.e. AC or DC transmission line, On-shore or Off-shore AC or DC transmission cable, Onshore or Off-shore substation, PST, Back to back substation, Transformer, Reactive compensation device, Combined investment, Hydro-pumped storage, Compressed air storage, Electrochemical storage, Smart Grids
- Change of electrical characteristics: i.e. for transmission the voltage level or rated power; for storage the installed generation power, installed generation capacity and/or net pumping power
- Changes in PCI topology: i.e.: a different substation and/or a different length (in case of lines or cables)
- Other significant change in technical elements of the PCI

- Yes
 No

*51 The information in Section 4 is going to be shared with DG ENER and INEA

- I agree
 I disagree (*Please provide the reasons below.*)

If the PCI is "cancelled" you don't need to fill Section 5 and 6 of the questionnaire. Please fill the respective mandatory fields with 0 for number or text, 01/01/1900 for date fields and tick the first choice for single/multiple choice questions to be able to submit the questionnaire.

5. Actual and expected costs and benefits

5.1 Investment and lifecycle costs

For the completion of Part 5.1 please note the following definitions:

Investment Cost: It should include the cost items which are considered in the respective Regulated Asset Base(s), if applicable, in line with the legislative and regulatory framework applicable in the relevant Member State(s). These usually cover items related to the development, construction and commissioning of projects, such as the following:

- Development costs (e.g. studies, rights of way, environmental planning) and project management costs, material and assembly cost, including installation and commissioning
- Other construction costs, including temporary solutions, waste management and environmental costs
- Consenting costs

(For more details see Agency's Recommendation 05/2015, Section 2.4, p. 10 and p. 22)

Incurred Investment Cost: All costs allocated to the project, for which an invoice (or other accounting document which proves the recognition of the cost) has been issued (for the purchase of materials or provided services).

Additional Contracted Investment Cost: It should include all costs in which promoters are committed to (e.g. tender and consequent contracts are signed, even if no invoices are issued yet or no payments are made yet) excluding the Incurred Investment Cost.

* 53 **Incurred Investment Cost** for the PCI till 31st December 2018 (discounted value):

Please provide the value discounted to the present (i.e. value of year 2019) using a 4% discount rate (real), in line with the ENTSO-E CBA methodology.

In case 2018 accounting closure is not yet completed, please include an estimate.

mln EUR

* 54 **Additional Contracted Investment Cost** for the PCI till 31st December 2018 (discounted value):

Please provide the value discounted to the present (i.e. value of year 2019) using a 4% discount rate (real), in line with the ENTSO-E CBA methodology.

In case 2018 accounting closure is not yet completed, please include an estimate.

mln EUR

* 55 Is there any difference in the expected **total Investment Cost** as of 31st January 2019 compared to the data which was provided to the Regional Groups during the PCI selection round 2017?

If the different value is purely due to discounting to different year, please select "No".

- Yes
 No

Important: Please note that if you select "No" to the previous question, the expected total Investment Cost of the PCI which was provided to the Regional Groups during the PCI selection round in 2017 (and used for the 2018 PCI monitoring report) will be used for the calculation of the expected total Investment Costs at 2019 value.

* 57 The expected total Investment Cost of the PCI (discounted value) will be published in the PCI monitoring report.

- I do not object to the publication
 I object to the publication (please substantiate the reason for confidentiality below)

* 65 Is there any difference in the expected **annual lifecycle cost** compared to the data submitted in the ACER monitoring report 2018.

- Yes
 No

Important: Please note that if you select "No" to the previous question, the expected annual lifecycle cost of the PCI submitted in the ACER monitoring report 2018 will be used for the calculation of the annual lifecycle costs at 2019 value.

67 Please provide the expected **annual** cost of power purchase needed for the operation of the plant (at a value of the commissioning year).

80 mInEUR

* 68 The expected annual lifecycle cost (at the value of the commissioning year) will be published in the PCI monitoring report.

- I do not object to the publication
 I object to the publication (please substantiate the reason for confidentiality below)

70 In case you would like to share any additional information regarding costs, you may provide it here:

The dates for construction and commissioning were abased on receiving funding last year, which was not forthcoming, though significant interest has been shown. Please therefore add a year to them.

5.2 Expected benefits

71 In case you have any comment regarding the progress of benefits compared to the data considered for PCI selection 2017 and the Agency's PCI monitoring activity in 2018, please provide it here:

For the 2018 PCI monitoring activity, the promoters did not need to provide any updated projections on benefits. The Agency's analysis of the benefits was based on the benefit data considered for PCI selection 2017 since less than a year has elapsed between the 2 activities.

Benefits are the same, but delayed by a year.

I am confused that the CBA benefits calculated for 1022 CARES are less than for 1023 Cheshire Gas CAES. While 1023 is substantially cheaper (capex) than 1022, the former has zero emissions and much greater environmental benefits. Also, as off-peak electricity prices are expected to fall more than gas prices, input energy costs for 1022 will drop below 1023 within 5 years or so and keep dropping by comparison. I suspect that your calculations assume constant input energy costs.

* 72 The information in Section 5 is going to be shared with DG ENER and INEA

- I agree
 I disagree (*Please provide the reasons below.*)

6. Status, implementation and time progress

6.1 Current status

* 74 Please indicate the current status of the PCI:

*(In case of a PCI with several sections or elements which are in different status, **the status of the least advanced section or element determines the status of the overall PCI.**)*

Please note the following definitions:

“**under consideration**” status is related to studies, conceptual projects and other potential options which did not receive yet a planning approval decision and are in the phase of initial planning studies.

“**planned but not yet in permitting**” projects are those which have been included in the national development plan and completed the phase of initial studies (e.g. completed pre-feasibility or feasibility study), but have not initiated the permitting application yet;

“**permitting (permitting application)**” starts from the date when the project promoters applied for the first permit regarding the implementation of the project and the application is valid.

- Under consideration
- Planned, but not yet in permitting
- Permitting
- Under construction
- Commissioned
- Cancelled

75 In case the status of the PCI appear to be “regressed” (i.e. show a backward progress compared to data provided for the 2018 PCI monitoring) please explain here:

N/A: still awaiting investment

76 In case of a PCI with several investment items which are in different status, please describe the difference here:

N/A: still awaiting investment, though this could be in two stages corresponding with Study and Works

6.2 Implementation Plan

In this section of the questionnaire, Project Promoters are required to provide the **(actual or expected)** start date and end date of each stage **valid as of January 31st, 2019.**

In case of a PCI with several sections or elements, the starting date of a certain stage of the overall PCI is defined by the **starting date of the earliest section/element**, and the ending date of a certain stage of the overall PCI is defined by the **ending date of the last section/element.**

If an implementation phase is not applicable, please fill in 01/01/1900 to the relevant fields.

79 Is there any change or update in the implementation plan (valid as of 31st January 2019) compared to the data submitted in the ACER monitoring report 2018.

- Yes (Please provide the updated implementation plan below)
- No (Please note that the data provided in the PCI monitoring report 2018 will be used)

6.2.1 Consideration phase

Consideration phase covers the planning studies (power flow and hydraulic simulations, pre-feasibility and feasibility, including the techno-economic analysis of the project) and consideration for inclusion in the national plan(s) and Regional Plans / EU-wide Ten Year Network Development Plan (TYNDP) of ENTSO-E.

*80 Consideration phase start date (beginning of any pre-feasibility study for the PCI):

04/12/2017

81 Consideration phase end date:

31/12/2020

6.2.2 Planning approval

Planning approval is the approval (at the level of national development planning) by the NRA or by the competent Ministry or national competent authority, as provisioned in the national law of each country.

82 Planning approval start date (i.e. date of request):
e.g. submission/ publication of draft NDP

01/01/2021

*83 Planning approval end date (i.e. date of approval)
e.g. approved NDP

30/09/2022

6.2.3 Preliminary design studies

84 Preliminary design studies start date

01/05/2019

85 Preliminary design studies end date

31/07/2019

6.2.4 Front End Engineering Design (FEED) (if applicable)

86 Front end engineering design: start date

01/08/2019

87 Front end engineering design: end date

28/02/2020

6.2.5 Public Consultation of Art. 9(4) of Regulation (EU) No 347/2013 (if applicable)

88 Public Consultation of Art. 9(4) of Reg. 347/2013: start date

06/01/2020

89 Public Consultation of Art. 9(4) of Reg. 347/2013: end date

30/04/2020

6.2.7 Permit granting: Pre-application procedure

Please provide start and end dates as defined in Article 10 (1) of Regulation (EU) No 347/2013. The start date of the pre-application procedure constitutes the start of the permit granting process.

“ATTENTION: THE START DATE CANNOT BE EARLIER THAN 16 NOV 2013”

*92 Pre-application Procedure: start date (i.e. date of acceptance of the project promoter's notification by the competent authority)

01/10/2020

93 Pre-application Procedure: end date (i.e. date of acceptance of the project promoter's application file by the competent authority)

30/12/2020

6.2.8 Permit granting: Statutory procedure

Please provide start and end dates as defined in Article 10 (1) of Regulation (EU) No 347/2013.

The end date of the statutory procedure constitutes the end of the permit granting process.

94 Statutory procedure: start date (i.e. date of acceptance of the project promoter's application file by the competent authority)

05/01/2021

*95 Statutory procedure: end date (i.e. date of comprehensive decision)

30/09/2022

6.2.9 Environmental Impact Assessment request and approval

96 Environmental Impact Assessment request: start date

01/08/2019

97 Environmental Impact Assessment approval: end date

30/06/2020

6.2.13 Final investment decision (if applicable)

104 Date of the Final investment decision

30/11/2022

6.2.14 Detailed engineering design

105 Detailed engineering design: start date

01/03/2020

106 Detailed engineering design: end date

31/12/2021

6.2.15 Tendering for construction (if applicable)

In case of a PCI with several tenders for a section, the start date of the overall PCI is defined by the start date of the first tender, and the end date by the end date of the last tender.

107 Tendering for construction: start date

05/01/2022

108 Tendering for construction: end date

30/03/2022

6.2.16 Construction

* 109 Construction: start date

09/01/2023

110 Construction: end date

31/12/2026

6.2.17 Commissioning

* 111 Commissioning date

06/01/2027

112 Please provide any additional information you may deem necessary or useful with regard to the implementation plan of the PCI (e.g. permit granting, consultation procedures, commissioning date).

1. Dates are entirely subject to funding. If CEF Study funding is granted, this is likely to be achieved and may accelerate; if not, further delays may well ensue.
2. Definitions of the different periods (e.g. when FEED becomes detailed design; whether permit pre-application starts at first consultation, formal application or some other intermediate time) are largely subjective.
3. Commissioning date depends on TNO grid connection date, which is entirely out of our hands.
4. These dates are for the larger (500MW) of the two plants within the PCI. The smaller one (40MW) is likely to be commissioned (DNO dependent) ~3 years from an investment decision. In reading last year's submission I see that most of the dates related to the smaller plant.

6.3 Works performed

* 113 Description of works and activities performed between 1st February 2018 and 31st January 2019:

Please select only those works and activities, which were (at least partially) performed over the past year (i.e. between 1 February 2018 and 31 January 2019). In case of a PCI with several sections or elements, please describe the works performed for all sections or elements. E.g. for a PCI that includes a part that is under construction and another part for which a feasibility study was conducted in the reporting period, both activities should be selected from the list.

- STUDY: environmental
- STUDY: spatial planning
- STUDY: technical feasibility
- STUDY: socio-economic feasibility
- Identification of alternative solutions / site identification
- Public consultation
- Preparation of permitting files, contracts and other documents
- Negotiations with landowners and land acquisition
- Detailed technical design
- Tendering
- Preparatory works for construction (e.g. land preparation)
- Construction
- Commissioning
- Other work or activity (please specify)
- No activity was performed in the specified reporting period

114 If the answer to the previous question is "Other" or "No activity was performed", please specify or explain here:

Seeking investment by diverse means (small amounts obtained)
Discussions with ministry, regulator and TSO
Revenue streams analysis / revision
Patent application process

6.4 Time progress

*Please note that in this section the term "**investment rescheduled**" corresponds to an investment which is voluntarily postponed by a promoter due to changes of its external driver (e.g. lower demand, less urgent need for an investment due to updated planning data or priority to other transmission solutions).*

*The term "**investment delayed**" corresponds to an investment which is still needed according to the validating body (NRA or, where applicable Ministry) at the expected date, but cannot be delivered on time due to various external factors like permitting, environmental, legislative reasons, etc.*

If the actual or expected commissioning date as of 31st January 2019 is later than the commissioning date indicated in the 2018 PCI monitoring report, the PCI should be reported either as "delayed" or "rescheduled." You may wish to provide any further clarification about the implementation / time progress of the PCI at the end of the questionnaire.

* 115 Is the actual or expected commissioning date as of 31st January 2019 later than the commissioning date indicated in the 2018 PCI monitoring report?

- Yes
 No

* 116 If the answer to the previous question is "Yes", please indicate whether your PCI is delayed or rescheduled. (In case both are applicable, please choose the most important effect)

Please note the definitions and instructions as provided at the beginning of section 6.4

- Rescheduled
 Delayed

6.4.2 Delays

Reasons for delay

* 119 Please select the main reason for delay (the one that caused the longest delay in case of multiple reasons):

- PERMITTING - Delays due to environmental problems (including re-routing and/or siting or re-siting of facility(ies)). Environmental problems also include problems with cultural heritage authorities or any other authority that is involved in the environmental procedure

- PERMITTING - National law changes affecting permitting, including complexities with the implementation of the new legislation implementing Regulation (EU) 347/2013 for permitting
- PERMITTING - Delays in the preparation of necessary application files by the project promoter
- PERMITTING - Delays due to other permit granting reasons (different than law changes, environmental problems or preparation of application files). Please explain in the relevant question below
- Delays related to acquisition of or access to land
- Delays due to correlation with other delayed infrastructure investments (for transmission PCIs)
- Delay in tendering process
- Delay related to finalisation of agreements and coordination across borders (for transmission and smart grids PCIs)
- Delay related to finalisation of agreements with third party promoters (for transmission and smart grids PCIs)
- Delays in construction works
- Delays due to technological reasons (including any changes, re-routing and/or siting or re-siting of facility(ies) initiated by the PP)
- Delays due to financing reasons
- Delays due to risks related to the national regulatory framework or uncertainty of regulatory opposition
- Delays due to lawsuits and court proceedings
- Other

120 Brief description of the main reason for delay (in particular if the answers "PERMITTING" or "other" is selected):

Please explain the specific circumstances and the (actual or potential) consequences of the delay (e.g. cost increases), and indicate in which PCI phase the delay had its origin. Please explain why this delay was not foreseeable.

Private financing is awaiting CEF funding: we received offers of match funding to cover the entire Study. CEF funding has been delayed, which delays the entire project correspondingly.

121 Additional reasons for delay:

- PERMITTING - Delays due to environmental problems (including re-routing and/or siting or re-siting of facility(ies)). Environmental problems also include problems with cultural heritage authorities or any other authority that is involved in the environmental procedure
- PERMITTING - National law changes affecting permitting, including complexities with the implementation of the new legislation implementing Regulation (EU) 347/2013 for permitting
- PERMITTING - Delays in the preparation of necessary application files by the project promoter
- PERMITTING - Delays due to other permit granting reasons (different than law changes, environmental problems or preparation of application files). Please explain in the relevant question below
- Delays related to acquisition of or access to land
- Delays due to correlation with other delayed infrastructure investments (for transmission PCIs)
- Delay in tendering process
- Delay related to finalisation of agreements and coordination across borders (for transmission and smart grids PCIs)
- Delay related to finalisation of agreements with third party promoters (for transmission and smart grids PCIs)

- Delays in construction works
- Delays due to technological reasons (including any changes, re-routing and/or siting or re-siting of facility(ies) initiated by the PP)
- Delays due to financing reasons
- Delays due to risks related to the national regulatory framework or regulatory opposition
- Delays due to lawsuits and court proceedings
- Other

122 Brief description of any additional reasons for delay (in particular if the answer "other" is selected):

Please provide a brief description of any additional reasons for delay (in particular, when the additional reason for the delay is for permitting) and their prioritisation, if applicable, as well as their interaction with other reasons, and the consequences of the delay, e.g. cost increases.

No additional reason for delay: all awaits funding.

6.4.4 Measures taken and recommendations to resolve delays and difficulties

126 Please describe the measures you took or foresee to take to solve delays or difficulties (if applicable)

Please note the followings:

Measure: brief description of the measure already taken or foreseen (or proposed) in the future.

Who took / should take the measure?: indication whether the Project promoter(s), NRAs, Competent Authorities, ministries or other party took or should take the indicated measure to solve delays or difficulties

Consequence of the taken measure: if applicable, indication of the consequence of the measure already taken (e.g. did it solve the difficulty?)

	Measure	Taken or foreseen?	Who took / should take the measure?	Consequence of the taken measure
1.	Applied for CEF funding, supported by EY (Ernst & Young) who are suitably expert	Taken	Storelectric	Currently subject to a "minded to" opinion that it should not be funded this time, for a number of reasons every one of which is spurious, erroneous and /or contrary to CEF procedure - especially the fact that at no time did they ever request any clarification of any element of the application
2.	Emailed (as invited to do, in the "minded to" decision) our reasons for contesting every single reason for denying the funding	Taken	Storelectric	Awaiting response, which should be to call an urgent meeting at INEA to discuss the application, project and needs - however

	this time, supported by EY			they appear to be delaying
3.	Clarification meeting by INEA to clarify all their points of concern, in line with the procedures that they should have followed PRIOR TO the "minded to" decision	Foreseen	INEA	Awaiting response: this would enable us to satisfy all INEA's concerns
4.	Change of "minded to" decision from opposition to support, based on the actual application, status and needs of the project	Foreseen	INEA	Awaiting response: swift approval will enable us to proceed with the project. A delayed approval will enable us to proceed but increase costs (greater costs incurred both in company costs directly by the delay and in havnig to re-do environmental surveys which would expire)

127 In case you have any additional information regarding the implementation/ time progress of the PCI, you may provide it here:

All progress is dependent on funding.
Funding is dependent on a procedurally compliant, fair and just assessment by INEA of our CEF application.
We await response from INEA giving us the urgent opportunity to discuss this project THIS MONTH - I will be away 28/2 to 14/3 and unable to progress it during that period.

* 128 The information in Section 6 is going to be shared with DG ENER and INEA

- I agree
 I disagree (*Please provide the reasons below.*)

Background Documents

[FAQ_PCI_monitoring_25012019.pdf \(/eusurvey/files/0201a619-85d1-4ab0-8062-5c2b86b42695\)](/eusurvey/files/0201a619-85d1-4ab0-8062-5c2b86b42695)

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