

Implementation and monitoring in the context of the proposed energy infrastructure Regulation

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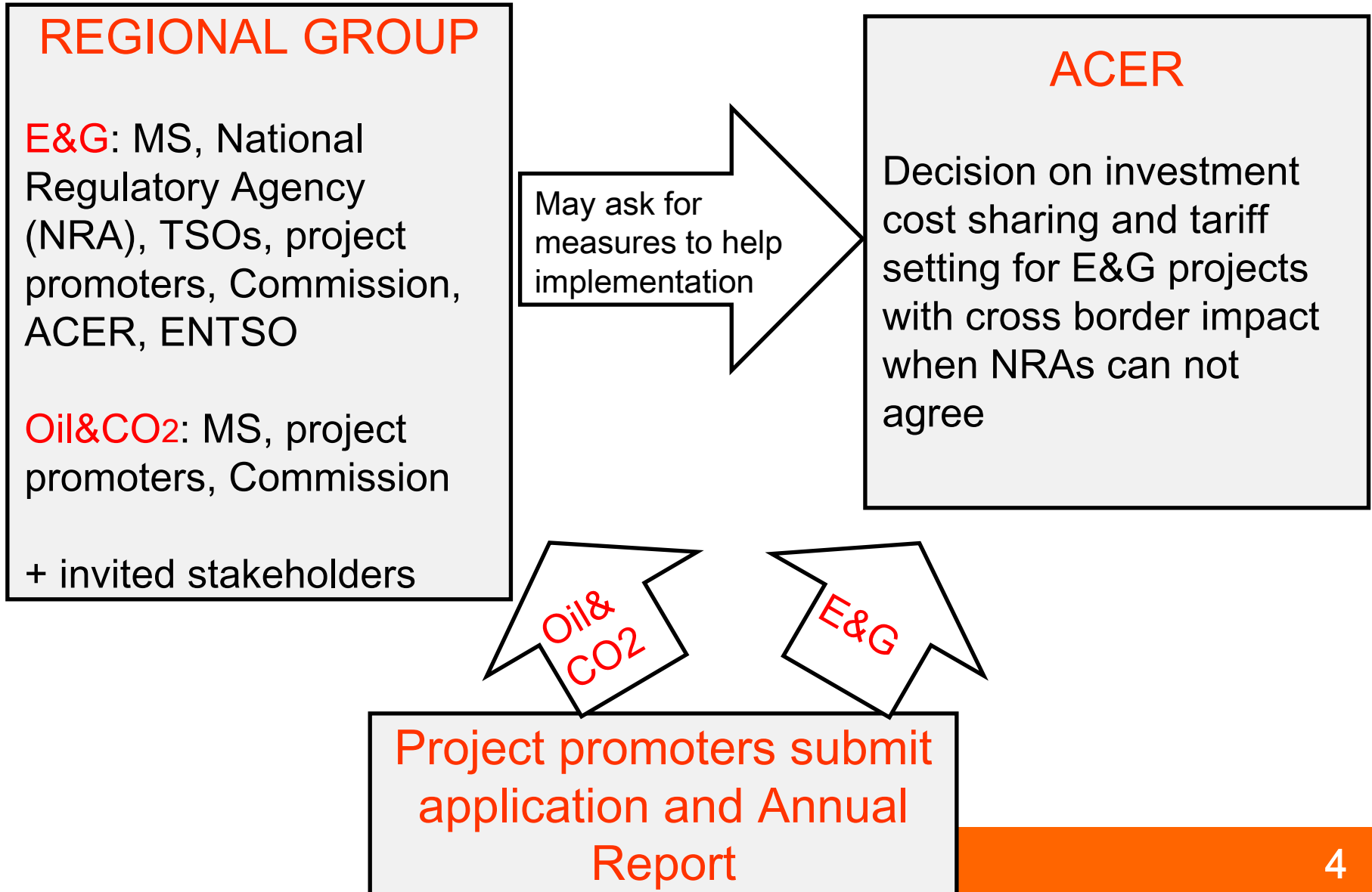
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Promotion of PCI (project of common interest) implementation

- Streamlined permitting and authorisation procedures
 - „priority status” at national level; part of the Ten Years Network Development Plan (TYNDP)
 - single MS competent authority: one stop shop
- Financial incentives
 - Connecting Europe Facility – studies, grants
 - Structural Funds – smart grid solutions
 - Tariff incentives
- Separate monitoring activity established *„while keeping the administrative burden for project promoters to a minimum”*

- Project promoters implement PCIs, according to an implementation plan
- ACER and Regional Groups entrusted with monitoring and implementation evaluation role
- Project promoters to submit an Annual Report to
 - ACER: electricity and gas PCIs
 - Regional Groups: oil and CO₂ PCIs
- Groups *„may also request the Agency to take measures to facilitate the implementation”* of PCIs

Monitoring scheme



- Proposed composition seems sufficient
- Important function can be to hammer political agreement at the regional level
 - ▶ Prominent role of MSs, Commission and project promoters
 - ▶ Role of ACER and NRAs should be the one of observers - they have other legal obligations with respect to the selected projects
 - ▶ Commission is to make the final decision at the Union level
 - ▶ High Level Group (MSs) could have the decision power supported by working groups
 - ▶ Example: North-South Interconnections in Central and South Eastern Europe – Action Plan agreed in 1 year
 - ▶ CBA will only play a supportive role

- RG structure can utilize local knowledge
 - Input from other regional initiatives (e.g. ACER RIs, BEMIP, Energy Community, Danube Region, etc.)
 - Consumer and supplier interests are represented by NRAs, otherwise representatives can be invited
- Sufficient monitoring and weak implementation power
- Administrative burden on project promoters still seems high compared to benefits
- Issue of competition among Regional Groups for PCI status deserves attention

- European coordinator in case of delay over 2 years to implementation plan
 - Experience with EU coordinators is encouraging
- Agency: prominent role in case of projects with cross border impact
 - Coordination
 - Decision on cost allocation and access tariffs if lack of agreement
 - NRA's right to approve access charges remains
 - Implementation by NRAs: could be monitored by RG?
- Call for proposals by Commission if PCI is delayed
 - Necessary; but scarce experience

- Additional incentives for project promoters to implement PCIs?
 - The time requirement for granting exemption to regulated third party access could be further reduced / limited
- NRA reporting to Regional Group on national level implementation?
- NRAs joint approval of investment, cost allocation and tariffs (Art 13 (3))
 - Relevance of Regulation for neighbouring countries?
- CBA – controversial / any simpler alternative?

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