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Achieving the 10% electricity interconnection target - Making Europe's
electricity grid fit for 2020
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Amendment -1
EPP, S&D, ECR, ALDE, GREENS, GUE, EFDD

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: Based on AM: S&D (36)

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph -1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

-1 a. Welcomes the Commission communication and strategy as a positive step towards achieving the 10 % electricity interconnection target and improving the functioning of the internal electricity market in the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 1
EPP, ECR, ALDE, GREENS, GUE, EFDD

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: Based on AMs: ALDE (9) + EPP (10) + S&D (29) + GUE (8)

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

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, 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;

1. Acknowledges that renewable energy, ***increased energy efficiency and a sustainable*** energy ***mix*** leading to energy savings ***and an internal energy market that allows energy to flow freely are important*** means for a stable, secure, independent, ***inclusive, transparent 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, smart grids ***and new market design*** are necessary for developing such a system; ***believes that creating such a system and ending of energy islands should be a major political***

Amendment 2

EPP, ECR, ALDE, GREENS, GUE, EFDD

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: Based on AMs: ALDE (15) + S&D (18, 28) +EPP (20)

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 **one of the key preconditions** for completing an integrated internal electricity market, which, if well designed, will help to achieve our climate objectives, **including the EU's aim to be the leader in renewables**, and improve the **EU's** geopolitical position through greater energy security and independence, as well as reduce energy isolation **and the possibility of perturbations in the energy system**; stresses that the electricity interconnectors also need to be **addressed**, planned and **constructed** through strong coordinated regional cooperation **with respect for the national competences to determine energy mix while respecting the EU's long term climate and energy goals**;

Amendment 3

EPP, ECR, ALDE, GREENS, EFDD

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: Based on AM: S&D (27)

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 **internal** electricity market would facilitate the electricity trading and balancing services, **and 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. en

Amendment 4

EPP, S&D, ECR, ALDE, GREENS, GUE, EFDD

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: Based on AMs: EFDD (33) + S&D (34, 25)

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 interconnectivity**, electricity prices could be **reduced by a minimum of EUR 2 /MWh and these investments would allow Europe to** cover a large share of its electric load with renewable energy sources; **recalls that the internal electricity market must benefit all EU consumers; requests that the relevant institutions monitor that households, SMEs and other retail consumer reap an actual benefit, which should not stay limited to wholesale prices alone;**

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

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Or. en

Amendment 5

EPP, ECR, ALDE, GREENS, EFDD

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: Based on AMs: S&D (44) + ALDE (48) + EFDD (53) + EPP (58)

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;

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5. Recognises the 10 % target – to be achieved by 2020 – as a valuable target and **an important** step in the right direction; **regrets that twelve Member States, mainly in the periphery of the EU, remain below the 10% electricity interconnection target and are thus largely isolated from the internal electricity market; therefore stresses that more should be done to assist those Member States whose low level of connectivity hinders the completion of the internal electricity market, to meet the target;** considers, however, that **the 10% target on its own** 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 **single** interconnection target based on

installed electricity generation capacity is not on its own appropriate for all Member States; *therefore is convinced that there is a need in the mid-term, and certainly within the 2030 horizon, to agree upon ambitious and evidence-based complementary interconnection targets, agreed by the regions; considers that such targets should be established on the basis of a variety of parameters; requests the Commission to launch as soon as possible the technical discussion on such parameters; stresses that in addition to the quantitative target, the open access and availability of the interconnectors is also imperative to overcome the remaining barriers for the functioning of the European electricity market; urges the Commission, the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER) and national regulators to ensure transparency and close monitoring of the accessibility of the interconnectors to prevent bottlenecks that hinder the functioning of the electricity market to ensure secure operation of electricity systems;*

Or. en

Amendment 6

EPP, S&D, ECR, ALDE, GREENS, GUE, EFDD

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: Based on AMs: S&D (54, 61, 24) + EPP (63) + ALDE (64)

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,*

Amendment

6. Notes that the frequently congested transmission networks might be linked to cross-border lines but might also be due to weak, *outdated* internal grids *and availability of national network; emphasises that reinforcements 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;

national grids are imperative in order to fully use the capacity of interconnections; insists that a holistic approach should be taken when assessing the need for reinforcement / extension *of* cross-border and national connections, *with the aim of making the best possible* use of the existing interconnection lines and the *capacity* of existing national infrastructure;

Or. en

Amendment 7

EPP, S&D, ECR, ALDE, GREENS, GUE, EFDD

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: Based on AMs: EPP (69) + EFDD (75) + S&D (70)+ ECR (72)

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 *under the third energy package* as guardian of *an unbundled* and accessible electricity *market and facilitator of a decentralised energy* system, in which Member States shall *enable smaller suppliers, in particular prosumers who use renewable energy resources, access to the grid in accordance with fair market rules and with best practice for self-consumption*;

Or. en

Amendment 7 a

EPP, S&D, ECR, ALDE, GREENS, GUE, EFDD

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: Based on AMs: S&D (21+65 +67)

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7 a (new)

7 a. Notes that our energy landscape is becoming more decentralised given the growing importance of energy prosumers; therefore notes the importance of a well-designed transmission and distribution smart grid; stresses the increasing and crucial role of Distribution System Operators (DSOs) as market facilitators, since a large majority of renewable energy installations are connected to the distribution networks; stresses in this respect that, when trying to solve a bottle neck in the grid, a thorough assessment is needed to define which combination of actions including building new transmission lines, developing local smart grids, and integrating efficiency and flexibility in the system is the most optimal, given the specific situation;

Or. en

Amendment 8

EPP, ECR, ALDE, GREENS, EFDD

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: Based on AMs: ECR (80) + S&D (81, 87) + EPP (82, 83) + ALDE (85, 88)

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

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

8. Underlines that the list of projects of common interest (PCI) must be developed in a more transparent and accountable way; notes that ENTSO-E, transmission system operators (TSOs) and project promoters play the predominant role 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

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;

need to provide complete assessments including *economic*, social and environmental impacts; *in this context asks the Commission to ensure that these assessments are conducted by qualified experts that are fully independent from the project promoters; stresses the need to optimise the overall process by promoting more engagement of Parliament and other stakeholders, including civil society representatives*; 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 more neutral, transparent, *traceable and inclusive* consultative process; 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 9 **EPP, ECR, ALDE, GREENS, EFDD**

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: Based on AMs: EPP (99) + EFDD (94)

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 9**

Motion for a resolution

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 challenge for new high-voltage lines in Europe; *calls on the Member States to facilitate speedier processes whilst maintaining the adequate level of guarantees for the public interest, including effective public consultations*;

Or. en

Amendment 10
EPP, S&D, ECR, ALDE, GREENS, GUE, EFDD

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: Based on AMs: EPP (98)+S&D (96)

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, and may also be eligible for extra funding under the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) ***and the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI); 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 11
EPP, ECR, ALDE, GREENS, GUE, EFDD

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: Based on AMs: S&D (101, 105) + EPP (102) GUE (176)

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***

Amendment

11. Recognises that public awareness and support is essential to ensure fast implementation of interconnector projects; acknowledges that ***transparent and inclusive*** processes and ***highest*** environmental standards must not be undermined when building new power lines; calls on the project promoters to use BAT for new interconnectors ***aiming to enhance coherence*** between project

environmental impact;

investments in the grids, *environmental sustainability and local acceptance;*

Or. en

Amendment 12

EPP, ECR, ALDE, GREENS, GUE, EFDD

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: Based on AM: EPP (108)

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; *welcomes in this respect the evaluation of the 'one-stop-shop'-approach by the Commission to take place in 2017 and encourages the Commission in this framework to assess the potential of a single 'one-stop shop' at EU level;*

Or. en

Amendment 13

EPP, S&D, ECR, ALDE, GREENS, EFDD

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: Based on AMs: S&D (111) + EFDD (114)

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

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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;

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 *and with regards to enhancing coordination and arbitration among NRAs as well as coordination of cross-border regulatory matters*;

Or. en

Amendment 14 **EPP, ECR, ALDE, GREENS, GUE, EFDD**

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: Based on AM: EPP (119)

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 qualified staffing* of national energy regulators, *with the required expertise and specialisation and independence*; 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 15 **EPP, S&D, ECR, ALDE, GREENS, EFDD**

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: Based on AMs: EFDD (120) + S&D (124) + EPP (122)

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; ***requests that such information will be supplied to ACER together with the necessary contextual information about the design and functioning of the national network; welcomes in this respect the swift conclusion of the network codes for electricity; notes the Commission's intentions of expanding the mandate, purview and powers of ACER and its 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 assigned to ACER should be matched by the adequate resources;***

Or. en

Amendment 16 EPP, ECR, ALDE, GREENS, EFDD

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: Based on AMs: EPP (129) + Greens (130) + ALDE (131) + S&D (125) EFDD (132)

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. **Notes the Commission's estimate that EUR 35 billion of financing is necessary to reach the 10% target by 2020 across all Member States; recalls that according to the CEF regulation (No 1316/2013) the major part of the financial assistance within the CEF energy envelop should be made available for electricity projects and insists that the Commission gives due consideration to that fact; Supports the Commission's** recommendation that the CEF be concentrated on a few key projects; **stresses that special attention must be given to projects that address the most significant gaps in the integrated EU electricity market and the lack of sufficient interconnectivity**; 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 **and security of the operation of electricity systems**; 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;

Or. en

Amendment 17

EPP, ECR, ALDE, GREENS, EFDD

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: Based on AMs: S&D (138, 146) + EFDD (140) +EPP (136, 137) + ALDE (139)

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 **can be** costlier **but** offers considerable **life-cycle** 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 3) strengthen incentives for further investments in the grid by, inter alia, **encouraging** profits made from transmission congestion rent to be reinvested in **network-reinforcing infrastructures and technologies, including** additional interconnectors;

Or. en

Amendment 18 EPP, S&D, ECR, ALDE, GREENS, EFDD

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: Based on AMs: Greens + EPP (150)+ EFDD+S&D+ECR+ALDE+GUE

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

Amendment

18. Notes that planned interconnectors are expected to allow the Baltic States to reach the 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, 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 internal electricity market, 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 supply *and secure system operation; asks the concerned Member States to take the necessary steps to initiate and ENTSO-E to launch a formal procedure for extension of synchronous Continental European Network 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 the internal 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 Baltic Energy Market Interconnection Plan (BEMIP), underlines that regional cooperation through BEMIP shall continue and solidarity between Member States in implementing PCIs is further enhanced*;

Or. en

Amendment 19
EPP, S&D, ECR, ALDE, GREENS, EFDD

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: Based on AM: S&D (157)

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

Amendment

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 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;

market; ***calls on the European Commission and the relevant Member States to endorse these potentials when developing the 2030 governance structure and the subsequent planning*** ; 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 -20
EPP, S&D, ECR, ALDE, GREENS, EFDD

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: Based on AM: S&D (161)

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 10

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

South-Eastern Europe

Central and South-Eastern Europe

Or. en

Amendment 20
EPP, S&D, ECR, ALDE, GREENS, GUE, EFDD

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: Based on AM:S&D (166)

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20. Stresses that South-Eastern Europe (*SEE*) is endowed with a vast – and largely

20. Stresses that ***Central and*** South-Eastern Europe (***CSEE***) is endowed with a

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;

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** 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 **CSEE's** non-EU countries; acknowledges that the platform would enable the Commission to provide leadership and political support;

Or. en

Amendment 20 a
EPP, S&D, ECR, ALDE, GREENS, EFDD

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: Based on AMs: EPP(171, 173)+S&D (159, 172)+ EFDD (174, 175)

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20 a. Recommends that the Commission thoroughly assesses the prospects of new electricity interconnections in the Mediterranean region and between South European and North African markets in view of increasing security of supply and developing renewables in both regions;

Or. en

Amendment 21
EPP, ECR, ALDE, GREENS, EFDD

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: Based on AMs:EPP (179) + S&D (176, 182, 185)+ Greens (181)

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 *significantly increasing* interconnection between Spain and France to support the renewables in the region *and to enable Iberian Peninsula to fully participate in the internal electricity market*; *considers* the Madrid Declaration, signed on 4 March 2015, *and the establishment of a High Level Group on Interconnections for South-West Europe*, as important *steps* towards increasing the *region's interconnectivity*; *acknowledges that the current interconnection capacity between the Iberian Peninsula and mainland Europe is too low and that the projects included in the current PCI list are not sufficient to achieve the interconnection target in 2020*; *calls on the countries of the region to support the development of their considerable renewable energy potential and to facilitate the access of the sector to the integrated European market*;

Or. en

Amendment 22
EPP, ECR, ALDE, GREENS, GUE, EFDD

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: Based on AMs: S&D (196) + EPP (193)

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

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Amendment 23

EPP, S&D, ECR, ALDE, GREENS, EFDD

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: Based on AMs: EPP (198) + ECR (205)

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 **on several parameters, including**: a) the **application in national and EU policy of the** 'energy efficiency first' principle and more demand-side response measures, b) **the development of** decentralised renewables-based electricity and its correlated smart grids, c) **the**

– 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*;

national decisions on the energy mix taking into account the EU's long term climate and energy goals, d) the development of energy storage technologies –*including* at household *and* municipality levels, *e) the* use the best available technologies *where appropriate, f) the recognition of people* as prosumers in the energy system, and *g) the creation of* clear *incentives* for investments in the grids;

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