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(ACER)**

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The European Agency for Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER)



Introduction

- ACER was established by Regulation 713/2009 as part of the Third Energy Package
- ACER was officially opened in 2009 at the same time Third Energy Package Was adopted
- ACER is based in Ljubljana (Slovenia)
- ACER has a staff of about 50 people

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ACERs Mission

*“The purpose of the Agency shall be to **assist** the [NRAs] in exercising, at Community level, the regulatory tasks performed in the Member States and, where necessary, to **coordinate** their action”*
(Article 1 Regulation 714/2009)



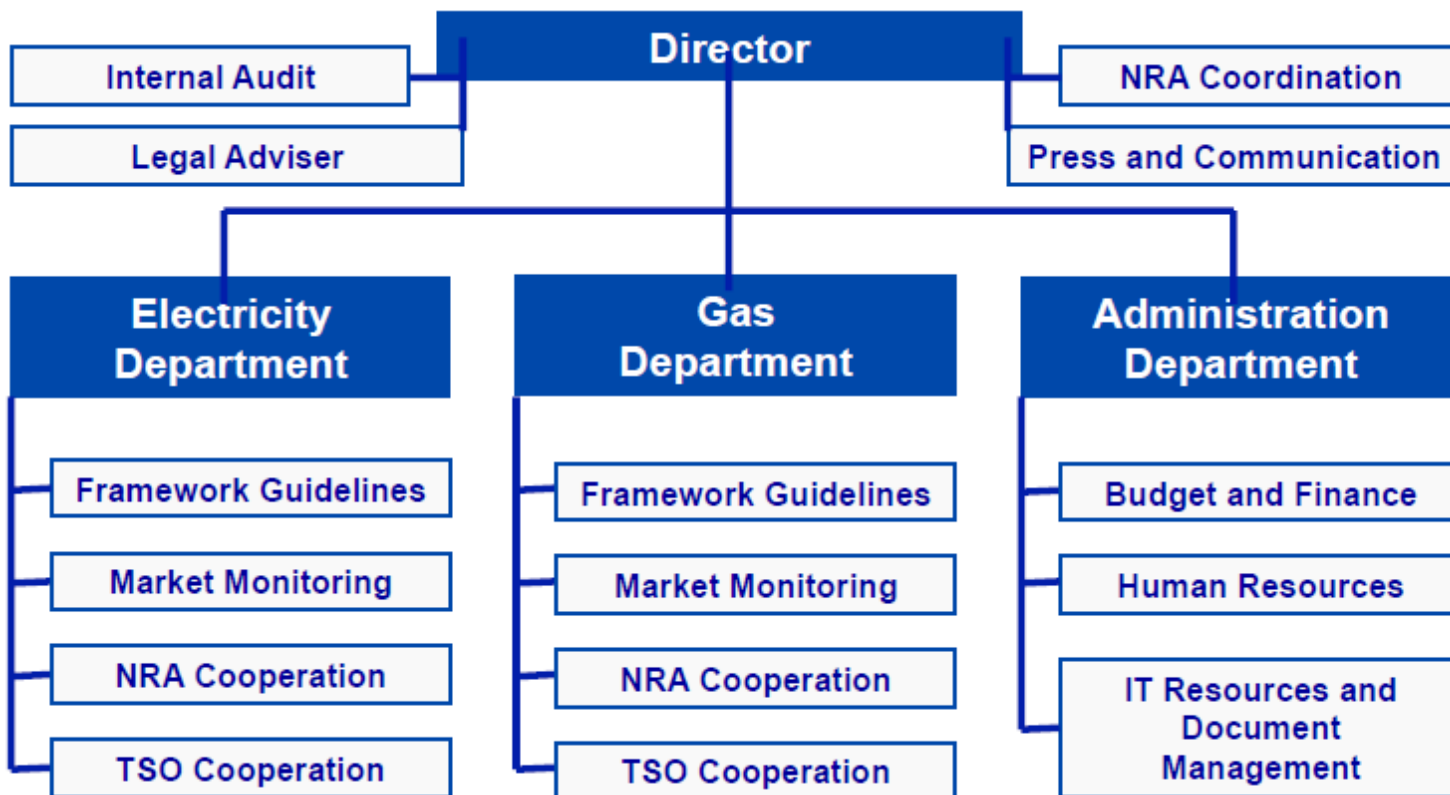
ACER is NOT a European Energy Regulator!

- Regulatory powers are still in the hands of the National Regulatory Authorities (NRAs)
- In fact, the 3rd package has reinforced the role and powers of the NRAs
- ACER only has “residual” regulatory powers

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ACER Internal Structure



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Internal structure reflects ACER key tasks and competences

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ACER Main Areas of Activity and Tasks:

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Opinions on the 10-Year EU-wide Network Development Plans

Framework Guidelines for Network Codes

Decisions on Terms and Conditions for Access to and Operational Security of Cross-border Infrastructure

Decisions on TPA Exemptions

NRA Support

Market Monitoring

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How can ACER act?

Types of acts which ACER can adopt

Opinions and recommendations

TSOs

NRAs

EP

Council

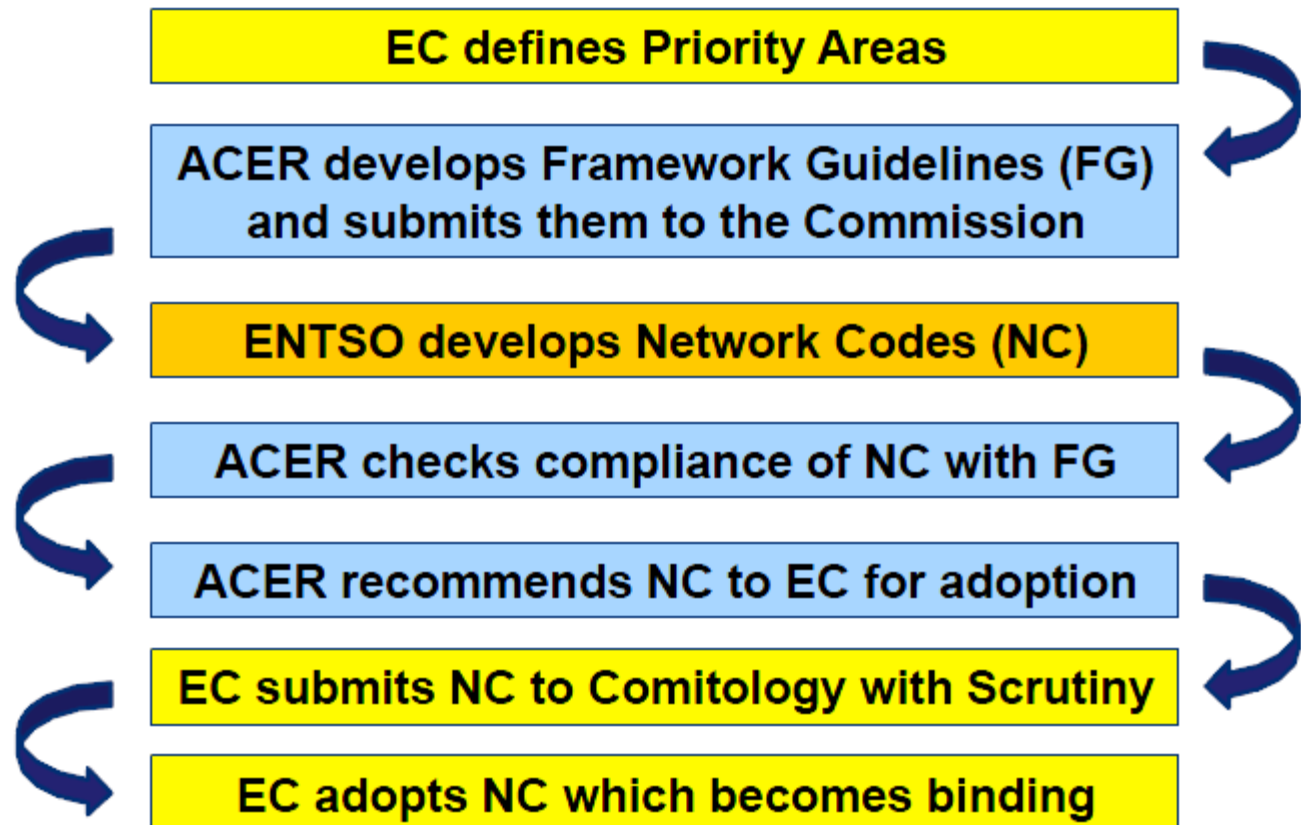
Commission

Individual decisions in specific cases
(residual power)

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Example of ACERs role in the adoption common network codes:



NC: Network Codes

ENTSO: European Network of Transmission System Operators

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ACER key achievements to date:

Electricity:

- Framework Guidelines for Electricity System Operation
- Framework Guidelines for Congestion Management and Capacity Allocation
- Framework Guidelines on Electricity Network Connection

Gas:

- Adoption of a reasoned opinion on the first Network Code on Capacity allocation mechanisms for the European Gas Transmission Network proposed by the European Network of Transmission System Operators for Gas (ENTSO-G)
- Evaluation of the Draft Network Codes on Balancing Development of Framework Guidelines on Transportation Tariffs
- Developing the first ACER Market Monitoring Report

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