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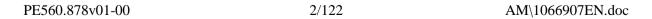
AMENDMENTS 1 - 205

Peter Eriksson (PE557.414v01-00)

on "Achieving the 10% electricity interconnection target - Making Europe's electricity grid fit for 2020" (2015/2108(INI))

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Amendment 1 Soledad Cabezón Ruiz

Motion for a resolution Citation 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

having regard to its resolution of
February 2014 on a 2030 framework for climate and energy policies,

Or. en

Amendment 2 Soledad Cabezón Ruiz

Motion for a resolution Citation 5 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to the Madrid Declaration on the Energy Interconnections Links Summit between Spain, France, Portugal, the European Commission and the EIB of 4 March 2015,

Or. en

Amendment 3 Pervenche Berès

Motion for a resolution Citation 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) (Regulation 1316/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013),

Or. fr

Amendment 4 Pervenche Berès

Motion for a resolution Citation 5 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to Regulation (EU) 2015/1017 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 June 2015 on the European Fund for Strategic Investments, the European Investment Advisory Hub and the European Investment Project Portal and amending Regulations (EU) No 1291/2013 and (EU) No 1316/2013,

Or. fr

Amendment 5 Adam Gierek

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Acknowledges that renewable energy and increased energy efficiency leading to energy savings are critical means for a stable, secure, independent and democratic energy system for the EU, which generates high-quality jobs and wealth within a future-oriented sustainable economy; underlines that a higher degree of electricity interconnectivity and smart grids are necessary for developing such a system;

Amendment

1. Acknowledges that renewable energy and dynamic growth in energy efficiency are bringing energy savings and are critical means of evening out electricity consumption across the Member States and creating a holistic, stable, secure and democratically governed energy system for the EU which generates high-quality jobs and wealth within a future-oriented sustainable economy; stresses that more flexible operation of high-frequency transmission networks and distribution networks would result in more efficient and more reliable electricity supplies for end users;

Or. pl

Amendment 6 Pavel Telička, Fredrick Federley, Juan Carlos Girauta Vidal, Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Acknowledges that *renewable* energy *and increased* energy *efficiency* leading to energy savings are critical means for a stable, secure, *independent and democratic* energy system for the EU, which *generates* high-quality jobs and wealth within a future-oriented sustainable economy; underlines that a higher degree of electricity interconnectivity and smart grids are necessary for developing such a system;

Amendment

1. Acknowledges that *an increased* energy *efficiency and sustainable* energy *mix* leading to energy savings are critical means for a stable, secure *and independent* energy system for the EU, which *contributes to generating* high-quality jobs and wealth within a future-oriented sustainable economy; underlines that a higher degree of electricity interconnectivity and smart grids are necessary for developing such a system;

Or. en

Amendment 7 Csaba Molnár

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Acknowledges that renewable energy and increased energy efficiency leading to energy savings are critical means for a stable, secure, independent and democratic energy system for the EU, which generates high-quality jobs and wealth within a future-oriented sustainable economy; underlines that a higher degree of electricity interconnectivity and smart grids are necessary for developing such a system;

Amendment

1. Is alarmed at Europe's increasing energy dependence, particularly in central and eastern Europe; acknowledges that renewable energy and increased energy efficiency leading to energy savings are critical means for a stable, secure, independent and democratic energy system for the EU, which makes a considerable contribution to Europe's economic growth and generates high-quality jobs and wealth within a future-oriented sustainable economy; underlines that a higher degree of electricity interconnectivity and smart grids are necessary for developing such a system;

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Amendment 8 Cornelia Ernst

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Acknowledges that renewable energy and increased energy efficiency leading to energy savings are critical means for a stable, secure, independent and democratic energy system for the EU, which generates high-quality jobs and wealth within a future-oriented sustainable economy; underlines that a *higher degree of* electricity *interconnectivity* and smart grids are necessary for developing such a system;

Amendment

1. Acknowledges that renewable energy and increased energy efficiency leading to energy savings are critical means for a stable, secure, *carbon-free*, independent and democratic energy system for the EU, which generates high-quality jobs and wealth within a future-oriented sustainable economy; underlines that a *new* electricity *market design* and smart grids are necessary for developing such a system;

Or. en

Amendment 9 Kaja Kallas

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Acknowledges that renewable energy and increased energy efficiency leading to energy savings are critical means for a stable, secure, independent and *democratic* energy system for the EU, which generates high-quality jobs and wealth within a future-oriented sustainable economy; underlines that a higher degree of electricity interconnectivity and smart grids are necessary for developing such a system;

Amendment

1. Acknowledges that *a functioning internal market that allows energy to flow freely*, renewable energy and increased energy efficiency leading to energy savings are critical means for a stable, secure, independent and *competitive* energy system for the EU, which generates high-quality jobs and wealth within a future-oriented sustainable economy; underlines that a higher degree of electricity interconnectivity and smart grids are necessary for developing such a system;

Amendment 10 Bendt Bendtsen, Pilar del Castillo Vera, Antonio Tajani, Krišjānis Kariņš, Algirdas Saudargas

on behalf of the PPE Group

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Acknowledges that renewable energy and increased energy efficiency leading to energy savings are *critical* means for a stable, secure, *independent and democratic* energy system for the EU, which generates high-quality jobs and wealth within a future-oriented sustainable economy; underlines that a higher degree of electricity interconnectivity and smart grids are necessary for developing such a system;

Amendment

1. Acknowledges that renewable energy and increased energy efficiency leading to energy savings are *important* means for a stable, secure *and independent* energy system for the EU, which generates high-quality jobs and wealth within a future-oriented sustainable economy; underlines that a higher degree of electricity interconnectivity and smart grids are necessary for developing such a system;

Or. en

Amendment 11 Gianluca Buonanno

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Acknowledges that renewable energy and increased energy efficiency leading to energy savings are critical means for a stable, secure, independent and democratic energy system for the EU, which generates high-quality jobs and wealth within a future-oriented sustainable economy; underlines that a higher degree of electricity interconnectivity and smart grids are necessary for developing such a system;

Amendment

1. Acknowledges that *diversification of sources of supply*, renewable energy, and increased energy efficiency leading to energy savings are critical means for a stable, secure, independent and democratic energy system for the EU *to help revitalise domestic demand and* which generates high-quality jobs and wealth within a future-oriented sustainable economy; underlines that a higher degree of electricity interconnectivity and smart grids

are necessary for developing such a system;

Or. it

Amendment 12 Aldo Patriciello

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Acknowledges that renewable energy and increased energy efficiency leading to energy savings are critical means for a stable, secure, independent and democratic energy system for the EU, which generates high-quality jobs and wealth within a future-oriented sustainable economy; underlines that a higher degree of electricity interconnectivity and smart grids are necessary for developing such a system;

Amendment

1. Acknowledges that renewable energy and increased energy efficiency leading to energy savings are critical means for a stable, secure, independent and democratic energy system for the EU to harmonise and liberalise the internal energy market and which generates high-quality jobs and wealth within a future-oriented sustainable economy; underlines that a higher degree of electricity interconnectivity and smart grids are necessary for developing such a system;

Or. it

Amendment 13 Bendt Bendtsen, Pilar del Castillo Vera, Antonio Tajani, Krišjānis Kariņš, Algirdas Saudargas

on behalf of the PPE Group

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2. Recognises that electricity interconnection is a precondition for completing an integrated EU internal electricity market, which, if well designed, will help to achieve our climate objectives and improve the EU's geopolitical position through greater energy security

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and independence, as well as reduce energy isolation; stresses that the electricity interconnectors also need to be tackled, planned and executed through strong coordinated regional cooperation;

Or. en

Amendment 14 Cornelia Ernst

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Recognises that electricity interconnection is a precondition for completing an integrated EU internal electricity market, which, if well designed, will help to achieve our climate objectives and improve the EU's geopolitical position through greater energy security and independence, as well as reduce energy isolation; stresses that the electricity interconnectors also need to be tackled, planned and executed through strong coordinated regional cooperation;

Amendment

2. Stresses that the electricity interconnectors also need to be tackled, planned and executed through strong coordinated regional cooperation;

Or. en

Amendment 15 Pavel Telička, Fredrick Federley, Philippe De Backer, Cora van Nieuwenhuizen

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Recognises that electricity interconnection is *a precondition for completing an integrated* EU internal electricity market, which, if well designed, will help to achieve our climate objectives and improve the EU's geopolitical position

Amendment

2. Recognises that *developed and technologically modern* electricity interconnection is *one of the preconditions for further developing and integrating* EU internal electricity market, which, if well designed, will *also* help to achieve our

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through greater energy security and independence, as well as reduce energy isolation; stresses that the electricity interconnectors also need to be tackled, planned and executed through strong coordinated regional cooperation;

competitiveness and climate objectives and improve the EU's geopolitical position through greater energy security and independence; stresses that the electricity interconnectors also need to be tackled, planned and constructed through strong coordinated regional cooperation;

Or. en

Amendment 16 Adam Gierek

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Recognises that electricity interconnection is a precondition for *completing* an integrated EU internal electricity market, *which*, *if well designed*, will help to achieve *our* climate objectives and improve the EU's geopolitical position through greater energy security and independence, *as well as reduce* energy isolation; stresses that the electricity interconnectors also need to be tackled, planned and executed through strong coordinated regional cooperation;

Amendment

2. Recognises that electricity interconnection is a precondition for moving closer to an integrated EU internal electricity market and is the next step in creating well designed trans-European energy networks, will help to achieve ambitious climate objectives and improve the EU's geopolitical position through greater energy security and independence, and will put an end to energy isolation; stresses that the electricity interconnectors also need to be tackled, planned and executed through strong coordinated regional cooperation;

Or. pl

Amendment 17 Juan Carlos Girauta Vidal, Cora van Nieuwenhuizen, Fredrick Federley

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Recognises that electricity interconnection is a precondition for

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completing an integrated EU internal electricity market, which, if well designed, will help to achieve our climate objectives and improve the EU's geopolitical position through greater energy security and independence, as well as reduce energy isolation; stresses that the electricity interconnectors also need to be tackled, planned and executed through strong coordinated regional cooperation;

completing an integrated EU internal electricity market, which, if well designed, will help to achieve *affordable and competitive energy prices, meet* our climate objectives and improve the EU's geopolitical position through greater energy security and independence, as well as reduce energy isolation; stresses that the electricity interconnectors also need to be tackled, planned and executed through strong coordinated regional cooperation;

Or. en

Amendment 18 Csaba Molnár

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Recognises that electricity interconnection is a precondition for completing an integrated EU internal electricity market, which, if well designed, will help to achieve our climate objectives and improve the EU's geopolitical position through greater energy security and independence, as well as reduce energy isolation; stresses that the electricity interconnectors also need to be tackled, planned and executed through strong coordinated regional cooperation;

Amendment

2. Recognises that electricity interconnection is a precondition for completing an integrated EU internal electricity market, which, if well designed, will help to achieve our climate objectives and improve the EU's geopolitical position through greater energy security and independence, as well as reduce energy isolation, and will reduce the possibility of perturbations in energy provision; stresses that the electricity interconnectors also need to be tackled, planned and executed through strong coordinated regional cooperation;

Or. hu

Amendment 19 Pervenche Berès

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 2

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Motion for a resolution

2. Recognises that electricity interconnection is a precondition for completing an integrated EU internal electricity market, which, if well designed, will help to achieve our climate objectives and improve the EU's geopolitical position through greater energy security and independence, as well as reduce energy isolation; stresses that the electricity interconnectors also need to be tackled, planned and executed through strong coordinated regional cooperation;

Amendment

2. Recognises that electricity interconnection is a precondition for completing an integrated EU internal electricity market, which, if well designed, will help to achieve our climate objectives and improve the EU's geopolitical position through greater energy security and independence, as well as reduce energy isolation; stresses that the electricity interconnectors also need to be tackled, *organised into a hierarchy*, planned and executed through strong coordinated regional cooperation;

Or. fr

Amendment 20 Bendt Bendtsen, Pilar del Castillo Vera, Antonio Tajani, Krišjānis Kariņš, Algirdas Saudargas

on behalf of the PPE Group

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Recognises that electricity interconnection is a precondition for completing an integrated EU internal electricity market, which, if well designed, will help to achieve our climate objectives and improve the competitiveness of European businesses, as well as EU's geopolitical position through greater energy security and independence, as well as reduce energy isolation; stresses that the electricity interconnectors also need to be tackled, planned and executed through strong coordinated regional cooperation with respect for the national competences to determine energy mix;

Or. en

Amendment 21 Pervenche Berès

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Acknowledges that if interconnection is a first step towards integrating an increasing number of renewable energy sources, the activity of distribution system operators (DSOs) in connecting this potential will be crucial, since a large majority of renewable energy plants are connected to the distribution networks; stresses that the DSOs have made efforts in research and development, aiming at the smart integration of renewable energy sources;

Or. fr

Amendment 22 Dario Tamburrano, David Borrelli

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Underlines that the benefits of a substantially increased interconnectivity of the European network go way beyond the economic and geopolitical dimensions; it is a strategic principle which should lead to a more resilient and robust network, better prepared to deal with all kind of alterations and disruptions; and it allows the growing power share coming from renewable sources to blend efficiently into the European network, paving the way for a 100% renewable energy mix to be achieved in the shortest period possible;

last but not least, it demonstrates the European leadership towards the development of a global electric energy sharing network.

Or. en

Amendment 23 Algirdas Saudargas

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Recalls that ICT plays an increasing role in the electricity networks, therefore electricity system security is more vulnerable as regards cyber threats; ask the Commission to evaluate electricity system security risks and if needed comeup with an action plan to combat it;

Or. en

Amendment 24 Soledad Cabezón Ruiz

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- whereas new interconnections will also require additional reinforcements of the existing grid in order to fully use their capacity;

Or. en

Amendment 25 Soledad Cabezón Ruiz

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Stresses that a fully integrated EU electricity market would facilitate the electricity trading and balancing services, and would lower the volatility of electricity prices to the benefit of citizens and the competitiveness of Europe's industry and business in a global economy, *as* it is estimated that EUR 12-40 billion could be saved annually by 2030 by European consumers;

Amendment

3. Stresses that a fully integrated EU electricity market would facilitate the electricity trading and balancing services, and would lower the volatility of electricity prices to the benefit of citizens and the competitiveness of Europe's industry and business in a global economy; notes that it is estimated that EUR 12-40 billion could be saved annually by 2030 by European consumers provided that the 15% interconnection target is met; recalls the right of EU consumers to equally benefit from a single energy market;

Or. en

Amendment 26 Dario Tamburrano, David Borrelli

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Stresses that a fully integrated EU electricity market would facilitate the electricity trading and balancing services, and would lower the volatility of electricity prices to the benefit of citizens and the competitiveness of Europe's industry and business in a global economy, as it is estimated that EUR 12-40 billion could be saved annually by 2030 by European consumers;

Amendment

3. Stresses that a fully integrated EU electricity market would facilitate the electricity trading and balancing services, and would lower the volatility of electricity prices, producing estimated annual savings by European consumers in the range of EUR 12-40 billion by 2030, to the benefit of citizens and the competitiveness of Europe's industry and business in a global economy;

Or. en

Amendment 27 Carlos Zorrinho

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Stresses that a fully integrated EU electricity market would facilitate the electricity trading and balancing services, and would lower the volatility of electricity prices to the benefit of citizens and the competitiveness of Europe's industry and business in a global economy, as it is estimated that EUR 12-40 billion could be saved annually by 2030 by European consumers;

Amendment

3. Stresses that a fully integrated EU electricity market would facilitate the electricity trading and balancing services, and would *increase security and* lower the volatility of electricity prices to the benefit of citizens and the competitiveness of Europe's industry and business in a global economy, as it is estimated that EUR 12-40 billion could be saved annually by 2030 by European consumers;

Or. pt

Amendment 28 Soledad Cabezón Ruiz

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Considers that increased interconnections are key to the EU's aim to be a world leader in renewable energies, to build on the existing 1.2 million jobs which are currently dependent on renewable energy in the EU; underlines that more interconnections will help reduce Europe's over-reliance on fossil fuel imports, thus increasing energy security, reducing emissions and improving Europe's balance of payments;

Or. en

Amendment 29 Soledad Cabezón Ruiz

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 3 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3b. Believes that increasing energy interconnections and abolishing energy islands must be a major political priority of the Energy Union, with a specific focus on those Member States which have still not met the 10% interconnection target;

Or. en

Amendment 30 Bendt Bendtsen, Pilar del Castillo Vera, Antonio Tajani, Krišjānis Kariņš, Algirdas Saudargas on behalf of the PPE Group

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Notes that, according to the European Network of Transmission System Operators for Electricity (ENTSO-E), investments in the necessary interconnection projects of pan-European significance could be as high as EUR 150 billion by 2030, and notes with interest that for each euro invested in the network, electricity prices could be mitigated by EUR 2; notes that independent studies show that with similar investment in the network infrastructure, Europe could cover a large share of its electric load with renewable energy sources¹;

4. Notes that, according to the European Network of Transmission System Operators for Electricity (ENTSO-E), investments in the necessary interconnection projects of pan-European significance could be as high as EUR 150 billion by 2030, and notes with interest that for each euro invested in the network, electricity prices could be mitigated by EUR 2:

Or. en

Amendment

¹ 'powE[R] 2030 – A European grid for ¾ renewable electricity by 2030', Greenpeace, 2014.

¹ 'powE[R] 2030 – A European grid for ³/₄ renewable electricity by 2030', Greenpeace, 2014.

Amendment 31 Cornelia Ernst

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Notes that, according to the European Network of Transmission System Operators for Electricity (ENTSO-E), investments in the necessary interconnection projects of pan-European significance could be as high as EUR 150 billion by 2030, and notes with interest that for each euro invested in the network, electricity prices could be mitigated by EUR 2; notes that independent studies show that with similar investment in the network infrastructure, Europe could cover a large share of its electric load with renewable energy sources¹;

Amendment

4. Notes that, according to the European Network of Transmission System Operators for Electricity (ENTSO-E), investments in the necessary interconnection projects of pan-European significance could be as high as EUR 150 billion by 2030, and notes with interest that for each euro invested in the network, electricity prices could be mitigated by EUR 2;

Or. en

Amendment 32 Anne Sander

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Notes that, according to the European Network of Transmission System Operators for Electricity (ENTSO-E), investments in the necessary interconnection projects of pan-European significance could be as high as EUR 150 billion by 2030, and notes with interest that for each euro invested in the network, electricity prices could be mitigated by

Amendment

4. Notes that, according to the European Network of Transmission System Operators for Electricity (ENTSO-E), investments in the necessary interconnection projects of pan-European significance could be as high as EUR 150 billion by 2030, and notes with interest that for each euro invested in the network, electricity prices could be mitigated by

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¹ 'powE[R] 2030 – A European grid for ³/₄ renewable electricity by 2030', Greenpeace, 2014.

¹ 'powE[R] 2030 – A European grid for ³/₄ renewable electricity by 2030', Greenpeace, 2014.

EUR 2; notes that independent studies show that with similar investment in the network infrastructure, Europe could cover a large share of its electric load with renewable energy sources¹; EUR 2;

¹ ''powE[R] 2030 – A European grid for ³/₄ renewable electricity by 2030'', Greenpeace, 2014.

Or. fr

Amendment 33 Dario Tamburrano, David Borrelli

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Notes that, according to the European Network of Transmission System Operators for Electricity (ENTSO-E), investments in the necessary interconnection projects of pan-European significance could be as high as EUR 150 billion by 2030, and notes with interest that *for each euro invested* in the network, electricity prices could be mitigated by EUR 2; notes that independent studies show that with similar investment in the network infrastructure, Europe could cover a large share of its electric load with renewable energy sources¹;

Amendment

4. Notes that, according to the European Network of Transmission System Operators for Electricity (ENTSO-E), investments in the necessary interconnection projects of pan-European significance could be as high as EUR 150 billion by 2030, and notes with interest that through such an investment in the network (representing about 1.5-2 €/MWh of power consumption in Europe over a ten year period, i.e. about 2% of total bulk power prices or approximately 1% of the total electricity bill), electricity prices could be mitigated by a minimum of EUR 2/MWh; notes that independent studies show that with similar investment in the network infrastructure, Europe could cover a large share of its electric load with renewable energy sources¹; requests from the European Commission to monitor that households, SMEs and other retail consumers reap an actual benefit, which should not stay limited to the wholesale prices;

¹ 'powE[R] 2030 – A European grid for ³/₄ renewable electricity by 2030', Greenpeace, 2014.

Or. en

Amendment 34 Kathleen Van Brempt, Jeppe Kofod, Martina Werner

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Notes that, according to the European Network of Transmission System Operators for Electricity (ENTSO-E), investments in the necessary interconnection projects of pan-European significance could be as high as EUR 150 billion by 2030, and notes with interest that for each euro invested in the network, electricity prices could be mitigated by EUR 2; notes that independent studies show that with similar investment in the network infrastructure, Europe could cover a large share of its electric load with renewable energy sources¹;

Amendment

4. Notes that, according to the European Network of Transmission System Operators for Electricity (ENTSO-E), investments in the necessary interconnection projects of pan-European significance could be as high as EUR 150 billion by 2030, and, according to an IEA study, there is a need for EUR 480 billion for investments in smartening the distribution network, however notes with interest that for each euro invested in the network, electricity prices could be mitigated by EUR 2 and these investments would allow Europe to cover a large share of its electric load with renewable energy sources¹;

Or. en

Amendment 35 Csaba Molnár

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 4

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¹ 'powE[R] 2030 – A European grid for ¾ renewable electricity by 2030', Greenpeace, 2014.

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4. Notes that, according to the European Network of Transmission System Operators for Electricity (ENTSO-E), investments in the necessary interconnection projects of pan-European significance could be as high as EUR 150 billion by 2030, and notes with interest that for each euro invested in the network, electricity prices could be mitigated by EUR 2; notes that independent studies show that with similar investment in the network infrastructure, Europe could cover a large share of its electric load with renewable energy sources¹;

1 'powE[R] 2030 – A European grid for ¾ renewable electricity by 2030', Greenpeace, 2014.

Amendment

4. Notes that, according to the European Network of Transmission System Operators for Electricity (ENTSO-E), investments in the necessary interconnection projects of pan-European significance could be as high as EUR 150 billion by 2030, and notes with interest that for each euro invested in the network, electricity prices could be mitigated by EUR 2; notes that independent studies show that with similar investment in the network infrastructure, Europe could cover a large share of its electric load with renewable energy sources¹; *points out that* increasing cross-border electricity capacity would help achieve the energy and climate targets set for the period up to 2030;

Or. hu

Amendment 36 Soledad Cabezón Ruiz

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Welcomes the Commission communication and strategy as a positive step towards achieving the 10% electricity interconnection target and moving towards the European Council's 2030 15% target;

Or. en

¹ "powE[R] 2030 – A European grid for ¾ renewable electricity by 2030", Greenpeace, 2014.

Amendment 37 Dario Tamburrano, David Borrelli

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Encourages further public investments in a smarter, more resilient network, which are synergic with the infrastructure investments highlighted in 4.; such investments should exploit the possibilities deriving from smart distributed generation systems, from incentivising and better conceiving electrical storage, from high-voltage power connection (implementing recentyears technical breakthroughs in direct current, which could make viable transatlantic power connections); from an intensified and discount-incentivised adaptation for consumption to better follow the production pattern of renewables; from other innovative technology.

Or. en

Amendment 38 Kathleen Van Brempt, Jeppe Kofod, Martina Werner, Theresa Griffin, Edouard Martin

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Given that over EUR 1 trillion needs to be invested in the EU energy sector by 2020 alone, and knowing that for every euro not invested in the energy infrastructure before 2020, 4.3 euro would be needed after 2020 to achieve the same goals, it is time to intensify our measures for transforming our energy infrastructure into a smart, well connected, efficient and secure grid, ready

to fully grasp and share the advantages of sustainable energy production, meanwhile avoiding shifting the burdens on to the future generations;

Or. en

Amendment 39 Marian-Jean Marinescu

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Calls on the Commission to swiftly produce a cost-benefit analysis at the EU level of all the EU networks including the PCIs proposed until 2020 (assessment of coupling of TSOs, of markets, exchange of energy supplies between Member States, effects of reducing imports, benefits for consumers, etc.).

Or. en

Amendment 40 Marian-Jean Marinescu

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 4 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4b. Calls on the Commission and Member States to take the necessary measures so that the benefit of raising the interconnection level of the national networks is not transferred to DSOs but is directly transformed in benefits for the final consumers; furthermore considers that enhancing the interconnection level of the national networks must have a positive effect on the energy price for consumers and therefore shifting the

benefits only to DSOs must be avoided;

Or. en

Amendment 41 Marian-Jean Marinescu

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 4 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4c. Phasing out regulated energy prices for consumers should take into account the real level of market competition; furthermore, the Energy Union Strategy should insure that consumers have access to affordable, safe and sustainable energy prices;

Or. en

Amendment 42 Soledad Cabezón Ruiz

Motion for a resolution Subheading 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

The 10 % electricity interconnection target

The 10 % electricity interconnection target by 2020

Or. en

Amendment 43 Soledad Cabezón Ruiz

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. **Recognises** the 10 % target – to be achieved by 2020 – as a valuable target and a step in the right direction; considers, however, that it does not always reflect the market situation and has not been established on the basis of scientific evidence; recalls that the 10 % target was first set in 2002 on the basis of the installed electricity *generation* capacity that existed at that time; acknowledges that, although the 10 % target is important, it describes neither the quantity of electricity flowing between countries nor the quality, such as the availability of the existing interconnection infrastructure or of the existing national infrastructure between the interconnectors; believes, therefore, that a one-size-fits-all interconnection target based on installed electricity generation capacity is not on its own appropriate for all Member States:

Amendment

5. Deplores the fact that the 10 % target, originally set at the 2002 Barcelona European Council summit, has not yet been met; considers that in order to build the sufficient political will, determination and momentum, and ensure that all available means at the Union's disposal are fully deployed, the 10% target of installed electricity *production* capacity *for* all Member States should be made binding for 2020 and a higher target should be set for 2030; recalls the existing European Parliament plenary position, as adopted in resolution of 5 February 2014 on a 2030 framework for climate and energy policies, which called on the Commission to establish binding targets for minimum cross-border transmission capacity;

Or. en

Amendment 44 Flavio Zanonato

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Recognises the 10 % target – to be achieved by 2020 – as a valuable target and a step in the right direction; considers, however, that it does not always reflect the market situation and has not been established on the basis of scientific evidence; recalls that the 10 % target was first set in 2002 on the basis of the installed electricity generation capacity that existed at that time; acknowledges that, although the 10 % target is

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5. Recognises the 10 % target – to be achieved by 2020 – as a valuable target and a step in the right direction, although a one-size-fits-all interconnection target based on installed electricity generation capacity might be insufficient to address interconnection infrastructures in certain Member States; considers that more interconnections will contribute to more affordable electricity prices in the long term, ensuring higher market efficiency,

important, it describes neither the quantity of electricity flowing between countries nor the quality, such as the availability of the existing interconnection infrastructure or of the existing national infrastructure between the interconnectors; believes, therefore, that a one-size-fits-all interconnection target based on installed electricity generation capacity is not on its own appropriate for all Member States;

higher electricity supply security, reliability and quality, while ensuring a high standard of environmental protection; notes that twelve Member States, mainly in the periphery of the EU, remain below the 10% electricity interconnection target and are thus isolated from the internal electricity market.

Or. en

Amendment 45 Miriam Dalli

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Recognises the 10 % target – to be achieved by 2020 – as a valuable target and a step in the right direction; considers, however, that it does not always reflect the market situation and has not been established on the basis of scientific evidence; recalls that the 10 % target was first set in 2002 on the basis of the installed electricity generation capacity that existed at that time; acknowledges that, although the 10 % target is important, it describes neither the quantity of electricity flowing between countries nor the quality, such as the availability of the existing interconnection infrastructure or of the existing national infrastructure between the interconnectors; believes, therefore, that a one-size-fits-all interconnection target based on installed electricity generation capacity is not on its own appropriate for all Member States;

Amendment

5. Recognises the 10 % target – to be achieved by 2020 – as a valuable target and a step in the right direction; recalls that the 10 % target was first set in 2002 *and has not yet been met by* all Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 46 Ian Duncan

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Recognises the 10 % target – to be achieved by $2020 - as \ a \ valuable \ target$ and a step in the right direction; considers, however, that it does not always reflect the market situation and has not been established on the basis of scientific evidence: recalls that the 10 % target was first set in 2002 on the basis of the installed electricity generation capacity that existed at that time; acknowledges that, although the 10 % target is important, it describes neither the quantity of electricity flowing between countries nor the quality, such as the availability of the existing interconnection infrastructure or of the existing national infrastructure between the interconnectors; believes, therefore, that a one-size-fits-all interconnection target based on installed electricity generation capacity is not on its own appropriate for all Member States;

Amendment

5. Recognises the 10 % target – to be achieved by 2020 – does not always reflect the market situation and has not been established on the basis of scientific evidence; recalls that the 10 % target was first set in 2002 on the basis of the installed electricity generation capacity that existed at that time; acknowledges that, although the 10 % target is important, it describes neither the quantity of electricity flowing between countries nor the quality, such as the availability of the existing interconnection infrastructure or of the existing national infrastructure between the interconnectors; believes, therefore, that a one-size-fits-all interconnection target based on installed electricity generation capacity is not appropriate

Or. en

Amendment 47 Dario Tamburrano, David Borrelli

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Recognises the 10 % target – to be achieved by 2020 – as a valuable target and a step in the right direction; considers, however, that it does not always reflect the market situation and has not been

Amendment

5. Recognises the 10 % target – to be achieved by 2020 – as a valuable target and a *first* step in the right direction; considers, however, that it does not always reflect the market situation and has not been

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established on the basis of scientific evidence: recalls that the 10 % target was first set in 2002 on the basis of the installed electricity generation capacity that existed at that time; acknowledges that, although the 10 % target is important, it describes neither the *quantity* of electricity flowing between countries nor the *quality*, such as the availability of the existing interconnection infrastructure or of the existing national infrastructure between the interconnectors; believes, therefore, that a one-size-fits-all interconnection target based on installed electricity generation capacity is not on its own appropriate for all Member States:

established on the basis of scientific evidence; recalls that the 10 % target was first set in 2002 on the basis of the installed electricity generation capacity that existed at that time; acknowledges that, although this initial 10 % target for all Member States is important, it describes neither the amount of electricity flowing between countries nor the characteristics of the flow, such as i.a. the availability of the existing interconnection infrastructure or of the existing national infrastructure between the interconnectors:

Or. en

Amendment 48 Pavel Telička, Fredrick Federley, Juan Carlos Girauta Vidal, Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Recognises the 10 % target – to be achieved by 2020 - as a valuable target and a step in the right direction; considers, however, that it does not always reflect the market situation and has not been established on the basis of scientific evidence; recalls that the 10 % target was first set in 2002 on the basis of the installed electricity generation capacity that existed at that time; acknowledges that, although the 10 % target is important, it describes neither the quantity of electricity flowing between countries nor the quality, such as the availability of the existing interconnection infrastructure or of the existing national infrastructure between the interconnectors; believes, therefore, that a one-size-fits-all interconnection target based on installed electricity generation capacity is not on its own appropriate for

Amendment

5. Recognises the 10 % target – to be achieved by 2020 - as a valuable target and a step in the right direction; considers, however, that it does not always reflect the market situation and has not been established on the basis of scientific evidence; recalls that the 10 % target was first set in 2002 on the basis of the installed electricity generation capacity that existed at that time; therefore it needs to be stressed that insufficient progress has been made so far and EU-wide efforts will have to be increased; acknowledges that, although the 10 % target is important, it describes neither the quantity of electricity flowing between countries nor the quality, such as the availability of the existing interconnection infrastructure or of the existing national infrastructure between the interconnectors; believes, therefore, that a

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all Member States;

one-size-fits-all interconnection target based on installed electricity generation capacity is not on its own appropriate for all Member States; *emphasis should be put particularly on those Member States which have an especially low level of connectivity*;

Or. en

Amendment 49 Adam Gierek

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Recognises the 10 % target – to be achieved by 2020 – as a valuable target and a step in the right direction; considers, however, that it does not always reflect the market situation and has not been established on the basis of scientific evidence; recalls that the 10 % target was first set in 2002 on the basis of the *installed* electricity generation capacity that existed at that time; acknowledges that, although the 10 % target is important. it describes neither the quantity of electricity flowing between countries nor the quality, such as the availability of the existing interconnection infrastructure or of the existing national infrastructure between the interconnectors; believes, therefore, that a one-size-fits-all interconnection target based on installed electricity generation capacity is not on its own appropriate for all Member States;

Amendment

5. Recognises the 10 % target – which the Member States must achieve by 2020 as a valuable target and a step in the right direction; considers, however, that it does not always reflect the market situation in the Member States: recalls that the 10 % target was first set in 2002 on the basis of the *national energy systems*' electricity generation capacity at that time; acknowledges that, although the 10 % target is important, it describes neither the necessary quantity of electricity flowing between countries nor its quality, such as the availability of the existing interconnection infrastructure or of the existing national infrastructure between the interconnectors: believes that an EU-wide interconnection target should be based on aggregate installed electricity generation capacity across the EU and should be set at 10% of that capacity;

Or. pl

Amendment 50 Cornelia Ernst

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Motion for a resolution

5. *Recognises* the 10 % target – to be achieved by 2020 – as a valuable target and a step in the right direction; considers, however, that it does not always reflect the market situation and has not been established on the basis of scientific evidence; recalls that the 10 % target was first set in 2002 on the basis of the installed electricity generation capacity that existed at that time; acknowledges that, although the 10 % target is important, it describes neither the quantity of electricity flowing between countries nor the quality, such as the availability of the existing interconnection infrastructure or of the existing national infrastructure between the interconnectors; believes, therefore, that a one-size-fits-all interconnection target based on installed electricity generation capacity is not on its own appropriate for all Member States:

Amendment

5. Considers that the 10 % target does not always reflect the market situation and has not been established on the basis of scientific evidence: recalls that the 10 % target was first set in 2002 on the basis of the installed electricity generation capacity that existed at that time; acknowledges that, although the 10 % target is important, it describes neither the quantity of electricity flowing between countries nor the quality, such as the availability of the existing interconnection infrastructure or of the existing national infrastructure between the interconnectors; believes, therefore, that a one-size-fits-all interconnection target based on installed electricity generation capacity is not on its own appropriate for all Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 51 Marian Harkin

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Recognises the 10 % target – to be achieved by 2020 – as a valuable target and a step in the right direction; considers, however, that it does not always reflect the market situation and has not been established on the basis of scientific evidence; recalls that the 10 % target was first set in 2002 on the basis of the installed electricity generation capacity that existed at that time; acknowledges that, although

Amendment

5. Recognises the 10 % target – to be achieved by 2020 – as a valuable target and a step in the right direction; considers, however, that it does not always reflect the market situation and has not been established on the basis of scientific evidence; recalls that the 10 % target was first set in 2002 on the basis of the installed electricity generation capacity that existed at that time; acknowledges that, although

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the 10 % target is important, it describes neither the quantity of electricity flowing between countries nor the quality, such as the availability of the existing interconnection infrastructure or of the existing national infrastructure between the interconnectors; believes, therefore, that a one-size-fits-all interconnection target based on installed electricity generation capacity is not on its own appropriate for all Member States;

the 10 % target is important, it describes neither the quantity of electricity flowing between countries nor the quality, such as the availability of the existing interconnection infrastructure or of the existing national infrastructure between the interconnectors; notes also that this figure takes no account of demand and that in certain member States it can have the effect of encouraging infrastructure build to meet a generating capacity target rather than a demand target: believes. therefore, that a one-size-fits-all interconnection target based on installed electricity generation capacity is not on its own appropriate for all Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 52 Pervenche Berès

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Recognises the 10 % target – to be achieved by 2020 – as a valuable target and a step in the right direction; considers, however, that it does not always reflect the market situation and has not been established on the basis of scientific evidence; recalls that the 10 % target was first set in 2002 on the basis of the installed electricity generation capacity that existed at that time; acknowledges that, although the 10 % target is important, it describes neither the quantity of electricity flowing between countries nor the quality, such as the availability of the existing interconnection infrastructure or of the existing national infrastructure between the interconnectors; believes, therefore, that a one-size-fits-all interconnection target based on installed electricity generation capacity is not on its own appropriate for

Amendment

5. Recognises the 10 % target – to be achieved by 2020 – as a valuable target and a step in the right direction, which some Member States have already achieved while others will have difficulty in getting even close to that target, due to a lack of substantial incentives; considers, however, that it does not always reflect the market situation and has not been established on the basis of scientific evidence: recalls that the 10 % target was first set in 2002 on the basis of the installed electricity generation capacity that existed at that time; acknowledges that, although the 10 % target is important, it describes neither the quantity of electricity flowing between countries nor the quality, such as the availability of the existing interconnection infrastructure or of the existing national infrastructure between the interconnectors:

all Member States;

believes, therefore, that a one-size-fits-all interconnection target based on installed electricity generation capacity is not on its own appropriate for all Member States;

Or. fr

Amendment 53 Dario Tamburrano, David Borrelli

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Believes, therefore, that in the midterm, and certainly within the 2030 horizon, the Energy Union must establish ambitious and evidence-based interconnection targets, personalised for countries or at least macro-regions; considers that such targets must be established on the basis of a variety of parameters of the related power generation systems, and networks; requests from the European Commission to launch as soon as possible the technical discussion about the reference framework within which such a definition of evidence-based, personalised targets can be adequately approached."

Or. en

Amendment 54 Soledad Cabezón Ruiz

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Recognises that new interconnectors and targets by themselves will not be enough to comply with the internal

market objective and should go hand in hand with measures to ensure internal reinforcements of infrastructures on both sides of the interconnected systems;

Or. en

Amendment 55 Marian-Jean Marinescu

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Stresses that the extension of the current 10% electricity interconnection target to 15% or more should be based on cost-benefit analysis, energy production overcapacity and physical capacity of the internal network;

Or. en

Amendment 56 Neoklis Sylikiotis

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Emphasises that special support must be given to Member States, such as Cyprus and Malta, that face serious problems due to their isolation from the electricity grids. New measures should therefore be promoted forthwith, particularly for those States, to ensure that they can attain the 10% target for electricity interconnection by 2020, thereby also enhancing the Union's energy security.

Or. el

Amendment 57 Miapetra Kumpula-Natri

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Observes that, for example in the North Pole operating area, the limited transmission capacity gives rise to regional price differences, despite the fact that the interconnection target between countries is exceeded by a significant margin;

Or. fi

Amendment 58 Bendt Bendtsen, Pilar del Castillo Vera, Antonio Tajani, Krišjānis Kariņš, Algirdas Saudargas on behalf of the PPE Group András Gyürk

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Stresses the importance of open access and availability of the interconnectors to overcome the remaining barriers for the functioning of the European electricity market; urges the European Commission and national regulators to ensure transparency and close monitoring of the availability of the interconnectors to prevent any unjustified bottlenecks, in addition to the quantitative target of 10 %;

Or. en

Amendment 59 Soledad Cabezón Ruiz

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- Whereas reaching at least the 10% interconnection target by 2020 is essential to overcome electricity islands, to secure affordable energy supply for all consumers and to integrate a greater share of electricity generation based on renewable energy sources;

Or. en

Amendment 60 Dario Tamburrano, David Borrelli

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Notes that the frequently congested transmission networks might be linked to cross-border lines but might also be due to weak internal grids; insists that a holistic approach should be taken when assessing the need for, and the priority of, reinforcement / extension, taking into account both cross-border and national connections, in particular the real use of the existing interconnection lines and the availability of existing national infrastructure;

Amendment

6. Notes that frequent congestions in national or macro-regional transmission networks can be attributed to a plurality of technical causes, not just to the absence or insufficient capacity of cross-border interconnections; insists that a comprehensive approach should be adopted, encompassing the whole network design, real use, and availability, and the distribution of sources and consumptions, when assessing the need for increasing national and cross-border interconnectivity; requests from the European Commission, extending the technical discussion referred to in 5a. above, to develop and propose methodologies for such assessment; stresses that only an evidence-based assessment of interconnectivity needs will provide the correct priorities for public investment in the field.

Amendment 61 Adam Gierek

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Notes that the *frequently congested* transmission networks *might be linked to* cross-border *lines but might also be due to* weak internal grids; insists that a holistic approach should be taken when assessing the need for, and the priority of, reinforcement / extension, taking into account *both* cross-border and national connections, in particular the real use of the existing interconnection lines and the availability of existing national infrastructure;

Amendment

6. Notes that the *frequent congestion of local* transmission networks *is caused by irregular* cross-border *power supplies and* weak, *outdated* internal grids; insists that a holistic *project* approach should be taken when assessing the need for, and the priority of, reinforcement / extension *of trans-European networks*, taking into account *current* cross-border and *local* connections, *with the aim of making the best possible* use of the existing interconnection lines and *increasing* the availability of existing national infrastructure;

Or. pl

Amendment 62 Soledad Cabezón Ruiz

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Notes that the frequently congested transmission networks might be linked to cross-border lines but might also be due to weak internal grids; insists that a holistic approach should be taken when assessing the need for, and the priority of, reinforcement / extension, taking into account both cross-border and national connections, in particular the real use of the existing interconnection lines and the

Amendment

6. Notes that the frequently congested transmission networks might be linked to cross-border lines but might also be due to weak internal grids; insists that a holistic approach should be taken when assessing the need for, and the priority of, reinforcement / extension, taking into account both cross-border and national connections;

Or. en

Amendment 63 Bendt Bendtsen, Pilar del Castillo Vera, Antonio Tajani, Krišjānis Kariņš, Algirdas Saudargas

on behalf of the PPE Group

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Notes that the frequently congested transmission networks might be linked to cross-border lines but might also be due to *weak internal grids*; insists that a holistic approach should be taken when assessing the need for, and the priority of, reinforcement / extension, taking into account both cross-border and national connections, in particular the real use of the existing interconnection lines and the *availability* of existing national infrastructure:

Amendment

6. Notes that the frequently congested transmission networks might be linked to cross-border lines but might also be due to *availability of national networks*; insists that a holistic approach should be taken when assessing the need for, and the priority of, reinforcement / extension, taking into account both cross-border and national connections, in particular the real use of the existing interconnection lines and the *capacity* of existing national infrastructure;

Or. en

Amendment 64 Pavel Telička, Fredrick Federley, Juan Carlos Girauta Vidal

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Notes that the frequently congested transmission networks might be linked to cross-border lines but might also be due to weak internal grids; insists that a holistic approach should be taken when assessing the need for, and the priority of, reinforcement / extension, taking into

Amendment

6. Notes that the frequently congested transmission networks might be linked to cross-border lines but might also be due to weak internal grids; insists that a holistic approach should be taken when assessing the need for, and the priority of, reinforcement / extension, taking into

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account both cross-border and national connections, in particular the real use of the existing interconnection lines and the availability of existing national infrastructure; account both cross-border and national connections, in particular the real use of the existing interconnection lines and the availability of existing national infrastructure. *Investment into interconnections and national connections have to be balanced and complementary*;

Or. en

Amendment 65 Kathleen Van Brempt, Jeppe Kofod, Martina Werner, Theresa Griffin

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. Notes that our energy landscape is becoming ever more decentralized given the further deployment of renewable generation; therefore notes the importance of a well-designed smart grid at local level and the increasing and crucial role of DSO's as market facilitators; stresses in this respect that, when trying to solve a bottle neck in the grid, a thorough assessment is needed to define which action or combination of actions is most optimal given the specific situation: building new transmission lines, developing local smart grids, or integrating efficiency and flexibility in the system through demand response management or storage;

Or. en

Amendment 66 Edouard Martin

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 6 a (new)

Amendment

6a. Stresses the importance, with a view to continuing to develop interconnections, of ensuring that cost-benefit studies are systematically carried out on a project-by-project basis, that local stakeholders be consulted in compliance with the Aarhus Convention and that appropriate financing be put in place;

Or. fr

Amendment 67 Kathleen Van Brempt, Jeppe Kofod, Martina Werner, Theresa Griffin, Edouard Martin

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 6 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6b. When trying to solve bottle necks in the grid, attention should also be given to energy efficiency measures; it should be assessed whether the goals in terms of security of supply cannot be reached in a more sustainable and cost-effective way by reducing energy demand, raising energy efficiency or applying demand side management; this to ensure that energy efficiency projects are competing on equal terms with infrastructural projects developing costly new transmission lines or interconnections;

Or. en

Amendment 68 Gianluca Buonanno

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 7

7. Stresses the role of the Commission as guardian of a decentralised and accessible electricity system, in which Member States shall grant access to smaller suppliers to the grid in accordance with fair market rules:

Amendment

7. Stresses the role of *Member States in ensuring that* smaller suppliers *have access* to the grid in accordance with fair market rules:

Or. it

Amendment 69 Bendt Bendtsen, Pilar del Castillo Vera, Antonio Tajani, Krišjānis Kariņš, Algirdas Saudargas

on behalf of the PPE Group

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Stresses the role of the Commission as guardian of *a decentralised* and accessible electricity system, in which Member States shall *grant* access to smaller suppliers to the grid in accordance with fair market rules;

Amendment

7. Stresses the role of the *European*Commission as guardian of *an unbundled*and accessible electricity system, *as well as free competition and equal access to the market;* in which Member States shall *enable* access to smaller suppliers to the
grid in accordance with fair market rules;

Or. en

Amendment 70 Adam Gierek

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Stresses the role of the Commission as guardian of a decentralised and accessible electricity system, in which Member States shall grant *access to* smaller suppliers to the grid in accordance with fair market

Amendment

7. Stresses the role of the Commission as guardian of a decentralised *but holistic* and accessible electricity system, in which Member States shall grant smaller *local* suppliers, *in particular prosumers who*

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rules;

use renewable energy resources, access to the grid in accordance with fair market rules;

Or. pl

Amendment 71 Kathleen Van Brempt, Jeppe Kofod, Martina Werner

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Stresses the role of the Commission as guardian of a decentralised and accessible electricity system, in which Member States shall grant access to *smaller* suppliers to the grid in accordance with fair market rules;

Amendment

7. Stresses the role of the Commission as guardian of a decentralised and accessible electricity system, in which Member States shall grant access to *new and decentralized generators and* suppliers to the grid in accordance with fair market rules;

Or. en

Amendment 72 Ian Duncan

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Stresses the role of the Commission *as guardian of* a decentralised and accessible electricity system, in which Member States shall grant access to smaller suppliers to the grid in accordance with fair market rules;

Amendment

7. Stresses the role of the Commission *to help facilitate* a decentralised and accessible electricity system, in which Member States shall grant access to smaller suppliers to the grid in accordance with fair market rules;

Or. en

Amendment 73 Miriam Dalli

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Stresses the role of the Commission as guardian of a decentralised and accessible electricity system, in which Member States shall grant access to smaller suppliers to the grid in accordance with *fair market* rules:

Amendment

7. Stresses the role of the Commission as guardian of a decentralised and accessible electricity system, in which Member States shall grant access to smaller suppliers to the grid in accordance with *the third energy package* rules;

Or. en

Amendment 74 Pervenche Berès

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Stresses the role of the Commission as guardian of a decentralised and accessible electricity system, in which Member States shall grant access to smaller suppliers to the grid in accordance with fair market rules;

Amendment

7. Stresses the role of the Commission as guardian of a decentralised and accessible electricity system, in which Member States shall grant access to smaller suppliers to the grid in accordance with fair market rules; takes the view that ENTSO-E's costbenefit analysis method enables projects to be assessed using identical methods, to be compared and put into a hierarchy, in order to prioritise those which are the most urgent and useful to the community; suggests, nevertheless, that the Commission assess the situations in which the use of best available technology (BAT) could be established as a precondition for granting EU funds to projects;

Or. fr

Amendment 75 Dario Tamburrano, David Borrelli

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Stresses the role of the Commission as guardian of a decentralised and accessible electricity system, in which Member States shall grant access to smaller suppliers to the grid in accordance with fair market rules;

Amendment

7. Stresses the role of the Commission as guardian of a decentralised and accessible electricity system, in which Member States shall grant access to smaller suppliers to the grid in accordance with fair market rules and with best practices for self-consumption, with a view to reinforcing the share of generation from renewable sources;

Or. en

Amendment 76 Cornelia Ernst

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Stresses that Member States should incentivise community power projects based on self-sufficiency, for instance through investment and tax relief, or reduced charges on energy consumption;

Or. en

Amendment 77 Marian-Jean Marinescu

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Considers that energy market liberalization and integration can be implemented only by taking into account the real competition level on the market

and the consumer accessibility, in particular households accessibility to more suppliers;

Or. en

Amendment 78 Marian-Jean Marinescu

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 7 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7b. Stresses that the benefits of raising the interconnection level cannot be accomplished without a high level of market and TSOs coupling; calls on the Commission to make all efforts to prevent that coupling is established at Member States grouping level and to promote coupling at EU level that includes all Member States and neighbours, in particular the countries taking part in the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP);

Or. en

Amendment 79 Pervenche Berès

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Regrets the lack of a transparent decision-making process leading to the establishment of the projects of common interest (PCI) list; regrets further the predominant role of ENTSO-E, transmission system operators (TSOs) and project promoters in the development of a harmonised cost-benefit analysis methodology, in preparing the ten-year

Amendment

8. Calls on the Commission to ensure that projects of common interest (PCI) and complete assessments are genuinely transparent, taking into account social and environmental impacts;

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network development plans and the network codes, and in evaluating the costs and benefits of each project; recalls the *need to provide* complete assessments including social and environmental impacts; calls on the Commission, the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER) and national regulators to play a more proactive role in order to develop a more neutral, transparent and democratic consultative process, including the effective participation of Parliament and giving voting status to civil society representatives; calls on the Commission to assess the situations in which the use of best available technology (BAT) could be established as a precondition for granting EU funds to projects;

Or. fr

Amendment 80 Ian Duncan

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Regrets the lack of a transparent decision-making process leading to the establishment of the projects of common interest (PCI) list; regrets further the predominant role of ENTSO-E, transmission system operators (TSOs) and project promoters in the development of a harmonised cost-benefit analysis methodology, in preparing the ten-year network development plans and the network codes, and in evaluating the costs and benefits of each project; recalls the need to provide complete assessments including social and environmental impacts; calls on the Commission, the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER) and national regulators

Amendment

8. Believes that the projects of common interest (PCI) list must be developed in a transparent way and calls on the Commission to facilitate such transparency measures; believes that ENTSO-E, transmission system operators (TSOs) and project promoters in the development of a harmonised cost-benefit analysis methodology, in preparing the tenyear network development plans and the network codes, and in evaluating the costs and benefits of each project *must engage* **better with** the Commission, the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER) and national regulators in order to develop a more neutral, transparent, and

to play a more proactive role in order to develop a more neutral, transparent and democratic consultative process, including the effective participation of Parliament and giving voting status to civil society representatives; calls on the Commission to assess the situations in which the use of best available technology (BAT) could be established as a precondition for granting EU funds to projects;

democratic consultative process;

Or. en

Amendment 81 Soledad Cabezón Ruiz

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Regrets the lack of a transparent decision-making process leading to the establishment of the projects of common interest (PCI) list; regrets further the predominant role of ENTSO-E, transmission system operators (TSOs) and project promoters in the development of a harmonised cost-benefit analysis methodology, in preparing the ten-year network development plans and the network codes, and in evaluating the costs and benefits of each project; recalls the need to provide complete assessments including social and environmental impacts; calls on the Commission, the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER) and national regulators to play a more proactive role in order to develop a more neutral, transparent and democratic consultative process, including the effective participation of Parliament and giving voting status to civil society representatives; calls on the Commission to assess the situations in which the use of best available technology (BAT) could be established as a precondition for granting

Amendment

8. Requests that in the review of Regulation No 347/2013 the Commission evaluates whether the decision-making process leading to the establishment of the projects of common interest (PCI) list is sufficiently transparent and whether the procedure could be improved for establishing a harmonised cost-benefit analysis methodology, in preparing the tenyear network development plans and the network codes, and in evaluating the costs and benefits of each project; recalls the need to provide complete assessments including social and environmental impacts; insists that once fully transparent and technically rigorous cost-benefit evaluation supports the expansion of any interconnection, priority should be granted to the most efficient projects; calls on the Commission, the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER) and national regulators to play a more proactive role in order to develop a more neutral, transparent and democratic consultative process, including the optimisation of the overall process by

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EU funds to projects;

calling on the expertise available in wider groups of stakeholders; calls on the Commission to assess the situations in which the use of best available technology (BAT) could be promoted for EU-funded projects;

Or. en

Amendment 82 András Gyürk

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. **Regrets the lack** of a transparent decision-making *process* leading to the establishment of the projects of common interest (PCI) list; regrets further the predominant role of ENTSO-E, transmission system operators (TSOs) and project promoters in the development of a harmonised cost-benefit analysis methodology, in preparing the ten-year network development plans and the network codes, and in evaluating the costs and benefits of each project; recalls the need to provide complete assessments including social and environmental impacts; calls on the Commission, the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER) and national regulators to play a *more* proactive role in order to develop a more neutral, transparent and democratic consultative process, including the effective participation of Parliament and giving voting status to civil society representatives; calls on the Commission to assess the situations in which the use of best available technology (BAT) could be established as a precondition for granting EU funds to projects;

Amendment

8. Emphasizes the importance of a transparent decision-making process and selection methodology leading to the establishment of the projects of common interest (PCI) list; recalls the need to provide complete assessments including social and environmental impacts; calls on the Commission, the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER) and national regulators to play a proactive role in order to *ensure a* transparent and inclusive consultative process. in accordance with the Infrastructure Regulation, including the effective involvement of the European Parliament; calls on the Commission to assess the situations in which the use of best available technology (BAT) could be established as a significant parameter for granting EU funds to projects;

Or. en

Amendment 83 Bendt Bendtsen, Pilar del Castillo Vera, Antonio Tajani, Krišjānis Kariņš, Algirdas Saudargas

on behalf of the PPE Group

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

8. Emphasizes the importance of a transparent decision-making process leading to the establishment of the projects of common interest (PCI) list; in the development of an aligned cost-benefit analysis methodology, in preparing the tenyear network development plans and the network codes, and in evaluating the costs and benefits of each project; recalls the need to provide complete assessments including social and environmental impacts; calls on the Commission, the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER) and national regulators to play a more proactive role in order to ensure a neutral, transparent and inclusive consultative process, in accordance also with the Infrastructure Regulation, including the effective involvement of the European Parliament: calls on the Commission to assess the situations in which the use of best available technology (BAT) could be established as a predominant parameter for granting EU funds to projects;

Or. en

Amendment 84 Anne Sander

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 8

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8. **Regrets the lack** of a transparent decision-making process leading to the establishment of the projects of common interest (PCI) list; regrets further the predominant role of ENTSO-E, transmission system operators (TSOs) and project promoters in the development of a harmonised cost-benefit analysis methodology, *in preparing* the ten-year network development plans and the network codes, and *in evaluating* the costs and benefits of each project; recalls the need to provide complete assessments including social and environmental impacts; calls on the Commission, the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER) and national regulators to play a more proactive role in order to develop a more neutral, transparent and democratic consultative process, including the effective participation of Parliament and giving voting status to civil society representatives; calls on the Commission to assess the situations in which the use of best available technology (BAT) could be established as a precondition for granting EU funds to projects;

Amendment

8. Acknowledges the importance of a transparent decision-making process leading to the establishment of the projects of common interest (PCI) list, the development of a harmonised cost-benefit analysis methodology, the preparation of the ten-year network development plans and the network codes, and the evaluation of the costs and benefits of each project; recalls the need to provide complete assessments including social and environmental impacts; calls on the Commission, the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER) and national regulators to play a more proactive role in order to develop a more neutral, transparent and inclusive consultative process, including the effective participation of Parliament; calls on the Commission to assess the situations in which the use of best available technology (BAT) could be established as a precondition for granting EU funds to projects;

Or. fr

Amendment 85 Marian Harkin

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

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project promoters in the development of a harmonised cost-benefit analysis methodology, in preparing the ten-year network development plans and the network codes, and in evaluating the costs and benefits of each project; recalls the need to provide complete assessments including social and environmental impacts; calls on the Commission, the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER) and national regulators to play a more proactive role in order to develop a more neutral, transparent and democratic consultative process, including the effective participation of Parliament and giving voting status to civil society representatives; calls on the Commission to assess the situations in which the use of best available technology (BAT) could be established as a precondition for granting EU funds to projects;

project promoters in the development of a harmonised cost-benefit analysis methodology, in preparing the ten-year network development plans and the network codes, and in evaluating the costs and benefits of each project; recalls the need to provide complete assessments including social and environmental impacts; and in this context asks that DG Energy or DG Environment conduct the required assessments on a cost neutral basis at arm's length from promoters in order to ensure full transparency and accountability in the process; calls on the Commission, the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER) and national regulators to play a more proactive role in order to develop a more neutral, transparent and democratic consultative process, including the effective participation of Parliament and giving voting status to civil society representatives; furthermore, requests while the actual ranking of a project may remain secret due to commercial sensitivities that those involved in the consultation process in selection and ranking of PCI projects should be fully informed of the rationale behind the selection and ranking of these projects; calls on the Commission to assess the situations in which the use of best available technology (BAT) could be established as a precondition for granting EU funds to projects;

Or. en

Amendment 86 Miriam Dalli

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Regrets the lack of a transparent

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Or. en

Amendment 87 Carlos Zorrinho

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Regrets the lack of a transparent decision-making process leading to the establishment of the projects of common interest (PCI) list; regrets further the predominant role of ENTSO-E, transmission system operators (TSOs) and project promoters in the development of a harmonised cost-benefit analysis methodology, in preparing the ten-year network development plans and the

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network codes, and in evaluating the costs and benefits of each project; recalls the need to provide complete assessments including social and environmental impacts; calls on the Commission, the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER) and national regulators to play a more proactive role in order to develop a more neutral, transparent and democratic consultative process, including the effective participation of Parliament and giving voting status to civil society representatives; calls on the Commission to assess the situations in which the use of best available technology (BAT) could be established as a precondition for granting EU funds to projects;

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Or. pt

Amendment 88 Pavel Telička, Kaja Kallas, Fredrick Federley, Juan Carlos Girauta Vidal, Cora van Nieuwenhuizen, Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

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proactive role in order to develop a more neutral, transparent and democratic consultative process, including the effective participation of Parliament; calls on the Commission to assess the situations in which the use of best available technology (BAT) could be established as a precondition for granting EU funds to projects;

Or. en

Amendment 89 Dario Tamburrano, David Borrelli

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Regrets the lack of a transparent decision-making process leading to the establishment of the projects of common interest (PCI) list; regrets further the predominant role of ENTSO-E, transmission system operators (TSOs) and project promoters in the development of a harmonised cost-benefit analysis methodology, in preparing the ten-year network development plans and the network codes, and in evaluating the costs and benefits of each project; recalls the need to provide complete assessments including social and environmental impacts; calls on the Commission, the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER) and national regulators to play a more proactive role in order to develop a more neutral, transparent and democratic consultative process, including the effective participation of Parliament and giving voting status to civil society representatives; calls on the Commission to assess the situations in which the use of best available technology (BAT) could be established as a precondition for granting

Amendment

8. Regrets the lack of a transparent *and* evidence-based decision-making process leading to the establishment of the projects of common interest (PCI) list; underlines that the PCIs, in order to deliver their expected results, must be concentrated on a few key priorities; regrets further the predominant role of ENTSO-E, transmission system operators (TSOs) and project promoters in the development of a harmonised cost-benefit analysis methodology, in preparing the ten-year network development plans and the network codes, and in evaluating the costs and benefits of each project; recalls the need to provide complete assessments including social and environmental impacts; calls on the Commission, the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER) and national regulators to play a more proactive role in order to develop a more neutral, transparent and democratic consultative process, including the effective participation of Parliament and giving voting status to civil society representatives; calls on the Commission to assess the situations in which the use of

EU funds to projects;

best available technology (BAT) could be established as a precondition for granting EU funds to projects;

Or. en

Amendment 90 Soledad Cabezón Ruiz

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. Invites the Commission to report annually to the European Parliament on the implementation of PCIs and on progress to reach the 10% target, as part of the annual stocktaking foreseen in the Strategic Framework for the Energy Union;

Or. en

Amendment 91 Jeppe Kofod

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. Recalls that PCIs are evaluated by Regional Groups, set-up by the Commission and comprising of representatives from the Member States, NRAs and the electricity transmission system operators and project promoters, ENTSO-E, ACER, the European Commission and other key stakeholders;

Or. en

Amendment 92 Jeppe Kofod

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 8 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8b. Calls on the Commission to explain better the ranking process for the PCIs; recalls that in order to be considered, PCIs should be included in the ENTSO-E's ten year network development plans (TYNDPs) but that the final decision for funding lies with the Commission based on its own assessment criteria for selection of projects; asks the Commission to explicitly account for these criteria;

Or. en

Amendment 93 Bendt Bendtsen, Pilar del Castillo Vera, Antonio Tajani, Krišjānis Kariņš, Algirdas Saudargas on behalf of the PPE Group

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9. Stresses that the lengthy permit granting procedure is a major challenge for new high-voltage lines in Europe;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 94 Dario Tamburrano, David Borrelli

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 9

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9. Stresses that the lengthy permit granting procedure is a major *challenge* for new high-voltage lines in Europe;

Amendment

9. Stresses that the lengthy permit granting procedure is a major *obstacle* for new high-voltage lines in Europe; *underlines the importance of tackling with adequate resources the challenge of shortening that procedure, whilst maintaining the adequate level of guarantees for the public interest, including effective public consultations;*

Or. en

Amendment 95 Adam Gierek

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Recalls that projects on the PCI list benefit from preferential regulatory treatment, fast-track planning, a binding time limit of 3.5 years for the granting of a permit and faster environmental assessment procedures, *and may also be eligible for extra* funding under the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF);

Amendment

10. Recalls that projects on the PCI list benefit from preferential regulatory treatment, fast-track planning, a binding time limit of 3.5 years for the granting of a permit and faster environmental assessment procedures; takes the view that funding under the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) and the Fund for Strategic Investments should be used to invest in trans-European networks linking the East with the West and the North with the South:

Or. pl

Amendment 96 Kathleen Van Brempt, Jeppe Kofod, Martina Werner, Theresa Griffin, Edouard Martin

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 10

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10. Recalls that projects on the PCI list benefit from preferential regulatory treatment, fast-track planning, a binding time limit of 3.5 years for the granting of a permit and faster environmental assessment procedures, and may also be eligible for extra funding under the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF);

Amendment

10. Recalls that projects on the PCI list benefit from preferential regulatory treatment, fast-track planning, a binding time limit of 3.5 years for the granting of a permit and faster environmental assessment procedures, and may also be eligible for extra funding under the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF), asks the Commission to make an assessment on how this fast-track planning is implemented and complied with in all Member States:

Or. en

Amendment 97 Pavel Telička, Fredrick Federley, Cora van Nieuwenhuizen, Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Recalls that projects on the PCI list benefit from preferential regulatory treatment, fast-track planning, a binding time limit of 3.5 years for the granting of a permit and faster environmental assessment procedures, and may also be eligible for extra funding under the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF);

Amendment

10. Recalls that projects on the PCI list benefit from preferential regulatory treatment, fast-track planning, a binding, *still rather long*, time limit of 3.5 years for the granting of a permit and faster environmental assessment procedures, and may also be eligible for extra funding under the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF);

Or. en

Amendment 98 Bendt Bendtsen, Pilar del Castillo Vera, Antonio Tajani, Krišjānis Kariņš, Algirdas Saudargas on behalf of the PPE Group

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 10

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Amendment

10. Recalls that projects on the PCI list benefit from preferential regulatory treatment, fast-track planning, a binding time limit of 3.5 years for the granting of a permit and faster environmental assessment procedures, and may also be eligible for extra funding under the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) and the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI):

Or. en

Amendment 99 Bendt Bendtsen, Pilar del Castillo Vera, Antonio Tajani, Krišjānis Kariņš, Algirdas Saudargas on behalf of the PPE Group

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10a. Stresses that the lengthy permit granting procedure is a major challenge for new high-voltage lines in Europe; and calls on Member States to facilitate speedier processes;

Or. en

Amendment 100 Ian Duncan

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Recognises that public awareness and support is essential to ensure fast implementation of interconnector projects;

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acknowledges that democratic processes and environmental standards must not be undermined when building new power lines; calls on the project promoters to use BAT for new interconnectors in order to reduce conflicts between project investments in the grids and environmental impact;

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Or. en

Amendment 101 Pervenche Berès

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. **Recognises** that public awareness and support is essential to ensure fast implementation of interconnector projects; acknowledges that democratic processes and environmental standards must not be undermined when building new power lines; calls on the project promoters to use BAT for new interconnectors in order to reduce conflicts between project investments in the grids and environmental impact;

Amendment

11. *Points out* that public awareness and support is essential to ensure fast implementation of interconnector projects; acknowledges that democratic processes and environmental standards must not be undermined when building new power lines; calls on the project promoters to use BAT for new interconnectors in order to *increase the local and environmental acceptability of the projects*, reduce conflicts between project investments in the grids and environmental impact;

Or. fr

Amendment 102 Bendt Bendtsen, Pilar del Castillo Vera, Antonio Tajani, Krišjānis Kariņš, Algirdas Saudargas on behalf of the PPE Group

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

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support is essential to ensure fast implementation of interconnector projects; acknowledges that *democratic* processes and environmental standards must not be undermined when building new power lines; calls on the project promoters to use BAT for new interconnectors in order to *reduce conflicts* between project investments in the grids and environmental *impact*;

support is essential to ensure fast implementation of interconnector projects; acknowledges that *inclusive* processes and environmental standards must not be undermined when building new power lines; calls on the project promoters to use BAT for new interconnectors in order to *ensure coherence* between project investments in the grids and environmental *sustainability*;

Or. en

Amendment 103 Dario Tamburrano, David Borrelli

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Recognises that public awareness and support is essential to ensure fast implementation of interconnector projects; acknowledges that democratic processes and environmental standards must not be undermined when building new power lines; calls on the project promoters to use BAT for new interconnectors in order to reduce conflicts between project investments in the grids and environmental impact;

Amendment

11. Recognises that public awareness and support is essential to ensure fast implementation of interconnector projects; *emphasizes* that democratic processes and environmental standards must *be strictly respected when authorizing*, building *and monitoring* new power lines; calls on the project promoters to use BAT for new *national and cross-border* interconnectors in order to *ensure that their environmental impact stays below the prescribed thresholds*;

Or. en

Amendment 104 Pavel Telička, Kaja Kallas, Fredrick Federley

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

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support is essential to ensure fast implementation of interconnector projects; acknowledges that democratic processes and environmental standards must not be undermined when building new power lines; calls on the project promoters to use BAT for new interconnectors in order to reduce conflicts between project investments in the grids and environmental impact;

support is essential to ensure fast implementation of interconnector projects; *thorough consultation process is therefore indispensable*; calls on the project promoters to use BAT for new interconnectors in order to reduce conflicts between project investments in the grids and environmental impact;

Or. en

Amendment 105 Soledad Cabezón Ruiz

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Recognises that public awareness and support is essential to ensure fast implementation of interconnector projects; acknowledges that *democratic* processes and environmental standards must not be undermined when building new power lines; calls on the project promoters to use BAT for new interconnectors in order to reduce conflicts between project investments in the grids and environmental impact;

Amendment

11. Recognises that public awareness and support is essential to ensure fast implementation of interconnector projects; acknowledges that *transparent* processes and environmental standards must not be undermined when building new power lines; calls on the project promoters to use BAT for new interconnectors in order to reduce conflicts between project investments in the grids and environmental impact;

Or. en

Amendment 106 Soledad Cabezón Ruiz

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to launch a EU campaign

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promoting the benefits and necessity of building new and upgrading existing energy infrastructures in order to achieve our energy and climate objectives;

Or. en

Amendment 107 Gianluca Buonanno

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Stresses that the implementation of a 'one-stop shop' approach contributes to shortening the permit granting procedures; recalls that the TEN-E Regulation requires each Member State to designate a National Competent Authority responsible for facilitating, shortening and coordinating the permit process at national level; believes that an interconnected electricity market needs a single 'one-stop shop' at EU level and asks the Commission to make a proposal, legislative if necessary, in this regard;

Amendment

12. Stresses that the implementation of a 'one-stop shop' approach contributes to shortening the permit granting procedures; recalls that the TEN-E Regulation requires each Member State to designate a National Competent Authority responsible for facilitating, shortening and coordinating the permit process at national level;

Or. it

Amendment 108 Bendt Bendtsen, Pilar del Castillo Vera, Antonio Tajani, Krišjānis Kariņš, Algirdas Saudargas on behalf of the PPE Group

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 12

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each Member State to designate a National Competent Authority responsible for facilitating, shortening and coordinating the permit process at national level; welcomes in this respect the evaluation of the "one-stop-shop"-approach by the European Commission to take place in 2017 and encourages the Commission in this framework to assess the benefits of a single 'one-stop shop' at EU level;

Or. en

Amendment 109 Anne Sander

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

12. Stresses that the implementation of a 'one-stop shop' approach contributes to shortening the permit granting procedures; recalls that the TEN-E Regulation requires each Member State to designate a National Competent Authority responsible for facilitating, shortening and coordinating the permit process at national level; *calls on the Commission to assess whether the establishment of* a single 'one-stop shop' at EU level *is pertinent*;

Or. fr

Amendment 110 Bendt Bendtsen, Pilar del Castillo Vera, Antonio Tajani, Krišjānis Kariņš, Algirdas Saudargas on behalf of the PPE Group

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 12 a (new)

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Amendment

12a. Calls on the European Commission to provide ACER with the adequate competences and powers to gather the necessary information on each individual cross-border transmission capacity as to allow ACER to fulfil its monitoring responsibilities effectively;

Or. en

Amendment 111 Jeppe Kofod

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Notes the understaffing and lack of resources of ACER; asks the EU budgetary authority to provide the agency with the necessary resources, in particular sufficient own staff, in order to allow the agency to fulfil the tasks assigned to it by legislation; calls for ACER's role to be strengthened, in particular in relation to ENTSO-E;

Amendment

13. Notes the understaffing and lack of resources of ACER; asks the EU budgetary authority to provide the agency with the necessary resources, in particular sufficient own staff, in order to allow the agency to fulfil the tasks assigned to it by legislation; calls for ACER's role to be strengthened, in particular in relation to ENTSO-E and with regards to reinforcing coordination of NRAs, arbitrating between NRAs and coordinating cross-border regulatory matters;

Or. en

Amendment 112 Soledad Cabezón Ruiz

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

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resources of ACER; asks the EU budgetary authority to provide the agency with the necessary resources, in particular sufficient own staff, in order to allow the agency to fulfil the tasks assigned to it by legislation; calls for ACER's role to be strengthened, *in particular in relation to ENTSO-E*;

resources of ACER; asks the EU budgetary authority to provide the agency with the necessary resources, in particular sufficient own staff, in order to allow the agency to fulfil the tasks assigned to it by legislation; calls for ACER's role to be strengthened with regards to reinforcing co-ordination of NRAs, arbitrating between NRAs and coordinating cross-border regulatory matters;

Or. en

Amendment 113 Bendt Bendtsen, Pilar del Castillo Vera, Antonio Tajani, Krišjānis Kariņš, Algirdas Saudargas on behalf of the PPE Group

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Notes the understaffing and lack of resources of ACER; asks the EU budgetary authority to provide the agency with the necessary resources, in particular sufficient own staff, in order to allow the agency to fulfil the tasks assigned to it by legislation; calls for ACER's role to be strengthened, in particular in relation to ENTSO-E;

Amendment

13. Recalls the importance of sufficient staffing and resources of ACER; asks the EU budgetary authority to provide the agency with the necessary resources, in particular sufficient own staff, in order to allow the agency to fulfil the tasks assigned to it by legislation; calls for ACER's role to be strengthened, in particular in relation to ENTSO-E;

Or. en

Amendment 114 Dario Tamburrano, David Borrelli

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authority to provide the agency with the necessary resources, in particular sufficient own staff, in order to allow the agency to fulfil the tasks assigned to it by legislation; calls for ACER's role to be strengthened, in particular in relation to ENTSO-E;

authority to provide the agency with the necessary resources, in particular sufficient own staff, in order to allow the agency to fulfil *adequately and timely* the tasks assigned to it by legislation; calls for ACER's role to be strengthened, in particular in relation to ENTSO-E;

Or. en

Amendment 115 András Gyürk

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Notes the understaffing and lack of resources of ACER; asks the EU budgetary authority to provide the agency with the necessary resources, in particular sufficient own staff, in order to allow the agency to fulfil the tasks assigned to it by legislation; calls for ACER's role to be strengthened, *in particular in relation to ENTSO-E*;

Amendment

13. Notes the understaffing and lack of resources of ACER; asks the EU budgetary authority to provide the agency with the necessary resources, in particular sufficient own staff, in order to allow the agency to fulfil the tasks assigned to it by legislation; calls for ACER's role to be strengthened;

Or. en

Amendment 116 Dario Tamburrano, David Borrelli

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Notes the understaffing and/or lack of independence of a number of national energy regulators; calls on the Commission to carry out an independent audit by the end of 2016 at the latest on the resources available to, and the degree of independence achieved so far by, all national energy regulators, including the

Amendment

14. Notes the understaffing and/or lack of independence of a number of national energy regulators; calls on the Commission to carry out an independent audit by the end of 2016 regarding the whole European system of national energy regulators (NERs); underlines that such an audit should address at least the issues

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identification of recommendations on how to improve the situation;

of (a) resources available to the NERs, (b) services actually supplied by the NERs to the market, (c) degree of independence from political and commercial pressure achieved so far by the NERs; stresses that the audit report should present best practices identified, and include specific recommendations on how to improve the situation:

Or. en

Amendment 117 Soledad Cabezón Ruiz

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Notes the understaffing and/or lack of independence of a number of national energy regulators; calls on the Commission to carry out an independent audit by the end of 2016 at the latest on the resources available to, and the degree of independence achieved so far by, all national energy regulators, including the identification of recommendations on how to improve the situation;

Amendment

14. Notes the understaffing of some national energy regulators or the merging of regulatory bodies with the competition authority, which might compromise the principle of specialisation, essential for sectoral regulation; calls on the Commission to carry out an independent audit by the end of 2016 at the latest on the resources available to, and the degree of independence achieved so far by, all national energy regulators, including the identification of recommendations on how to improve the situation;

Or. en

Amendment 118 Pervenche Berès

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Notes the understaffing and/or lack of

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14. Stresses how important it is for

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independence of a number of national energy regulators; calls on the Commission to carry out an independent audit by the end of 2016 at the latest on the resources available to, and the degree of independence achieved so far by, all national energy regulators, including the identification of recommendations on how to improve the situation;

national energy regulators *to be independent*; calls on the Commission to carry out, *should it be necessary and* by the end of 2016 at the latest, *an audit* on the degree of independence achieved so far by *the* national regulators, including the identification of recommendations on how to improve the situation;

Or. fr

Amendment 119
Bendt Bendtsen, Pilar del Castillo Vera, Antonio Tajani, Krišjānis Kariņš, Algirdas Saudargas
on behalf of the PPE Group

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Notes the understaffing and/or lack of independence of a number of national energy regulators; calls on the Commission to carry out an independent audit by the end of 2016 at the latest on the resources available to, and the degree of independence achieved so far by, all national energy regulators, including the identification of recommendations on how to improve the situation;

Amendment

14. Stresses the importance of sufficient staffing and independence of a number of national energy regulators; calls on the Commission to carry out an independent audit by the end of 2016 at the latest on the resources available to, and the degree of independence achieved so far by, all national energy regulators, including the identification of recommendations on how to improve the situation;

Or. en

Amendment 120 Dario Tamburrano, David Borrelli

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Notes that there is still a lack of transparency with regard to the calculation

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15. Notes that there is still a lack of transparency with regard to the calculation

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of cross-border capacities made available to the market and the frequency, magnitude and reasons of curtailment on interconnectors; doubts, in this context, that most of the significant curtailments are fully addressed; asks the Commission to provide ACER with the adequate competences and powers to gather the necessary information on each individual cross-border transmission capacity so as to allow ACER to fulfil its monitoring responsibilities effectively;

of cross-border capacities made available to the market and the frequency, magnitude and reasons of curtailment on interconnectors; doubts, in this context, that most of the significant curtailments are fully addressed; asks the Commission to provide ACER with the adequate competences and powers to gather periodically the necessary information on each individual cross-border transmission capacity so as to allow ACER to fulfil its monitoring responsibilities effectively; requests that such information will be supplied to ACER together with the necessary contextual information about the design and functioning of the national network;

Or. en

Amendment 121 Soledad Cabezón Ruiz

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Notes that there is still a lack of transparency with regard to the calculation of cross-border capacities made available to the market and the frequency, magnitude and reasons of curtailment on interconnectors; doubts, in this context, that most of the significant curtailments are fully addressed; asks the Commission to provide ACER with the adequate competences and powers to gather the necessary information on each individual cross-border transmission capacity so as to allow ACER to fulfil its monitoring responsibilities effectively;

Amendment

15. Notes that there is still a lack of transparency with regard to the calculation of cross-border capacities made available to the market and the frequency, magnitude and reasons of curtailment on interconnectors; doubts, in this context, that most of the significant curtailments are fully addressed; asks the Commission to provide ACER with the adequate competences and powers to gather the necessary information on each individual cross-border transmission capacity so as to allow ACER to fulfil its monitoring responsibilities effectively and to exercise the role of European Regulator necessary for the effective completion of the Internal Energy Market;

Or. en

Amendment 122 Bendt Bendtsen, Pilar del Castillo Vera, Antonio Tajani, Krišjānis Kariņš, Algirdas Saudargas

on behalf of the PPE Group

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Notes that there is still a *lack of* transparency with regard to the calculation of cross-border capacities made available to the market and the frequency, magnitude and reasons of curtailment on interconnectors; doubts, in this context, that most of the significant curtailments are fully addressed; *asks the Commission to provide ACER with the adequate competences and powers to gather the necessary information on each individual cross-border transmission capacity so as to allow ACER to fulfil its monitoring responsibilities effectively;*

Amendment

15. Notes that there is still a *need for increased* transparency with regard to the calculation of cross-border capacities made available to the market and the frequency, magnitude and reasons of curtailment on interconnectors; doubts, in this context, that most of the significant curtailments are fully addressed; *welcomes in this respect the swift conclusion of the Network Codes in order to tackle these issues*:

Or. en

Amendment 123 Pervenche Berès

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Notes that there is still a lack of transparency with regard to the calculation of cross-border capacities made available to the market and the frequency, magnitude and reasons of curtailment on interconnectors; doubts, in this context, that most of the significant curtailments are fully addressed; asks the Commission to provide ACER with the adequate competences and powers to gather the

Amendment

15. Notes that, in a limited number of Member States, there is still a lack of transparency with regard to the calculation of cross-border capacities made available to the market and the frequency, magnitude and reasons of curtailment on interconnectors; doubts, in this context, that most of the significant curtailments are fully addressed; asks the Commission to provide ACER with the adequate

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necessary information on each individual cross-border transmission capacity so as to allow ACER to fulfil its monitoring responsibilities effectively; competences and powers to gather the necessary information on each individual cross-border transmission capacity so as to allow ACER to fulfil its monitoring responsibilities effectively;

Or. fr

Amendment 124 Jeppe Kofod

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15a. Notes the Commission's intentions of expanding the mandate, purview and powers of ACER and it's reflections on what this might entail within its recent communication 'Delivering a New Deal for Energy Consumers'; calls on the Commission to come forward with concrete suggestions in this regard, to further the realisation of a true Internal Energy Market; notes that any new responsibilities should be followed by additional resources for ACER;

Or. en

Amendment 125 Soledad Cabezón Ruiz

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Notes the Commission estimate that EUR 35 billion of financing is necessary to reach the 10% target by 2020 across all Member States and insists all available means must be deployed to this effect; considers that the Energy Infrastructure

Guidelines, Connecting Europe Facility, structural funds and EFSI will be crucial in providing the necessary support and financing;

Or. en

Amendment 126 Soledad Cabezón Ruiz

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Supports the Commission's recommendation that the CEF be concentrated on a few key projects: considers that adequate EU financing should also be made available beyond 2020 to support the implementation of non-commercial electricity connection projects necessary to ensure the functioning of the internal energy market; stresses the importance of the EIB in supporting investors in commercially viable electricity infrastructure projects; notes the establishment of the European Fund for Strategic Investments and encourages the Commission to ensure that the fund effectively attracts investments in electricity interconnection projects;

Amendment

16. *Recalls* that the *Connecting Europe* Facility regulation includes as a major aim the need to interconnect Member States' networks and also includes the aim of making the majority of financial assistance available for electricity projects; supports the Commission's commitment to give special priority to projects which will significantly increase the current interconnection capacity where it is well below the established 10% objective, recalls that a specific priority for the EFSI is to develop interconnections and suggests that an equivalent commitment is made for EFSI and, in any case, urges priority selection of interconnection projects by the EIB and the EFSI Investment Committee:

Or. en

Amendment 127 Dario Tamburrano, David Borrelli

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Supports the Commission's

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16. Supports the Commission's

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recommendation that the CEF be concentrated on a few key projects; considers that adequate EU financing should also be made available beyond 2020 to support the implementation of *non*commercial electricity connection projects necessary to ensure the functioning of the internal energy market; stresses the importance of the EIB in supporting investors in commercially viable electricity infrastructure projects; notes the establishment of the European Fund for Strategic Investments and encourages the Commission to ensure that the fund effectively attracts investments in electricity interconnection projects;

recommendation that the CEF be concentrated on a few key projects; considers that adequate EU financing should also be made available beyond 2020 to support the implementation of *public* electricity connection projects, both national and cross-border, based on the best scientific and technological evidence available, necessary to ensure and improve the functioning of the internal energy market; stresses the importance of the EIB in supporting *private* investors in commercially viable electricity infrastructure projects, developed in the frame of the Energy Union strategy; notes the establishment of the European Fund for Strategic Investments and encourages the Commission to ensure that the fund effectively attracts investments in electricity interconnection projects;

Or. en

Amendment 128 Miriam Dalli

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Supports the Commission's recommendation that the CEF be concentrated on a few key projects; considers that adequate EU financing should also be made available beyond 2020 to support the implementation of noncommercial *electricity* connection projects necessary to ensure the functioning of the internal energy market; stresses the importance of the EIB in supporting investors in commercially viable electricity infrastructure projects; notes the establishment of the European Fund for Strategic Investments and encourages the Commission to ensure that the fund effectively attracts investments in

Amendment

16. Supports the Commission's recommendation that the CEF be concentrated on a few key projects; considers that adequate EU financing should also be made available beyond 2020 to support the implementation of noncommercial energy connection projects necessary to ensure the functioning of the internal energy market; stresses the importance of the EIB in supporting investors in commercially viable electricity infrastructure projects; notes the establishment of the European Fund for Strategic Investments and encourages the Commission to ensure that the fund effectively attracts investments in

Or. en

Amendment 129 Bendt Bendtsen, Pilar del Castillo Vera, Antonio Tajani, Krišjānis Kariņš, Algirdas Saudargas on behalf of the PPE Group

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Supports the Commission's recommendation that the CEF be concentrated on a few key projects; considers that adequate EU financing should also be made available beyond 2020 to support the *implementation of* non-commercial electricity connection projects necessary to ensure the functioning of the internal energy market; stresses the importance of the EIB in supporting investors in commercially viable electricity infrastructure projects; notes the establishment of the European Fund for Strategic Investments and encourages the Commission to ensure that the fund effectively attracts investments in electricity interconnection projects;

Amendment

16. Supports the Commission's recommendation that the CEF be concentrated on a few key projects; considers that adequate EU financing should *continue* be made available *also* beyond 2020 to support the construction of non-commercially viable electricity connection projects necessary to ensure the functioning of the internal energy market; stresses the importance of the EIB in supporting investors in commercially viable electricity infrastructure projects; notes the establishment of the European Fund for Strategic Investments and encourages the Commission to ensure that the fund effectively attracts investments in electricity interconnection projects;

Or. en

Amendment 130
Peter Eriksson
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Supports the Commission's recommendation that the CEF be

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16. Supports the Commission's recommendation that the CEF be

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concentrated on a few key projects; considers that adequate EU financing should also be made available beyond 2020 to support the implementation of non-commercial electricity connection projects necessary to ensure the functioning of the internal energy market; stresses the importance of the EIB in supporting investors in commercially viable electricity infrastructure projects; notes the establishment of the European Fund for Strategic Investments and encourages the Commission to ensure that the fund effectively attracts investments in electricity interconnection projects;

concentrated on a few key projects; recalls that the CEF regulation (No 1316/2013) recommends that the major part of the financial assistance should be made available for electricity projects and insists that the Commission respects this provision in practice; considers that adequate EU financing should also be made available beyond 2020 to support the implementation of non-commercial electricity connection projects necessary to ensure the functioning of the internal energy market; stresses the importance of the EIB in supporting investors in commercially viable electricity infrastructure projects; notes the establishment of the European Fund for Strategic Investments and encourages the Commission to ensure that the fund effectively attracts investments in electricity interconnection projects;

Or. en

Amendment 131 Pavel Telička, Fredrick Federley, Juan Carlos Girauta Vidal, Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Supports the Commission's recommendation that the CEF be concentrated on a few key projects; considers that adequate EU financing should also be made available beyond 2020 to support the implementation of non-commercial electricity connection projects necessary to ensure the functioning of the internal energy market; stresses the importance of the EIB in supporting investors in commercially viable electricity infrastructure projects; notes the establishment of the European Fund for Strategic Investments and encourages the Commission to *ensure that the fund*

Amendment

16. Supports the Commission's recommendation that the CEF be concentrated on a few key projects; *special attention should be given especially to those which would improve connectivity that is currently well below 10%*; considers that adequate EU financing should also be made available beyond 2020 to support the implementation of noncommercial electricity connection projects necessary to ensure the functioning of the internal energy market; stresses the importance of the EIB in supporting investors in commercially viable electricity infrastructure projects; notes the

effectively attracts investments in electricity interconnection projects;

establishment of the European Fund for Strategic Investments and encourages the Commission to *support* investments in electricity interconnection projects;

Or. en

Amendment 132 Rolandas Paksas

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Supports the Commission's recommendation that the CEF be concentrated on a few key projects; considers that adequate EU financing should also be made available beyond 2020 to support the implementation of noncommercial electricity connection projects necessary to ensure the functioning of the internal energy market; stresses the importance of the EIB in supporting investors in commercially viable electricity infrastructure projects; notes the establishment of the European Fund for Strategic Investments and encourages the Commission to ensure that the fund effectively attracts investments in electricity interconnection projects;

Amendment

16. Supports the Commission's recommendation that the CEF be concentrated on a few key projects; considers that adequate EU financing should also be made available beyond 2020 to support the implementation of noncommercial electricity connection projects necessary to ensure the functioning of the internal energy market and improve energy security; stresses the importance of the EIB in supporting investors in commercially viable electricity infrastructure projects while private investments could complement, but not substitute EU financing for necessary infrastructure projects; notes the establishment of the European Fund for Strategic Investments and encourages the Commission to ensure that the fund effectively attracts investments in electricity interconnection projects;

Or. en

Amendment 133 Antonio Tajani, Aldo Patriciello

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 16

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Motion for a resolution

16. Supports the Commission's recommendation that the CEF be concentrated on a few key projects; considers that adequate EU financing should also be made available beyond 2020 to support the implementation of noncommercial electricity connection projects necessary to ensure the functioning of the internal energy market; stresses the importance of the EIB in supporting investors in commercially viable electricity infrastructure projects; notes the establishment of the European Fund for Strategic Investments and encourages the Commission to ensure that the fund effectively attracts investments in electricity interconnection projects;

Amendment

16. Supports the Commission's recommendation that the CEF be concentrated on a few key projects including those with third countries; considers that adequate EU financing should also be made available beyond 2020 to support the implementation of noncommercial electricity connection projects necessary to ensure the functioning of the internal energy market, as well as with neighbouring countries; stresses the importance of the EIB in supporting investors in commercially viable electricity infrastructure projects; notes the establishment of the European Fund for Strategic Investments and encourages the Commission to ensure that the fund effectively attracts investments in electricity interconnection projects;

Or. en

Amendment 134 Kathleen Van Brempt, Jeppe Kofod, Martina Werner

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Supports the Commission's recommendation that the CEF be concentrated on a few key projects; considers that adequate EU financing should also be made available beyond 2020 to support the implementation of noncommercial electricity connection projects necessary to ensure the functioning of the internal energy market; stresses the importance of the EIB in supporting investors in commercially viable electricity infrastructure projects; notes the establishment of the European Fund for Strategic Investments and encourages the

Amendment

16. Supports the Commission's recommendation that the CEF be concentrated on a few key projects; considers that adequate EU financing should also be made available beyond 2020 to support the implementation of non-commercial electricity connection projects necessary to ensure the functioning of the internal energy market; stresses the importance of the EIB in supporting investors in commercially viable electricity infrastructure projects; notes the establishment of the European Fund for Strategic Investments and encourages the

Commission to ensure that the fund effectively attracts investments in electricity interconnection projects; Commission to ensure that the fund effectively attracts investments in *crucial* electricity interconnection and DSO smart grid projects, if they cannot be funded through other existing channels already available at EU or Member State level;

Or. en

Amendment 135 Ian Duncan

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Supports the Commission's recommendation that the CEF be concentrated on a few key projects; considers that adequate EU financing should also be made available beyond 2020 to support the implementation of noncommercial electricity connection projects necessary to ensure the functioning of the internal energy market; stresses the importance of the EIB in supporting investors in commercially viable electricity infrastructure projects; notes the establishment of the European Fund for Strategic Investments and encourages the Commission to ensure that the fund effectively attracts investments in electricity interconnection projects;

Amendment

16. Supports the Commission's recommendation that the CEF be concentrated on a few key projects; considers that adequate EU financing should also be made available beyond 2020 to support the implementation of noncommercial electricity connection projects necessary to ensure the functioning of the internal energy market; stresses the importance of the EIB in supporting investors in commercially viable electricity infrastructure projects; notes the establishment of the European Fund for Strategic Investments and encourages the Commission to ensure that the fund effectively attracts investments in electricity interconnection projects; calls on the Commission for transparency in how this fund will be allocated

Or. en

Amendment 136 Bendt Bendtsen, Pilar del Castillo Vera, Antonio Tajani, Krišjānis Kariņš, Algirdas Saudargas on behalf of the PPE Group

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Urges the Commission, furthermore, to: 1) encourage investments in the best available technology, which, while costlier, offers considerable financial advantages as well as time savings in the long run; 2) conduct a review of the financing rules with the aim of streamlining the existing mechanisms and highlighting the principle that wealthier Member States are responsible for projects involving their countries, while EU financial support should be used in countries facing greater challenges; and 3) strengthen incentives for further investments in the grid by, inter alia, introducing a requirement for profits made from transmission congestion rent to be reinvested in additional interconnectors:

Amendment

17. Urges the Commission, furthermore, to: 1) encourage investments in the best available technology, which offers considerable financial advantages as well as time savings in the long run; 2) conduct a review of the financing rules with the aim of streamlining the existing mechanisms and 3) strengthen incentives for further investments in the grid;

Or. en

Amendment 137 Anne Sander

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Urges the Commission, furthermore, to: 1) encourage investments in the best available technology, which, while costlier, offers considerable financial advantages as well as time savings in the long run; 2) conduct a review of the financing rules with the aim of streamlining the existing mechanisms and highlighting the principle that wealthier Member States are responsible for projects involving their countries, while EU financial support should be used in countries facing greater challenges; and 3) strengthen incentives

Amendment

17. Urges the Commission, furthermore, to: 1) encourage investments in the best available technology, which, while costlier, offers considerable financial advantages as well as time savings in the long run; 2) conduct a review of the financing rules with the aim of streamlining the existing mechanisms and 3) strengthen incentives for further investments in the grid;

for further investments in the grid by, inter alia, introducing a requirement for profits made from transmission congestion rent to be reinvested in additional interconnectors:

Or. fr

Amendment 138 Pervenche Berès

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Urges the Commission, furthermore, to: 1) encourage investments in the best available technology, which, while costlier, offers considerable financial advantages as well as time savings in the long run; 2) conduct a review of the financing rules with the aim of streamlining the existing mechanisms and highlighting the principle that wealthier Member States are responsible for projects involving their countries, while EU financial support should be used in countries facing greater challenges; and 3) strengthen incentives for further investments in the grid by, inter alia, introducing a requirement for profits made from transmission congestion rent to be reinvested in additional interconnectors;

Amendment

17. Urges the Commission, furthermore, to: 1) encourage investments in the best available technology, which, while costlier, offers considerable financial advantages and greater local and environmental acceptability, as well as time savings in the long run; 2) conduct a review of the financing rules with the aim of streamlining the existing mechanisms and providing EU financial support for priority projects, taking cohesion principles into account and 3) strengthen incentives for further investments in the grid by, inter alia, introducing a requirement for profits made from transmission congestion rent to be reinvested in additional interconnectors;

Or. fr

Amendment 139 Pavel Telička, Fredrick Federley, Cora van Nieuwenhuizen, Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 17

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17. Urges the Commission, furthermore,

17. Urges the Commission, furthermore,

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to: 1) encourage investments in the best available technology, which, while costlier, offers considerable financial advantages as well as time savings in the long run; 2) conduct a review of the financing rules with the aim of streamlining the existing mechanisms and highlighting the principle that wealthier Member States are responsible for projects involving their countries, while EU financial support should be used in countries facing greater challenges; and 3) strengthen incentives for further investments in the grid by, inter alia, introducing a requirement for profits made from transmission congestion rent to be reinvested in additional interconnectors:

to: 1) encourage investments in the best available technology, which, while costlier, offers considerable financial advantages as well as time savings in the long run; 2) conduct a review of the financing rules with the aim of streamlining the existing mechanisms; and 3) strengthen incentives for further investments in the grid by, inter alia, introducing a requirement for profits made from transmission congestion rent to be reinvested in additional interconnectors;

Or. en

Amendment 140 Dario Tamburrano, David Borrelli

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Urges the Commission, furthermore, to: 1) encourage investments in the best available technology, which, while costlier, offers considerable financial advantages as well as time savings in the long run; 2) conduct a review of the financing rules with the aim of streamlining the existing mechanisms and highlighting the principle that wealthier Member States are responsible for projects involving their countries, while EU financial support should be used in countries facing greater challenges; and 3) strengthen incentives for further investments in the grid by, inter alia, introducing a requirement for *profits* made from transmission congestion rent to be reinvested in additional interconnectors;

Amendment

17. Urges the Commission, furthermore, to: 1) encourage investments in the best available technology, which, while involving in some occasions higher initial costs, offers considerable financial advantages as well as time savings over the useful life of the infrastructure; 2) conduct a review of the financing rules with the aim of streamlining the existing mechanisms and highlighting the principle that wealthier Member States are responsible for projects involving their countries, while EU financial support should be used in countries facing greater challenges; and 3) strengthen incentives for further investments in the grid by, inter alia, introducing a requirement for income made from transmission congestion rent to be reinvested in network-reinforcing infrastructures and technologies,

Or. en

Amendment 141 Juan Carlos Girauta Vidal, Cora van Nieuwenhuizen

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Urges the Commission, furthermore, to: 1) encourage investments in the best available technology, which, while costlier, offers considerable financial advantages as well as time savings in the long run; 2) conduct a review of the financing rules with the aim of streamlining the existing mechanisms and highlighting the principle that wealthier Member States are responsible for projects involving their countries, while EU financial support should be used in countries facing greater challenges; and 3) strengthen incentives for further investments in the grid by, inter alia, introducing a requirement for profits made from transmission congestion rent to be reinvested in additional interconnectors;

Amendment

17. Urges the Commission, furthermore, to: 1) encourage investments in the best available technology taking into account technical and economic aspects so as to make sure the most cost-effective technology is always chosen; 2) conduct a review of the financing rules with the aim of streamlining the existing mechanisms and highlighting the principle that wealthier Member States are responsible for projects involving their countries, while EU financial support should be used in countries facing greater challenges; and 3) strengthen incentives for further investments in the grid by, inter alia, introducing a requirement for profits made from transmission congestion rent to be reinvested in additional interconnectors;

Or. en

Amendment 142 Cornelia Ernst

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Urges the Commission, furthermore, to: 1) encourage investments in the best available technology, which, while costlier, offers considerable financial advantages as

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17. Urges the Commission, furthermore, to: 1) encourage investments in the best available technology, which, while costlier, offers considerable financial advantages as

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well as time savings in the long run; 2) conduct a review of the financing rules with the aim of streamlining the existing mechanisms and highlighting the principle that wealthier Member States are responsible for projects involving their countries, while EU financial support should be used in countries facing greater challenges; and 3) strengthen incentives for further investments in the grid by, inter alia, introducing a requirement for profits made from transmission congestion rent to be reinvested in additional interconnectors:

well as time savings in the long run; 2) conduct a review of the financing rules with the aim of streamlining the existing mechanisms and highlighting the principle that wealthier Member States are responsible for projects involving their countries, while EU financial support should be used in countries facing greater challenges; and 3) strengthen incentives for further investments in the grid by, inter alia, introducing a requirement for profits made from transmission congestion rent to be reinvested in additional interconnectors: urges the Commission to enable a market design for flexibility where demand sources must have equal market access as supply resources and have access to markets to offer their services;

Or. en

Amendment 143 Aldo Patriciello

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Urges the Commission, furthermore, to: 1) encourage investments in the best available technology, which, while costlier, offers considerable financial advantages as well as time savings in the long run; 2) conduct a review of the financing rules with the aim of streamlining the existing mechanisms and highlighting the principle that wealthier Member States are responsible for projects involving their countries, while EU financial support should be used in countries facing greater challenges; and 3) strengthen incentives for further investments in the grid by, inter alia, introducing a requirement for profits made from transmission congestion rent to be reinvested in additional interconnectors;

Amendment

17. Urges the Commission, furthermore, to: 1) encourage investments in the best available technology, which, while costlier, offers considerable financial advantages as well as time savings in the long run; 2) conduct a review of the financing rules with the aim of streamlining the existing mechanisms and highlighting the principle that wealthier Member States are responsible for projects involving their countries, while EU financial support should be used in countries facing greater challenges, having regard also to Directive 2008/92/EC, which seeks to improve the transparency of gas and electricity prices charged to industrial end-users by requiring Member States to ensure that those prices and the price

systems used are communicated to Eurostat twice a year; and 3) strengthen incentives for further investments in the grid by, inter alia, introducing a requirement for profits made from transmission congestion rent to be reinvested in additional interconnectors:

Or. it

Amendment 144 Ian Duncan

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Urges the Commission, furthermore, to: 1) encourage *investments* in the best available technology, which, while costlier, offers considerable financial advantages as well as time savings in the long run; 2) conduct a review of the financing rules with the aim of streamlining the existing mechanisms and highlighting the principle that wealthier Member States are responsible for projects involving their countries, while EU financial support should be used in countries facing greater challenges; and 3) strengthen incentives for further investments in the grid by, inter alia, introducing a requirement for profits made from transmission congestion rent to be reinvested in additional interconnectors:

Amendment

17. Urges the Commission, furthermore, to: 1) where it is prudent and agreeable between Member States, encourage investment in the best available technology, which, while costlier, offers considerable financial advantages as well as time savings in the long run; 2) conduct a review of the financing rules with the aim of streamlining the existing mechanisms and highlighting the principle that wealthier Member States are responsible for projects involving their countries, while EU financial support should be used in countries facing greater challenges; and 3) strengthen incentives for further investments in the grid by, inter alia, introducing a requirement for profits made from transmission congestion rent to be reinvested in additional interconnectors:

Or. en

Amendment 145 Flavio Zanonato

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Motion for a resolution

17. Urges the Commission, furthermore, to: 1) encourage investments in the best available technology, which, while costlier, offers considerable financial advantages as well as time savings in the long run; 2) conduct a review of the financing rules with the aim of streamlining the existing mechanisms and highlighting the principle that wealthier Member States are responsible for projects involving their countries, while EU financial support should be used in countries facing greater challenges; and 3) strengthen incentives for further investments in the grid by, inter alia, introducing a requirement for profits made from transmission congestion rent to be reinvested in additional interconnectors:

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17. Urges the Commission, furthermore, to: 1) encourage investments in the best available technology, including hydrogen production through methane decomposition as well as the diffusion of superconducting cable lines that although costlier, offer considerable financial advantages as well as time savings in the long run; 2) conduct a review of the financing rules with the aim of streamlining the existing mechanisms and highlighting the principle that wealthier Member States are responsible for projects involving their countries, while EU financial support should be used in countries facing greater challenges; and 3) strengthen incentives for further investments in the grid by, inter alia, introducing a requirement for profits made from transmission congestion rent to be reinvested in additional interconnectors:

Or. en

Amendment 146 Kathleen Van Brempt, Jeppe Kofod, Martina Werner

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Urges the Commission, furthermore, to: 1) encourage investments in the best available technology, which, while costlier, offers considerable financial advantages as well as time savings in the long run; 2) conduct a review of the financing rules with the aim of streamlining the existing mechanisms and highlighting the principle that wealthier Member States are responsible for projects involving their countries, while EU financial support should be used in countries facing greater

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17. Urges the Commission, furthermore, to: 1) encourage investments in the best available technology, which, while *in some situations perhaps* costlier *in the short run*, offers considerable financial advantages as well as time savings *and technology leadership advantages* in the long run; 2) conduct a review of the financing rules with the aim of streamlining the existing mechanisms and highlighting the principle that wealthier Member States are responsible for projects

challenges; and 3) strengthen incentives for further investments in the grid by, inter alia, introducing a requirement for profits made from transmission congestion rent to be reinvested in additional interconnectors: involving their countries, while EU financial support should be used in countries facing greater challenges; and 3) strengthen incentives for further investments in the grid by, inter alia, introducing a requirement for profits made from transmission congestion rent to be reinvested in additional interconnectors;

Or. en

Amendment 147 Rolandas Paksas

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Urges the Commission, furthermore, to: 1) encourage investments in the best available technology, which, while costlier, offers considerable financial advantages as well as time savings in the long run; 2) conduct a review of the financing rules with the aim of streamlining the existing mechanisms and highlighting the principle that wealthier Member States are responsible for projects involving their countries, while EU financial support should be used in countries facing greater challenges; and 3) strengthen incentives for further investments in the grid by, inter alia, introducing a requirement for profits made from transmission congestion rent to be reinvested in additional interconnectors;

Amendment

17. Urges the Commission, furthermore, to: 1) encourage investments in the best available technology, which, while costlier, offers considerable financial advantages as well as time savings in the long run; 2) conduct a review of the financing rules with the aim of streamlining the existing mechanisms and highlighting the principle that wealthier Member States are responsible for projects involving their countries, while EU financial support should be used in countries and regions facing greater energy security and internal energy market challenges; and 3) strengthen incentives for further investments in the grid by, inter alia, introducing a requirement for profits made from transmission congestion rent to be reinvested in additional interconnectors;

Or. en

Amendment 148 Marian Harkin

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Urges the Commission, furthermore, to: 1) encourage investments in the best available technology, which, while costlier, offers considerable financial advantages as well as time savings in the long run; 2) conduct a review of the financing rules with the aim of streamlining the existing mechanisms and highlighting the principle that wealthier Member States are responsible for projects involving their countries, while EU financial support should be used in countries facing greater challenges; and 3) strengthen incentives for further investments in the grid by, inter alia, introducing a requirement for profits made from transmission congestion rent to be reinvested in additional interconnectors;

Amendment

17. Urges the Commission, furthermore, to: 1) encourage investments in the best available technology, which, while costlier, offers considerable financial advantages as well as time savings in the long run, this could include undergrounding or partial undergrounding of cables; 2) conduct a review of the financing rules with the aim of streamlining the existing mechanisms and highlighting the principle that wealthier Member States are responsible for projects involving their countries, while EU financial support should be used in countries facing greater challenges; and 3) strengthen incentives for further investments in the grid by, inter alia, introducing a requirement for profits made from transmission congestion rent to be reinvested in additional interconnectors:

Or. en

Amendment 149 Marian-Jean Marinescu

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17a. Calls on the Commission to refill the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) budget through annual budgets with the amounts taken to establish the Guaranty for the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI);

Or. en

Amendment 150 Bendt Bendtsen, Pilar del Castillo Vera, Antonio Tajani, Krišjānis Kariņš, Algirdas Saudargas

on behalf of the PPE Group

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Notes that planned interconnectors are expected to allow the Baltic States to reach the 10 % goal by 2015; is concerned that the Baltic States' networks are still synchronised with and dependent on the Russian electricity system, which is an impediment for a truly integrated and properly functioning European electricity market; calls for a rapid synchronisation of the Baltic States' electricity networks with the Continental European Network in order to ensure full integration in the EU internal electricity market and a higher security of electricity supply; highlights the common Nordic power market as a best practice for cooperation between Member States; acknowledges the importance of higher interconnectivity between Poland and the Nordic electricity market in order for Poland to reach its 10 % target;

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18. Notes that planned interconnectors are expected to allow the Baltic States to reach the 10 % goal by 2015; is concerned that the Baltic States' networks are still synchronised with and dependent on the Russian electricity system, which is an impediment for a truly integrated and properly functioning European electricity market; calls for the Baltic States' electricity networks' synchronisation with the Continental European Network *before* 2025 in order to ensure full integration in the EU internal electricity market, a higher security of electricity supply and secure system operation; asks the Member States concerned to take the necessary steps to initiate and ENTSO-E to launch a formal procedure for synchronous system extension towards Baltic countries; invites the European Commission to support and monitor the implementation of this project; highlights the common Nordic power market as a best practice for cooperation between Member States in creating and developing electricity *market*; acknowledges the importance of higher interconnectivity between Poland and the Nordic electricity market in order for Poland to reach its 10 % target; welcomes the signature of the Memorandum of Understanding on reinforced BEMIP, underlines that regional cooperation through BEMIP shall continue and solidarity between Member States in implementing PCIs further enhanced;

Or. en

Amendment 151 Kaja Kallas

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Notes that planned interconnectors are expected to allow the Baltic States to reach the 10 % goal by 2015; is concerned that the Baltic States' networks are still synchronised with and dependent on the Russian electricity system, which is an impediment for a truly integrated and properly functioning European electricity market; calls for a rapid synchronisation of the Baltic States' electricity networks with the Continental European Network in order to ensure full integration in the EU internal electricity market and a higher security of electricity supply; highlights the common Nordic power market as a best practice for *cooperation* between Member States; acknowledges the importance of higher interconnectivity between Poland and the Nordic electricity market in order for Poland to reach its 10 % target;

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18. Notes that planned interconnectors are expected to allow the Baltic States to reach the 10 % goal by 2015; is concerned that the Baltic States' networks are still synchronised with and dependent on the Russian electricity system, which is an impediment for a truly integrated and properly functioning European electricity market and endangers European energy security; calls on the Commission to play an active role in the BEMIP Working Group, and make real progress in the legal, technical and financial aspects of the synchronisation project; Considers that a rapid synchronisation of the Baltic States' electricity networks with the Continental European Network is of strategic importance to ensure full integration in the EU internal electricity market and a higher security of electricity supply; highlights the common Nordic power market as a best practice for a functioning regional energy market between Member States; acknowledges the importance of higher interconnectivity between Poland and the Nordic electricity market in order for Poland to reach its 10 % target;

Or. en

Amendment 152 Dario Tamburrano, David Borrelli

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Notes that planned interconnectors are expected to allow the Baltic States to reach the 10 % goal by 2015; is concerned that the Baltic States' networks are still synchronised with and dependent on the Russian electricity system, which is an impediment for a truly integrated and properly functioning European electricity market; calls for a rapid synchronisation of the Baltic States' electricity networks with the Continental European Network in order to ensure full integration in the EU internal electricity market and a higher security of electricity supply; highlights the common Nordic power market as a best practice for cooperation between Member States; acknowledges the importance of higher interconnectivity between Poland and the Nordic electricity market in order for Poland to reach its 10 % target;

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18. Notes that planned interconnectors are expected to allow the Baltic States to reach the 10 % goal by 2015; is concerned that the Baltic States' networks are still synchronised with and dependent on the Russian electricity system, which is an impediment for a truly integrated and properly functioning European electricity market; calls for a rapid effective connection of the Baltic States' electricity networks with the Continental European Network, either through synchronisation, through direct-current (DC) interconnections, or a combination thereof, in order to ensure their full integration in the EU internal electricity market; highlights the common Nordic power market as a best practice for cooperation between Member States; acknowledges the importance of higher interconnectivity between Poland and the Nordic electricity market in order for Poland to reach its 10 % target;

Or. en

Amendment 153 Adam Gierek

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Notes that planned interconnectors are expected to allow the Baltic States to reach the 10 % goal by 2015; is concerned that the Baltic States' networks are still synchronised with and dependent on the Russian electricity system, which is an impediment for a truly integrated and properly functioning European electricity market; calls for a rapid synchronisation of the Baltic States' electricity networks with

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18. Notes that planned interconnectors are expected to allow the Baltic States to reach *their* 10 % goal by *the end of* 2015; is concerned that the Baltic States' networks are still synchronised with and dependent on the Russian electricity system *alone*; calls for a rapid synchronisation of the Baltic States' electricity networks with the Continental European Network in order to ensure full integration in the EU internal

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the Continental European Network in order to ensure full integration in the EU internal electricity market and a higher security of electricity supply; highlights the common Nordic power market as a best practice for cooperation between Member States; acknowledges the importance of higher interconnectivity between Poland and the Nordic electricity market *in order for* Poland *to* reach its 10 % target;

electricity market and a higher security of electricity supply; highlights the common Nordic power market as a best practice for cooperation between Member States; acknowledges the importance of *investing in* higher interconnectivity between Poland and the Nordic electricity market so that Poland can reach its 10 % target; takes the view that the creation of a single EU electricity market should not entail cutting off or scaling down existing links with third-country systems;

Or. pl

Amendment 154 Pavel Telička, Fredrick Federley, Philippe De Backer

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Notes that planned interconnectors are expected to allow the Baltic States to reach the 10 % goal by 2015; is concerned that the Baltic States' networks are still synchronised with and dependent on the Russian electricity system, which is an impediment for a truly integrated and properly functioning European electricity market; calls for a rapid synchronisation of the Baltic States' electricity networks with the Continental European Network in order to ensure full integration in the EU internal electricity market and a higher security of electricity supply; highlights the common Nordic power market as a best practice for cooperation between Member States; acknowledges the importance of higher interconnectivity between Poland and the Nordic electricity market in order for Poland to reach its 10 % target;

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18. Notes that planned interconnectors are expected to allow the Baltic States to reach the 10 % goal by 2015; is concerned that the Baltic States' networks are still synchronised with and dependent on the Russian electricity system, which is an impediment for a truly integrated and properly functioning European electricity market; calls for a *gradual* synchronisation of the Baltic States' electricity networks with the Continental European Network in order to ensure full integration in the EU internal electricity market and a higher security of electricity supply; stresses the importance of a coherent electricity infrastructure allowing for electricity to flow freely across borders within the Union; highlights the common Nordic power market as a best practice for cooperation between Member States; acknowledges the importance of higher interconnectivity between Poland and the Nordic electricity market in order for Poland to reach its 10 % target;

Amendment 155 Miapetra Kumpula-Natri

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Notes that planned interconnectors are expected to allow the Baltic States to reach the 10 % goal by 2015; is concerned that the Baltic States' networks are still synchronised with and dependent on the Russian electricity system, which is an impediment for a truly integrated and properly functioning European electricity market; calls for a rapid synchronisation of the Baltic States' electricity networks with the Continental European Network in order to ensure full integration in the EU internal electricity market and a higher security of electricity supply; highlights the common Nordic power market as a best practice for cooperation between Member States; acknowledges the importance of higher interconnectivity between Poland and the Nordic electricity market in order for Poland to reach its 10 % target;

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18. Notes that planned interconnectors are expected to allow the Baltic States to reach the 10 % goal by 2015; is concerned that the Baltic States' networks are still synchronised with and dependent on the Russian electricity system, which is an impediment for a truly integrated and properly functioning European electricity market; calls for a rapid synchronisation of the Baltic States' electricity networks with the Continental European Network in order to ensure full integration in the EU internal electricity market and a higher security of electricity supply; highlights the common Nordic power market as a best practice for cooperation between Member States; calls nonetheless for interconnections between Northern Finland and Northern Sweden to be improved in order to even out the existing differences in regional prices; acknowledges the importance of higher interconnectivity between Poland and the Nordic electricity market in order for Poland to reach its 10 % target;

Or. fi

Amendment 156 Cornelia Ernst

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Acknowledges that offshore wind in

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the North Seas region has the potential to generate over 8 % of Europe's power supply by 2030; notes further that coordination of the planning and building of a regional offshore grid infrastructure, market access and reserve sharing in the North Seas region could lead to cost savings of EUR 5-13 billion per year by 2030 through a better integrated regional market; calls on the Commission and the Member States for strong political support and endorsement of the North Seas Offshore Grid as a key step in building an effective Energy Union; urges the upcoming Presidencies of the Council of the EU to prepare and agree on a legal framework during the 2016 Dutch Presidency in the form of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the relevant Member States that defines a shared North Seas electricity strategy;

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Or. en

Amendment 157 Kathleen Van Brempt, Jeppe Kofod, Martina Werner, Theresa Griffin

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Acknowledges that offshore wind in the North Seas region has the potential to generate over 8 % of Europe's power supply by 2030; notes further that coordination of the planning and building of a regional offshore grid infrastructure, market access and reserve sharing in the North Seas region could lead to cost savings of EUR 5-13 billion per year by 2030 through a better integrated regional market; calls on the Commission and the Member States for strong political support and endorsement of the North Seas Offshore Grid as a key step in building an effective Energy Union; urges the

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19. Acknowledges that offshore wind in the North Seas region has the potential to generate over 8 % of Europe's power supply by 2030; notes further that coordination of the planning and building of a regional offshore grid infrastructure, market access and reserve sharing in the North Seas region could lead to cost savings of EUR 5-13 billion per year by 2030 through a better integrated regional market; calls on the European Commission and the relevant member states to endorse these potentials when developing the 2030 governance structure and the subsequent national and regional

upcoming Presidencies of the Council of the EU to prepare and agree on a legal framework during the 2016 Dutch Presidency in the form of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the relevant Member States that defines a shared North Seas electricity strategy;

plans for competitive, secure and sustainable energy; calls on the

Commission and the Member States for strong political support and endorsement of the North Seas Offshore Grid as a key step in building an effective Energy Union; urges the upcoming Presidencies of the Council of the EU to prepare and agree on a legal framework during the 2016 Dutch Presidency in the form of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the relevant Member States that defines a shared North Seas electricity strategy;

Or. en

Amendment 158 Dario Tamburrano, David Borrelli

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

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19. Acknowledges that offshore wind in the North Seas region has the potential to generate over 8 % of Europe's power supply by 2030; notes further that coordination of the planning and building of a regional offshore grid infrastructure, market access and sharing of power generation capability in the North Seas region could lead to cost savings of EUR 5-13 billion per year by 2030 through a better integrated regional market; calls on the Commission and the Member States for strong political support and endorsement of the North Seas Offshore Grid as a key step in building an effective Energy Union; urges the upcoming Presidencies of the Council of the EU to prepare and agree on a legal framework during the 2016 Dutch Presidency in the form of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the relevant Member States that defines a shared North Seas electricity strategy;

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Amendment 159 Flavio Zanonato, Patrizia Toia, Simona Bonafè, Renato Soru, Soledad Cabezón Ruiz

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 19 – subparagraph 1 (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19a. Mediterranean Region

Acknowledges that, due to demographic and GDP growth, expected energy demand in the South and East Mediterranean will double by 2022, with 20% of new generation capacity coming from RES; notes that, given the overcapacity in most European countries, the optimization of energy flows requires market integration through the development of new infrastructures; stresses the importance of new electricity interconnections between European and North African markets, as this would be beneficial from a strategic as well as economic point of view, contributing to security of supply and to the development of integrated RES systems between Europe and North Africa.

Or. en

Amendment 160 Paul Rübig

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19a. Central-Western Europe

Highlights that the shared electricity market between Austria and Germany is furthering the implementation of an

integrated European energy market; acknowledges that the common bidding zone - which was introduced in 2002 means same wholesale electricity prices in these two countries, unlimited electricity trading and security of supply of almost 100%; notes that the Austrian-German bidding zone is the only relatively large zone in Europe shared by two countries; notes that larger bidding zones support the necessary characteristics of a wellfunctioning and liquid electricity market, qualified to reduce trading costs, to provide resilient price signals for investment decisions and to foster more competition; urges for a rapid development of grids to integrate renewable energy in the electricity market and guarantee grid stability especially in southern Germany; calls for the retention of this success model and a further enlargement of the bidding zone.

Or. en

Amendment 161 Csaba Molnár

Motion for a resolution **Subheading 10**

Motion for a resolution

South-Eastern Europe

Amendment

Central and South-Eastern Europe

Or. hu

Amendment 162 Dario Tamburrano, David Borrelli

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Stresses that South-Eastern Europe (SEE) is endowed with a vast – and largely untapped – potential in terms of renewables; notes that cooperation and coordination on long-term planning and building of a SEE regional grid infrastructure must go beyond the EU in order to include non-EU Western Balkan countries and Turkey; calls for the establishment of a new platform where all key stakeholders in the region could discuss and provide political backing to joint projects designed to fully exploit the region's renewables-based electricity potential; recognises that the EU's Central East South Europe Gas Connectivity High Level Group, established in February 2015, could become such a platform, provided its mandate is expanded to include the electricity domain and involvement of SEE's non-EU countries; acknowledges that the platform would enable the Commission to provide leadership and political support;

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20. Stresses that South-Eastern Europe (SEE) is endowed with a vast – and largely untapped – potential in terms of renewables; notes that cooperation and coordination on long-term planning and building of a SEE regional grid infrastructure must go beyond the EU in order to open the possibility of collaborative interconnection with non-EU Western Balkan countries and Turkey, under the same guarantees of energy independence applied to all third countries: calls for the establishment of a new platform where all key stakeholders in the region could discuss and provide political backing to joint projects designed to fully exploit the region's renewablesbased electricity potential; recognises that the EU's Central East South Europe Gas Connectivity High Level Group, established in February 2015, could become such a platform, provided its mandate is expanded to include the electricity domain and involvement of SEE's non-EU countries; acknowledges that the platform would enable the Commission to provide leadership and political support;

Or. en

Amendment 163 Bendt Bendtsen, Pilar del Castillo Vera, Antonio Tajani, Krišjānis Kariņš, Algirdas Saudargas on behalf of the PPE Group

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Stresses that South-Eastern Europe (SEE) is endowed with a vast – and largely untapped – potential in terms of

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renewables; notes that cooperation and coordination on long-term planning and building of a SEE regional grid infrastructure must go beyond the EU in order to include non-EU Western Balkan countries and Turkey; calls for the establishment of a new platform where all key stakeholders in the region could discuss and provide political backing to joint projects designed to fully exploit the region's renewables-based electricity potential: recognises that the EU's Central East South Europe Gas Connectivity High Level Group, established in February 2015, could become such a platform, provided its mandate is expanded to include the electricity domain and involvement of SEE's non-EU countries; acknowledges that the platform would enable the Commission to provide leadership and political support;

sources; notes that cooperation and coordination on long-term planning and building of a SEE regional grid infrastructure must go beyond the EU in order to include non-EU Western Balkan countries and Turkey; calls for the establishment of a new platform where all key stakeholders in the region could discuss and provide political backing to joint projects designed to fully exploit the region's electricity potential; e.g. in terms of renewables; recognises that the EU's Central East South Europe Gas Connectivity High Level Group, established in February 2015, could become such a platform, provided its mandate is expanded to include the electricity domain and involvement of SEE's non-EU countries; acknowledges that the platform would enable the Commission to provide leadership and political support;

Or. en

Amendment 164 Miriam Dalli

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Stresses that South-Eastern Europe (SEE) is endowed with a vast – and largely untapped – potential in terms of renewables; notes that cooperation and coordination on long-term planning and building of a SEE regional grid infrastructure must go beyond the EU in order to include non-EU Western Balkan countries and Turkey; *calls for the establishment of a new platform* where all key stakeholders in the region could discuss and provide political backing to joint projects designed to fully exploit the region's renewables-based electricity

Amendment

20. Stresses that South-Eastern Europe (SEE) is endowed with a vast – and largely untapped – potential in terms of renewables; notes that cooperation and coordination on long-term planning and building of a SEE regional grid infrastructure must go beyond the EU in order to include non-EU Western Balkan countries and Turkey; emphasises the need to strengthen the already existing platforms of Euro Mediterranean cooperation on gas, electricity, energy efficiency and renewable where all key stakeholders in the region could discuss

potential; recognises that the EU's Central East South Europe Gas Connectivity High Level Group, established in February 2015, could become such a platform, provided its mandate is expanded to include the electricity domain and involvement of SEE's non-EU countries; acknowledges that the platform would enable the Commission to provide leadership and political support;

and provide political backing to joint projects designed to fully exploit the region's renewables-based electricity potential; recognises that the EU's Central East South Europe Gas Connectivity High Level Group, established in February 2015, could become such a platform, provided its mandate is expanded to include the electricity domain and involvement of SEE's non-EU countries; acknowledges that the platform would enable the Commission to provide leadership and political support;

Or. en

Amendment 165 Gianluca Buonanno

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

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Or. it

Amendment 166 Csaba Molnár

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Stresses that South-Eastern Europe (SEE) is endowed with a vast – and largely untapped – potential in terms of renewables; notes that cooperation and coordination on long-term planning and building of a SEE regional grid infrastructure must go beyond the EU in order to include non-EU Western Balkan countries and Turkey; calls for the establishment of a new platform where all key stakeholders in the region could discuss and provide political backing to joint projects designed to fully exploit the region's renewables-based electricity potential; recognises that the EU's Central East South Europe Gas Connectivity High Level Group, established in February 2015, could become such a platform, provided its mandate is expanded to include the electricity domain and involvement of SEE's non-EU countries; acknowledges that the platform would enable the Commission to provide leadership and political support;

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20. Stresses that *Central and* South-Eastern Europe (SEE) is endowed with a vast – and largely untapped – potential in terms of renewables; notes that cooperation and coordination on long-term planning and building of a regional grid infrastructure in Central and South-Eastern Europe must go beyond the EU in order to include non-EU Western Balkan countries and Turkey; calls for the establishment of a new platform where all key stakeholders in the region could discuss and provide political backing to joint projects designed to fully exploit the region's renewables-based electricity potential; recognises that the EU's Central East South Europe Gas Connectivity High Level Group, established in February 2015, could become such a platform, provided its mandate is expanded to include the electricity domain and involvement of SEE's non-EU countries; acknowledges that the platform would enable the Commission to provide leadership and political support;

Or. hu

Amendment 167 Csaba Molnár

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 20 a (new)

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Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20a. Notes that the high dependence of Central and South-Eastern Europe on energy imports means that it is vital to increase cross-border electricity capacity, which would help ensure the region's security of supply and, in the long term, would help reduce people's electricity bills;

Or. hu

Amendment 168 Marian-Jean Marinescu

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20a. Notes that building interconnection without the appropriate upgrading of the internal lines will lack efficiency; in this respect, in order for Romania to achieve and go above the 10% interconnection target, the project included in Annex 2 of the Commission communication 'Achieving the 10% electricity interconnection target' (COM(2015)0082), should be: 3.22 PCI Romania – Serbia Interconnection between Resita and Pancevo;

Or. en

Amendment 169 Neoklis Sylikiotis

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20a. Emphasises the importance of

promoting the Israel-Cyprus-Greece electricity interconnection project (Euro-Asia Interconnector), which has already been included in the projects of common interest for the EU. The completion of this project, in conjunction with the region's energy reserves, will help channel cheap energy to Europe and overcome the energy isolation of the States in question.

Or. el

Amendment 170 Miriam Dalli

Motion for a resolution Subheading 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Mediterranean area

Or. en

Amendment 171 Antonio Tajani, Aldo Patriciello

Motion for a resolution Subheading 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Mediterranean Region

Or. en

Amendment 172 Miriam Dalli

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20a. Highlights that in the Mediterranean area, especially in the central Mediterranean, more interconnections are required. This does not apply only for large scale development of renewable energy sources, but also for the proper development of security of supply, increased system security and reliability and improved economic efficiency; notes that a well-connected network in the Central Mediterranean is fundamental in ensuring the improvement of North-South interconnections which will ultimately make electricity export from Mediterranean countries to EU countries, and vice-versa, possible in the future;

Or. en

Amendment 173 Antonio Tajani, Aldo Patriciello

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20a. Stresses the importance of a new electricity interconnection between European and North African markets, in particular via Italy and Tunisia, in view of increasing security of supply and developing renewables in both regions.

Or. en

Amendment 174 Dario Tamburrano, David Borrelli

Motion for a resolution Subheading 11

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Iberian Peninsula

Mediterranean basin

Or. en

Amendment 175 Dario Tamburrano, David Borrelli

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20a. Stresses that developing links in and between the countries of the Central and Eastern Mediterranean, including the Adriatic Sea (Italy, France, Greece, Slovenia, Croatia, Malta, Cyprus) can stimulate extensive public and private investments in renewable sources, and particularly in photovoltaic installations, which could bring some or all of these countries to the status of net contributors to the European network.

Or. en

Amendment 176 Paloma López Bermejo

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Stresses the importance of more interconnection between Spain and France to support the renewables in the region, whilst minimising problems and delays by using the BAT in order to preserve the environment and still increase interconnectivity; notes the Madrid Declaration, signed on 4 March

Amendment

21. Stresses that regulatory changes, not the size of the market, is the main factor penalizing renewables in Spain; observes that without the development of local energy resources, including renewables, and decentralized forms of generation, higher interconnections are unlikely to correct the problems of dependency and

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2015, as an important step towards increasing the region's interconnectivity;

oligopolistic concentration penalizing Spanish consumers and industry; draws attention that objectives for interconnections between Spain and France are to be fixed only in accordance with a thorough assessment of its impact and interaction with electricity market regulations and the energy needs of the economy, ensuring also the highest standards of environmental protection;

Or. en

Amendment 177 Cornelia Ernst

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Stresses the importance of more interconnection between Spain and France to support the renewables in the region, whilst minimising problems and delays by using the BAT in order to preserve the environment and still increase interconnectivity; notes the Madrid Declaration, signed on 4 March 2015, as an important step towards increasing the region's interconnectivity;

Amendment

21. Deplores the retroactive change of the subsidy system for renewable energy in Spain, stresses that energy security will be enhanced by revising the regulation scheme on renewables and upgrading coal plants to diminish its environmental impact;

Or. en

Amendment 178 Soledad Cabezón Ruiz, Carlos Zorrinho, Edouard Martin

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Stresses the importance of more interconnection between Spain and France to support the renewables in the

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21. Welcomes the "Madrid Declaration", signed on 4 March 2015 and the agreement on the "Common strategy

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region, whilst minimising problems and delays by using the BAT in order to preserve the environment and still increase interconnectivity; notes the Madrid Declaration, signed on 4 March 2015, as an important step towards increasing the region's interconnectivity;

paper for the development of the interconnection of the Iberian Peninsula with the internal electricity market and beyond between the TSOs of France, Spain and Portugal as an important step towards increasing the region's interconnectivity;

Or. en

Amendment 179 Bendt Bendtsen, Pilar del Castillo Vera, Antonio Tajani, Krišjānis Kariņš, Algirdas Saudargas on behalf of the PPE Group

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Stresses the importance of more interconnection between Spain and France to support *the renewables in the region*, whilst minimising problems and delays by using the BAT in order to preserve the environment and still increase interconnectivity; notes the Madrid Declaration, signed on 4 March 2015, as an important *step* towards increasing the region's interconnectivity;

Amendment

21. Stresses the importance of more interconnection between Spain and France to support an integrated European market and reinforce the negotiating capacity of the EU, whilst minimising problems and delays by using the BAT in order to preserve the environment and still increase interconnectivity; notes the Madrid Declaration, signed on 4 March 2015, and the establishment of a High Level Group on Interconnections for South-West Europe as an important steps towards increasing the region's interconnectivity; recognizes that the projects included in the current PCI list are not sufficient to achieve the 10% target in 2020 and, therefore, calls for the inclusion of new projects in the PCI list as soon as possible;

Or. en

Amendment 180 Pervenche Berès

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Stresses the importance of *more* interconnection between Spain and France to *support* the renewables in the region, whilst minimising problems and delays by using the BAT in order to preserve the environment and still increase interconnectivity; notes the Madrid Declaration, signed on 4 March 2015, as an important step towards increasing the region's interconnectivity;

Amendment

21. Stresses the importance of *increasing* and supporting interconnection between Spain and France to promote the renewables in the region, whilst minimising problems and delays by using the BAT in order to preserve the environment, increase the local and environmental acceptability of the projects and still increase interconnectivity; notes the Madrid Declaration, signed on 4 March 2015, as an important step towards increasing the region's interconnectivity;

Or. fr

Amendment 181
Peter Eriksson
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Stresses the importance of more interconnection between Spain and France to support the renewables in the region, whilst minimising problems and delays by using the BAT in order to preserve the environment and still increase interconnectivity; notes the Madrid Declaration, signed on 4 March 2015, as an important step towards increasing the region's interconnectivity;

Amendment

21. Stresses the importance of more interconnection between Spain and France to support the renewables in the region, whilst minimising problems and delays by using the BAT in order to preserve the environment, minimizing the landscape impact and increase the participation from citizens and still increase interconnectivity; notes the Madrid Declaration, signed on 4 March 2015, as an important step towards increasing the region's interconnectivity, provided the indicated precautions and safeguards;

Or. en

Amendment 182 Soledad Cabezón Ruiz, Carlos Zorrinho, Edouard Martin

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21a. Acknowledges that the current interconnection capacity between the Iberian Peninsula and mainland Europe (2800MW) is too low to enable Spain and Portugal to fully participate in the internal electricity market as pointed out in ACER's Opinion on the draft ENTSO-E Ten Year Network Development Plan ^{1 a};

^{1 a} Opinion of the Agency for the cooperation of Energy Regulators n°01/2015, of 29 January 2015 on the ENTSO-E Draft Ten-Year Network Development Plan 2014, p.32.

Or. en

Amendment 183 Dario Tamburrano, David Borrelli

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21a. Underlines the possibility of developing collaborative interconnections with non-EU southern Mediterranean countries, helping to mobilize their remarkable potential for photovoltaic generation, and providing a significant stimulus to the reduction of carbon emissions, under the same guarantees of energy independence applied to all third countries;

Or. en

Amendment 184 Soledad Cabezón Ruiz, Carlos Zorrinho, Edouard Martin

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 21 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21b. Underlines the need to overcome the current situation of energy island experienced by the Iberian Peninsula in order to support an ambitious level of deployment of renewables in the region; recognises that mainland Europe would benefit from the electricity based on RES at competitive prices available in the Iberian market;

Or. en

Amendment 185 Soledad Cabezón Ruiz, Carlos Zorrinho, Edouard Martin

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 21 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21c. Recognises that the projects currently included both in the ENTSO-E TYNDP 2014 and in the European Commission's 2015 PCI list are not enough to reach the European interconnection target between the Iberian Peninsula and mainland Europe; urges the TEN-E Regional Group and the Commission to include the projects agreed upon under the Madrid Declaration in the upcoming PCI 2015 list in order to significantly increase the capacity between Spain and France;

Or. en

Amendment 186 Soledad Cabezón Ruiz, Carlos Zorrinho, Edouard Martin

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 21 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21d. Stresses that in order to develop the infrastructures needed to reach the 10% interconnection target between the Iberian Peninsula and mainland Europe, these infrastructures should be prioritised and benefit from the full support available at the European level, notably through the Connecting Europe Facility, the Structural Funds and the European Fund for Strategic Investment;

Or. en

Amendment 187 Soledad Cabezón Ruiz, Carlos Zorrinho, Edouard Martin

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 21 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21e. Welcomes the initiative of the Commission to carry out a study of the benefits of the interconnection of the Iberian Peninsula with France, the United Kingdom, Italy and countries of the South Bank of the Mediterranean;

Or. en

Amendment 188 Soledad Cabezón Ruiz

Motion for a resolution Subheading 12

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Beyond **2020**

Beyond **2030**

Or. en

Amendment 189 Soledad Cabezón Ruiz

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Notes that Europe's energy system has evolved since 2002, when the 10 % electricity interconnection target was originally set – in particular, renewable energy sources have been developed across the continent; questions in this context a 15 % target based on installed capacity for 2030; asks the Commission, therefore, to assess the setting of regional, complementary targets and to find better qualitative and quantitative benchmarks, such as peak flows and bottlenecks, that highlight how much interconnection is needed;

Amendment

22. Asks the Commission to assess the setting of regional, complementary targets once the electricity interconnection target of at least 15% by 2030 has been achieved by all Member States and to explore qualitative and quantitative benchmarks, such as peak flows and bottlenecks, that highlight how much interconnection is needed;

Or. en

Amendment 190 Pavel Telička, Fredrick Federley, Juan Carlos Girauta Vidal

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Notes that Europe's energy system has evolved since 2002, when the 10 % electricity interconnection target was originally set – in particular, renewable energy sources have been developed across

Amendment

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the continent; questions in this context a 15 % target based on installed capacity for 2030; asks the Commission, therefore, to assess the setting of regional, complementary targets and to find better qualitative and quantitative benchmarks, such as peak flows and bottlenecks, that highlight how much interconnection is needed:

the continent; questions in this context a 15 % target based on installed capacity for 2030 and seeks even higher ambition subject to impact assessment; asks the Commission, therefore, to assess the setting of regional, complementary targets and to find better qualitative and quantitative benchmarks, such as peak flows and bottlenecks, that highlight how much interconnection is needed:

Or. en

Amendment 191 Ian Duncan

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Notes that Europe's energy system has evolved since 2002, when the 10 % electricity interconnection target was originally set – in particular, renewable energy sources have been developed across the continent; *questions* in this context a 15 % target based on installed capacity for 2030; asks the Commission, therefore, to assess *the setting of* regional, *complementary targets* and to find better qualitative and quantitative benchmarks, such as peak flows and bottlenecks, that highlight how much interconnection is needed;

Amendment

22. Notes that Europe's energy system has evolved since 2002, when the 10 % electricity interconnection target was originally set – in particular, renewable energy sources have been developed across the continent; *believes* in this context, a 15 % target based on installed capacity for 2030 *is not fit for purpose*; asks the Commission, therefore, to assess regional *needs* and to find better qualitative and quantitative benchmarks, such as peak flows and bottlenecks, that highlight how much interconnection is needed:

Or. en

Amendment 192 Dario Tamburrano, David Borrelli

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Notes that Europe's energy system has evolved since 2002, when the 10 % electricity interconnection target was originally set – in particular, renewable energy sources have been developed across the continent; questions in this context *a* 15 % target based on installed capacity for 2030; asks the Commission, therefore, to assess the setting of regional, complementary targets and to find better qualitative and quantitative benchmarks, such as peak flows and bottlenecks, that highlight how much *interconnection* is needed;

Amendment

22. Notes that Europe's energy system has evolved since 2002, when the 10 % electricity interconnection target was originally set – in particular, renewable energy sources have been developed across the continent; questions in this context whether an overall 15 % target based on installed capacity for 2030 provides the best stimulus to the Energy Union strategy; asks the Commission, therefore, to assess on the basis of the best scientific and technical evidence available the setting of regional, complementary targets and to find better qualitative and quantitative benchmarks, such as peak flows and bottlenecks, that highlight how much national and cross-border interconnectivity is needed;

Or. en

Amendment 193 Bendt Bendtsen, Pilar del Castillo Vera, Antonio Tajani, Krišjānis Kariņš, Algirdas Saudargas on behalf of the PPE Group

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Notes that Europe's energy system has evolved since 2002, when the 10 % electricity interconnection target was originally set – *in particular, renewable energy sources have been developed across the continent; questions* in this context *a* 15 % target based on installed capacity for 2030; asks the Commission, therefore, to assess the setting of regional, complementary targets and to find better qualitative and quantitative benchmarks, such as peak flows and bottlenecks, that highlight how much interconnection is

Amendment

22. Notes that Europe's energy system has evolved since 2002, when the 10 % electricity interconnection target was originally set; *recommends* in this context *that an EU-wide* 15 % target based on installed capacity for 2030 *does not stand alone*; asks the Commission, therefore, to assess the setting of regional, complementary targets and to find better qualitative and quantitative benchmarks, such as *trade flows*, peak flows and bottlenecks, that highlight how much interconnection is needed;

Amendment 194 Anne Sander

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Notes that Europe's energy system has evolved since 2002, when the 10 % electricity interconnection target was originally set – in particular, renewable energy sources have been developed across the continent; questions in this context a 15 % target based on installed capacity for 2030; asks the Commission, therefore, to assess the setting of regional, complementary targets and to find better qualitative and quantitative benchmarks, such as peak flows and bottlenecks, that highlight how much interconnection is needed:

Amendment

22. Notes that Europe's energy system has evolved since 2002, when the 10 % electricity interconnection target was originally set – in particular, renewable energy sources have been developed across the continent; questions in this context a 15 % target based on installed capacity for 2030; asks the Commission, therefore, to establish, as part of the ten-year infrastructure development plan, better qualitative and quantitative benchmarks, such as peak flows, bottlenecks and costbenefit studies that highlight how much interconnection is needed:

Or. fr

Amendment 195 Kathleen Van Brempt, Jeppe Kofod, Martina Werner, Edouard Martin

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Notes that Europe's energy system has evolved since 2002, when the 10 % electricity interconnection target was originally set – in particular, renewable energy sources have been developed across the continent; questions in this context a 15 % target based on installed capacity for 2030; asks the Commission, therefore, to

Amendment

22. Notes that Europe's energy system has evolved since 2002, when the 10 % electricity interconnection target was originally set – in particular, renewable energy sources have been developed across the continent; questions in this context a 15 % target based on installed capacity for 2030; asks the Commission, therefore, to

assess the setting of regional, complementary targets and to find better qualitative and quantitative benchmarks, such as peak flows and bottlenecks, that highlight how much interconnection is needed: assess the setting of regional, complementary targets and to find better qualitative and quantitative benchmarks, such as peak flows and bottlenecks and cross border disparities in load factors and production capacity and renewable production potential, that highlight how much interconnection is needed;

Or. en

Amendment 196 Pervenche Berès

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Notes that Europe's energy system has evolved since 2002, when the 10 % electricity interconnection target was originally set – in particular, renewable energy sources have been developed across the continent; questions in this context a 15 % target based on installed capacity for 2030; asks the Commission, therefore, to assess the setting of regional, complementary targets and to find better qualitative and quantitative benchmarks, such as peak flows and bottlenecks, that highlight how much interconnection is needed;

Amendment

22. Notes that Europe's energy system has evolved since 2002, when the 10 % electricity interconnection target was originally set – in particular, renewable energy sources have been developed across the continent; questions in this context *the pertinence and feasibility of* a 15 % target based on installed capacity for 2030; asks the Commission, therefore, to assess the setting of regional, complementary targets and to find better qualitative and quantitative benchmarks, such as peak flows and bottlenecks, that highlight how much interconnection is needed:

Or. fr

Amendment 197 Soledad Cabezón Ruiz

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Stresses the need to *derive a* future electricity interconnection target *from* the

Amendment

23. Stresses the need to *ensure this* future electricity interconnection target *is fully*

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EU's long-term climate goals as well as from a sustainable energy system that the EU is looking for; notes in this context that the *degree* of interconnection *required* will depend in particular on whether: a) the EU is serious in applying the 'energy efficiency first' principle and more demand-side response measures, b) decentralised renewables-based electricity and its correlated smart grids are further developed, c) energy storage technologies - at household or municipality levels - are developed, d) grids are optimised and use the best available technologies, e) people are given a higher role as prosumers in the energy system, and f) a clear incentive for investments in the grids is created;

consistent with the EU's long-term climate goals and envisaged energy transition; notes that the exact level of interconnection necessary will be influenced by a whole range of factors such as the need to reduce imported fuels, the benefits arising from better-integrated, more liquid markets and trading hubs, application of the 'energy efficiency first' principle, promotion of decentralised renewables-based electricity, smart grids and energy storage technologies.

Or. en

Amendment 198 Bendt Bendtsen, Pilar del Castillo Vera, Antonio Tajani, Krišjānis Kariņš, Algirdas Saudargas

on behalf of the PPE Group

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Stresses the need to *derive a future* electricity interconnection target from the EU's long-term climate goals as well as from a sustainable energy system that the **EU** is looking for; notes in this context that the degree of interconnection required will depend in particular on whether: a) the EU is serious in applying the 'energy efficiency first' principle and more demand-side response measures, b) decentralised renewables-based electricity and its correlated smart grids are further developed, c) energy storage technologies - at household *or* municipality levels - *are* developed, d) grids are optimised and use the best available technologies, e) people are given a higher role as prosumers in the

Amendment

23. Stresses the need to *promote further* electricity interconnection in order to support EU's long-term climate goals as well as a sustainable energy system *in EU*; notes in this context that the degree of interconnection required will depend on several parameters, including: a) the development of national energy mix, b) the application in national and EU policy of 'energy efficiency first' principle and more demand-side response measures, c) the development of smart grids and decentralised renewables-based electricity, d) development of energy storage technologies - including at household and municipality levels, e) the use best available technologies, f) the recognition

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energy system, and *f*) *a* clear *incentive* for investments in the grids is created;

of the European people as prosumers in the energy system, and g) the creation of clear incentives for investments in the grids is created;

Or. en

Amendment 199 Gianluca Buonanno

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Stresses the need to derive a future electricity interconnection target from the EU's long-term climate goals as well as from a sustainable energy system that the EU is looking for; notes in this context that the degree of interconnection required will depend in particular on whether: a) the EU is serious in applying the 'energy efficiency first' principle and more demand-side response measures, b) decentralised renewables-based electricity and its correlated smart grids are further developed, c) energy storage technologies - at household or municipality levels - are developed, d) grids are optimised and use the best available technologies, e) people are given a higher role as prosumers in the energy system, and f) a clear incentive for investments in the grids is created;

Amendment

23. Stresses the need to derive a future electricity interconnection target from the sustainable energy system that the EU is looking for; notes in this context that the degree of interconnection required will depend in particular on whether: a) the EU is serious in applying the 'energy efficiency first' principle and more demand-side response measures, b) decentralised renewables-based electricity and its correlated smart grids are further developed, c) energy storage technologies - at household or municipality levels - are developed, d) grids are optimised and use the best available technologies, e) people are given a higher role as prosumers in the energy system, and f) a clear incentive for investments in the grids is created;

Or. it

Amendment 200 Dario Tamburrano, David Borrelli

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Stresses the need to derive a future electricity interconnection target from the EU's long-term climate goals as well as from a sustainable energy system that the EU is looking for; notes in this context that the degree of interconnection required will depend in particular on whether: a) the EU is serious in applying the 'energy efficiency first' principle and more demand-side response measures, b) decentralised renewables-based electricity and its correlated smart grids are further developed, c) energy storage technologies - at household or municipality levels - are developed, d) grids are optimised and use the best available technologies, e) people are given a higher role as prosumers in the energy system, and f) a clear incentive for investments in the grids is created;

Amendment

23. Stresses the need to derive a future electricity interconnection target from the EU's long-term climate goals as well as from a sustainable energy system that the EU is looking for; notes in this context that the degree of interconnection required will depend in particular on whether: a) the EU is serious in applying the 'energy efficiency first' principle and develops with decision a full range of demand-side response measures, as enabled by the best scientific and technical evidence available. b) decentralised renewablesbased electricity and its correlated smart grids are further developed, c) energy storage technologies – at household or municipality levels – are developed, d) grids are optimised and use the best available technologies, e) people are given a higher role as prosumers in the energy system, and f) a clear incentive for investments in the grids is created;

Or. en

Amendment 201 Rolandas Paksas

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Stresses the need to derive a future electricity interconnection target from the EU's long-term climate goals as well as from a sustainable energy system that the EU is looking for; notes in this context that the degree of interconnection required will depend in particular on whether: a) the EU is serious in applying the 'energy efficiency first' principle and more demand-side response measures, b) decentralised renewables-based electricity

Amendment

23. Stresses the need to derive a future electricity interconnection target from the EU's long-term climate goals as well as from a sustainable energy system that the EU is looking for; notes in this context that the degree of interconnection required will depend in particular on whether: a) the EU is serious in applying the 'energy efficiency first' principle and more demand-side response measures, b) decentralised renewables-based electricity

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and its correlated smart grids are further developed, c) energy storage technologies – at household or municipality levels – are developed, d) grids are optimised and use the best available technologies, e) people are given a higher role as prosumers in the energy system, and f) a clear incentive for investments in the grids is created;

and its correlated smart grids are further developed, c) energy storage technologies – at household or municipality levels – are developed, d) the goals of internal energy market and energy security from the infrastructure point of view are already achieved ensuring proper network operation and its management, e) grids are optimised and use the best available technologies, f) people are given a higher role as prosumers in the energy system, and g) a clear incentive for investments in the grids is created;

Or. en

Amendment 202 Aldo Patriciello

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Stresses the need to derive a future electricity interconnection target from the EU's long-term climate goals as well as from a sustainable energy system that the EU is looking for: notes in this context that the degree of interconnection required will depend in particular on whether: a) the EU is serious in applying the 'energy efficiency first' principle and more demand-side response measures, b) decentralised renewables-based electricity and its correlated smart grids are further developed, c) energy storage technologies - at household or municipality levels - are developed, d) grids are optimised and use the best available technologies, e) people are given a higher role as prosumers in the energy system, and f) a clear incentive for investments in the grids is created;

Amendment

23. Stresses the need to derive a future electricity interconnection target from the EU's long-term climate goals as well as from a sustainable energy system that the EU is looking for; notes in this context that the degree of interconnection required will depend in particular on whether: a) the EU is serious in applying the 'energy efficiency first' principle and more demand-side response measures, b) decentralised renewables-based electricity and its correlated smart grids are further developed, c) energy storage technologies - at household or municipality levels - are developed, d) grids are optimised and use the best available technologies, e) people are given a higher role as prosumers in the energy system, f) a clear incentive for investments in the grids is created, and g) attempts are made to strengthen prevention and crisis response arrangements, one example to bear in mind being Regulation (EU) No

994/2010, adopted in 2010, concerning measures to safeguard security of gas supply;

Or. it

Amendment 203 Kaja Kallas

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Stresses the need to derive a future electricity interconnection target from the EU's long-term climate goals as well as from a sustainable energy system that the EU is looking for; notes in this context that the degree of interconnection required will depend in particular on whether: a) the EU is serious in applying the 'energy efficiency first' principle and more demand-side response measures, b) decentralised renewables-based electricity and its correlated smart grids are further developed, c) energy storage technologies - at household or municipality levels - are developed, d) grids are optimised and use the best available technologies, e) people are given a higher role as prosumers in the energy system, and f) a clear incentive for investments in the grids is created;

Amendment

23. Stresses the need to derive a future electricity interconnection target from the EU's long-term climate goals as well as from a sustainable energy system that the EU is looking for; notes in this context that the degree of interconnection required will depend in particular on whether: a) the EU is serious in applying the 'energy efficiency first' principle and more demand-side response measures, b) decentralised renewables-based electricity and its correlated smart grids are further developed, c) energy storage technologies - at household or municipality levels - are developed, d) grids are optimised and use the best available technologies, e) people are given a higher role as prosumers in the energy system, f) a clear incentive for investments in the grids is created through in particular a functioning internal energy market;

Or. en

Amendment 204 Juan Carlos Girauta Vidal, Cora van Nieuwenhuizen

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Stresses the need to derive a future electricity interconnection target from the EU's long-term climate goals as well as from a sustainable energy system that the EU is looking for; notes in this context that the degree of interconnection required will depend in particular on whether: a) the EU is serious in applying the 'energy efficiency first' principle and more demand-side response measures, b) decentralised renewables-based electricity and its correlated smart grids are further developed, c) energy storage technologies - at household or municipality levels - are developed, d) grids are optimised and use the best available technologies, e) people are given a higher role as prosumers in the energy system, and f) a clear incentive for investments in the grids is created;

Amendment

23. Stresses the need to derive a future electricity interconnection target from the EU's long-term climate goals as well as from a sustainable energy system and fair and affordable prices that the EU is looking for; notes in this context that the degree of interconnection required will depend in particular on whether: a) the EU is serious in applying the 'energy efficiency first' principle and more demand-side response measures, b) decentralised renewables-based electricity and its correlated smart grids are further developed, c) energy storage technologies - at household or municipality levels - are developed, d) grids are optimised and use the best available technologies, e) people are given a higher role as prosumers in the energy system, and f) a clear incentive for investments in the grids is created;

Or. en

Amendment 205 Ian Duncan

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Stresses the need to derive a future electricity interconnection target from the EU's long-term climate goals as well as from a sustainable energy system that the EU is looking for; notes in this context that the degree of interconnection required will depend in particular on whether: a) the EU is serious in applying the 'energy efficiency first' principle and more demand-side response measures, b) decentralised renewables-based electricity and its correlated smart grids are further developed, c) energy storage technologies

Amendment

23. Stresses the need to derive a future electricity interconnection target from the EU's long-term climate goals as well as from a sustainable energy system that the EU is looking for; notes in this context that the degree of interconnection required will depend in particular on whether: a) the EU is serious in applying the 'energy efficiency first' principle and more demand-side response measures, b) decentralised renewables-based electricity and its correlated smart grids are further developed, c) energy storage technologies

- at household or municipality levels – are developed, d) grids are optimised and use the best available technologies, e) people are given a higher role as prosumers in the energy system, and f) a clear incentive for investments in the grids is created;

– at household or municipality levels – are developed, d) grids are optimised and use the best available technologies *where appropriate*, e) people are given a higher role as prosumers in the energy system, and f) a clear incentive for investments in the grids is created;

Or. en