

1st PECEI/PMI Electricity Group Meeting

Energy Community Secretariat, Vienna
09:00 – 15:00 10 October 2017

1. 2018 PECEI/ PMI Selection – Logistics

- Energy Community Secretariat (ECS) welcomed the participants
- ECS asked participants present at the meeting to register on the Group distribution list. Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Albania were not represented by either the TSO or the ministry.

Presentation 1 – Legal Background

- ECS has presented the purpose and the legal background of the PECEI/PMI selection exercise (adopted/adapted Regulation 347/2013 - Regulation) and highlighted the following points:
 - The definition of PECEI and PMI status and the recommendation of the Ministerial Council to treat PMIs the same way as PECEIs
 - General and Specific Criteria of Eligibility for PECEI/PMI status for the electricity and smart grid projects – Art.4/1
 - The composition of the PECEI/PMI Group and the decision making body for electricity and smart grid projects – Annex II/1
 - Overview of the benefits for projects with the labels
- ECS emphasized that the permit granting benefits defined in the Regulation (one-stop-shop, maximum 3,5 years of permit granting procedure, etc) cannot be realised by the promoters within the Contracting Parties, in case the Competent Authorities are not set up.

Presentation 2 – Proposed Schedule of the Selection

- The Secretariat presented the proposed schedule of the PECEI/PMI process, leading up to the Ministerial Council approval of the PECEI/PMI list in October 2018. The Secretariat proposes 4 meetings (+1 if necessary). The second meeting during the first half of December, the third meeting during the first half of February, with the final meeting proposed to be held in May, in which the draft preliminary list should be proposed to the decision making body of the group.
- PECEI/PMI Electricity group agreed to use, as much, as possible, inputs from the project assessments performed by ENTSO-E CSE RG, as part of TYNDP2018 preparation. In order to do so, project promoters (ENTSO-E members) are invited to submit project proposals in the same manner to the ENTSO-E TYNDP2018 and PECEI/PMI 2018.

The participants have noted the ECS presentations.

2. 2018 PECEI/PMI – Monitoring and Reporting

Presentation 3 – Project Promoters

- The project promoters have presented the current status of their projects and the steps taken in the previous year.
- Project promoters agreed to allow ECS to use the presentations for updating the current project status on PLIMA transparency platform

Presentation 4 – Article 5 - Project monitoring and reporting

- ECS has presented about the project monitoring and reporting obligations under 347/2013.
 - The presentation defined the obligations set out in the Article 5 of the Regulation.
 - ECS presented Energy Community Secretariat infrastructure transparency platform - PLIMA.
 - ECS provided an overview about the current statuses of the PECEI/PMI projects.

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3. PECEI/PMI – Application

Presentation 5 – Candidate projects submission and eligibility criteria for PECEI/PMI

- ECS has presented about the project submission and eligibility criteria for PECEI/PMI status.
 - The presentation defined the eligible electricity and smart grid projects based on Annex I/2 of the Regulation.
 - ECS highlighted that project implementation is an obligation to the project promoters, once the label has been granted. The Regulation, in Article 6. foresees certain measures, in case the project is not moving ahead.
 - It is highlighted that commissioning of candidate for PECEI/PMI should be planned before 2027.

- ECS explained that the submissions of candidates in each category was simplified and the it will circulate the template in EXCEL format; Promoters of interconnectors are strongly encouraged to submit the project jointly for both sides of the border; or at least coordinates in terms of project technical data and commissioning year; data quality and validation proved to be very time consuming in the previous rounds; project promoters are encouraged to submit as detailed and verified data as possible;
- **Q SER:** At which point in the process, are letters of consent requested from the other country involved in an interconnector: **ECS A:** After the project was evaluated and proposed for the preliminary list.
- **SMART Grids:** Criteria for eligibility are strictly set in the Regulation; submissions to be checked with ECS in advance;
- **UA: Electricity storage/batteries: ECS A:** Eligible but minimum capacity of batteries is set in the Regulation.
- The nomination and realization of the Competent Authorities within the countries is crucial to enable Project Promoters to utilize the benefits as defined in the Regulation.
- ECS provided an overview about the methodological workflow of the selection.
- ECS highlighted the importance of active participation of the group members during each step of the PECI/PMI selection. Steps and topics, which have been closed and agreed upon in then Group (e.g. input data, methodology, assumptions, scenarios, etc.), cannot be reopened for further discussions due to time and methodological concerns.
- ECS will send an email to all participants with request to delegate group member and/or substitute member.
- It is noted that the consultant is selected for this purpose.

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- ECS will upload the presentations, meeting conclusions, member organisations and the agenda on the Energy-Community website, in line with the provisions of the Regulation (Annex II/1/6).