



# **Integrated National Plans and Energy Union Governance**

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# Governance of the Energy Union

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**European Council, October 2014**

*"The Energy Union also needs an integrated governance and monitoring process, to make sure that energy-related actions at European, regional, national and local level all contribute to the Energy Union's objectives."*

**Energy Union Strategy, February 2015**

*"[T]he Commission foresees in 2016 a proposal on streamlining planning and reporting requirements related to climate and energy actions"*

**State of the Energy Union, November 2015**



# Objectives of the new approach to Energy Union Governance

**Rethink the current system** of planning, reporting and monitoring obligations

- Adapt to the 2030 energy and climate targets
- Increase coherence and integration in the energy field
- Increase consistency between the energy and climate fields
- Reduce administrative burden and create efficient regulation

**Set a robust and formalised governance process** between the Commission and Member States for the implementation of the Energy Union





# Energy Union Governance

## Reliable and Transparent Governance System

*"The Energy Union needs an **integrated governance and monitoring process** to make sure that energy-related actions at European, regional, national and local level all contribute to the Energy Union's objectives."*

## Guidance on National Energy and Climate Plans (2015)



# Principles and scope of National Plans

## Principles:

**Holistic approach** addressing all five dimensions of the Energy Union

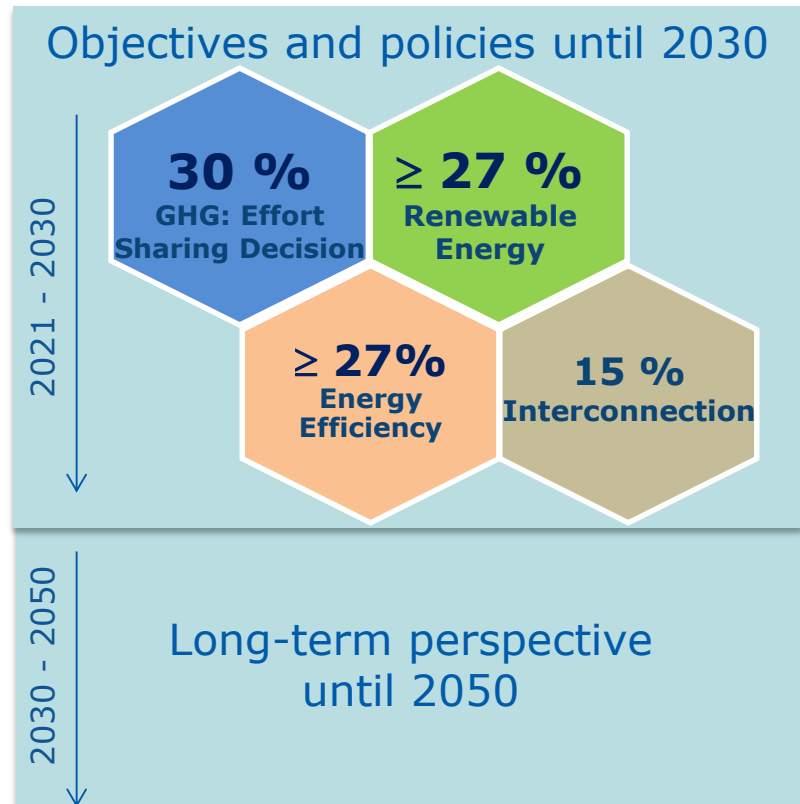
**Preserve** specific elements of **existing plans** where appropriate and build upon existing national strategies

**Integrate** national energy and climate objectives and policies

Greater **coherence and cooperation** among MS's energy and climate policies

**Long term predictability** and investor certainty

## Scope:



# Integrated National Energy and Climate Plans

## PART A NATIONAL PLANS

## PART B ANALYTICAL BASIS

### 1. Overview and Process for Establishing the Plan

#### ENERGY UNION

#### Dimensions

Decarbonisation

Energy efficiency

Energy security

Internal energy  
market

R&I and  
competitiveness

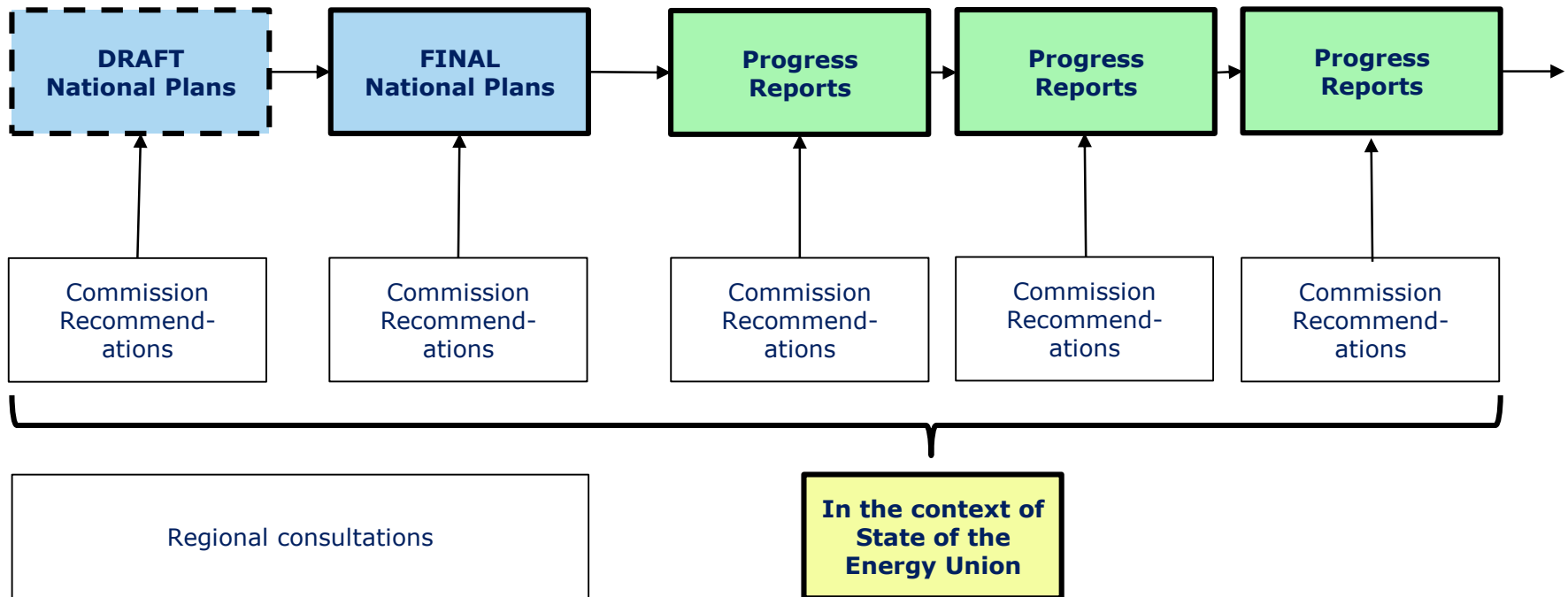
2. National  
Objectives  
and Targets

3. Policies and  
Measures

4. Current Situation  
and Reference  
Projections

5. Impact  
Assessment of  
Policies and  
Measures

# ...combined with a functional Governance process



# Regional Cooperation on National Plans

## ▪ What?

- Coordination and cooperation of MS in **developing their energy policies and preparing national plans** (*regional consultations and review*)

## ▪ Why?

- To address the **regions' challenges** in the most secure and cost-effective way
- To **asses the impact** of national energy policies on neighbouring MS and ways of strengthening regional cooperation
- To **increase long-term predictability** and investment certainty

## ▪ Which areas?

- All five dimensions
- Development of **new energy resources** and **infrastructures**







# NECPs in the Energy Community

## Next steps

- Commission proposal for a Recommendation on preparing for the development of integrated national energy and climate plans by the Energy Community Contracting Parties
- Overall structure and principles of national plans can be extended at Energy Community level
- Integrated energy and climate policies and development / adaptations of national plans: role of the Climate Action Group
- Climate change legislation and Energy Community



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**Thank you!**

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