The Energy Union – external dimension

Regulation 347/2013 in Energy Community
The Energy Union

Where we want to go:
Secure, sustainable, competitive, affordable energy for every European

What this means:
Energy security, solidarity and trust
A fully integrated internal EU-wide energy market
Energy efficiency as an energy source in its own right
Transition to a low-carbon society
Research, innovation and competitiveness

How we want to reach it:

5 GUIDING DIMENSIONS
15 CONCRETE ACTIONS
43 INITIATIVES

Source: Directorate-General for Energy
Our vision of an Energy Union

True **solidarity and trust**; speaking with **one voice** in global affairs

An **integrated**, continent-wide energy system

Sustainable, **low-carbon** and climate-friendly economy

Strong, innovative and **competitive** European economy

Citizens taking ownership of the energy transition
Energy Security, solidarity and trust
Concrete actions

Security of gas supply

EU Energy and climate policy diplomacy

Comprehensive LNG strategy

Intergovernmental Agreements

Alternative suppliers: Southern Gas Corridor and Mediterranean

Source: Directorate-General for Energy
In our immediate neighbourhood, the Commission will propose to strengthen the Energy Community, ensuring effective implementation of the EU's energy, environment and competition acquis, energy market reforms and incentivising investments in the energy sector.

The goal is closer integration of the EU and Energy Community energy markets.
TEN-E in Energy Community

State of play

Regulation adopted in Tirana – legal basis to establish PECI in 2016

Goals

• to improve investment climate in the region;
• to provide a coherent regulatory framework with PCIs;
• to prioritise a limited number of strategic infrastructure projects; to enhance security of supply and market integration;
CRITERIA SPECIFIC FOR PECIs:

- project falls in at least one of the energy infrastructure categories as described in Annex I;

- cross-border projects between Member States and Contracting Parties shall be first granted PCI label;
CROSS BORDER PROJECTS between EU Member States and Energy Community Contracting Parties

- When the project directly crosses the border of one or more CPs and one or more MSs, in order to be considered to be a project of Energy Community interest, it shall be first granted a status of project of the common interest within the European Union (otherwise it is not covered by TEN-E Regulation on the EU-side)

- Project that directly crosses the border of one or more CPs and one or more MSs which is not granted a status of project of the common interest within the European Union may be developed on voluntary basis as a project of Mutual Interest.
FINANCING

TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

- GRANTS FOR STUDIES
- GRANTS FOR WORKS

- Western Balkans Investment Framework
- Neighbourhood Investment Facility

ELECTRICITY AND GAS PECI PROJECTS