

Internal Workshop on Active Library

Date: 12 March 2015

Time: 10:30– 16:30

Place: ENTSO-E premises, Avenue Cortenbergh, 100, 1000, Brussels

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

1. Meeting Agenda

No	Subject	Duration	Time	Lead
1.	Welcome and introduction	10 min	10:00-10:10	Sébastien Lepy ENTSO-E System Development Transparency Manager
2.	Legal framework for the TYNDP and the EC Projects of Common Interest (PCIs) and what it means to be a PCI	30 min	10:10-10:30	Andreea Tanasa EC DG ENER Policy Officer
	Discussion			All
3.	ACER opinion on the TYNDP 2014 – inclusion of projects in the TYNDP	20 min	10:30-10:50	Sebastien Lepy ENTSO-E System Development Transparency Manager
	Discussion			All
4.	TYNDP 2016 overall process	20 min	10:50-11:10	Edwin Haesen ENTSO-E TYNDP 2016 Project Management Office
	Discussion			All
5.	Inclusion of projects in the TYNDP 2016 – process and timeline	20 min	11:10-11:40	Felix Maire ENTSO-E TYNDP 2016 Project Management Office
	Discussion			All
6.	Inclusion of projects in the TYNDP 2016 – legal requirements	30 min	11:40-12:10	Andreea Tanasa European Commission DG ENER Policy Office

Discussion

All

7.	Inclusion of projects in the TYNDP – technical requirements	30 min	12:10 – 12:30	Irina Minciuna ENTSO-E System Development Adviser
	Discussion			All
8.	Lunch	1h	12:30- 14:00	
9.	Experience from the 1 st and 2nd PCI process and what it means to be a PCI	20 min	14:00-14:20	Catharina Sikow-Magny European Commission DG ENER Head of Unit
	Discussion			All
10.	Open discussion and feedback/suggestions	50 min	14:20-15:00	All
11.	Recall the next steps for the promoters	10 min	15:00-15:10	Irina Minciuna ENTSO-E System Development Adviser
12.	Conclusions	10 min	15:10-15:20	Catharina Sikow European Commission DG ENER Head of Unit
				Sebastien Lepy ENTSO-E System Development Transparency Manager
13.	End Workshop		15:20	

Introduction

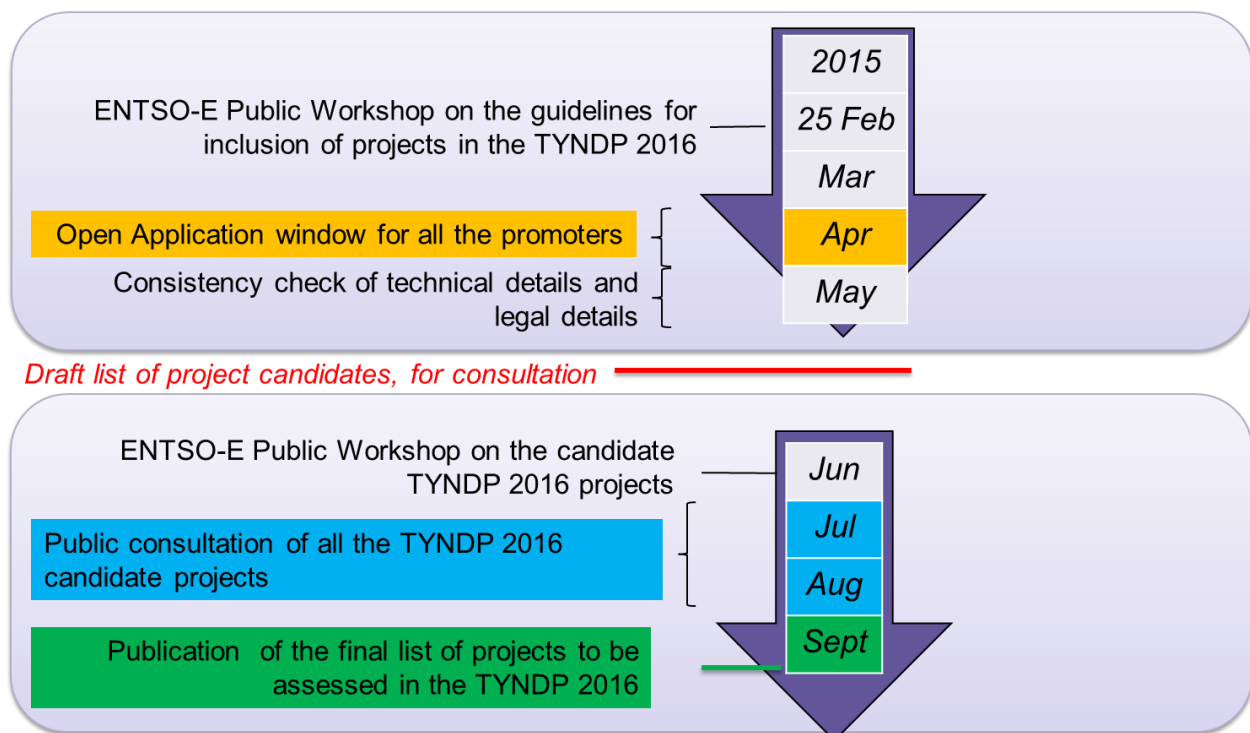
The work on the TYNDP 2016 already started. Within this frame ENTSO-E will open the application window for inclusion of projects in the TYNDP on 1 April until 31 April 2015.

In order to answer within the indicated timeframe the promoters require clarity on the necessary documentation to be delivered and the implication of having their project in the community wide TYNDP. Therefore ENTSO-E, in collaboration with the EC organized on 25 February a workshop on inclusion of projects in the TYNDP 2016 with the purpose of informing the promoters on:

- the link between the TYNDP and PCIs: projects part of the TYNDP are eligible to be submitted for the EC Projects of Common Interest (PCIs) process - Art 3(7) of the Regulation (EU) 347/2013;
- the TYNDP and the PCI process;
- the technical and legal requirements included in the European Commission guidelines;
- the timeline for the project promoters' submission for the TYNDP 2016.

The workshop focused on the new European Commission guidelines for the inclusion of transmission and storage projects in the TYNDP 2016. It was attended by around 70 stakeholders interested in the transmission and storage project development. All the material presented can be accessed from the ENTSO-E website – [here](#).

Next steps in the process for improving the projects in the TYNDP 2016:



Main highlight of the presentations and discussions:

1. The TYNDP is an ENTSO-E legal mandate that is published by ENTSO-E every even year.
2. The TYNDP acts as a basis to deriving the list of Projects of Common Interest (PCI) following its publication. As such only the projects that are in the TYNDP can apply for the PCI label, e.g. the PCI 2017 is to be based on the TYNDP 2016.
3. The inclusion of projects in the TYNDP 2016 is done transparently by ENTSO-E in a non-discrimination and transparent manner indifferent of the promoter affiliation (ENTSO-E or non-ENTSO-E member), under the supervision of the Network Development Stakeholders Group (NDSG), ACER and EC.
4. The inclusion of projects in the TYNDP 2016 is based on the European Commission Guidelines on equal treatment and transparency criteria to be applied by ENTSO-E when developing its TYNDP as set out in Annex III 2(5) of Regulation (EU) No 347/2013 – first draft can be accessed [here](#). The final guidelines are expected mid-April.
5. All the candidate projects which fulfil the legal and technical requirements set in the EC guidelines are to be considered for the TYNDP 2016. The list of candidate projects will be publicly consulted during summer 2015 (for two months) with all the interested stakeholders. The final list of projects which are to be assessed under the TYNDP 2016 framework will be published in September 2015. The assessment of the project will be performed by using the ENTSO-E Cost Benefit Analysis methodology (CBA methodology) approved by the EC on 4 February 2015.
6. The EC is recommended by the stakeholders to consider more flexibility in the PCI process: progressive appraisal of PCI, with requirements proportional to the expected support
7. Possible funding of storage projects in the PCI process is an issue that needs to be addressed by the EC. The rationale behind the forbidding the access to the grants requires clarification. If no funding, no cost publication is necessary.
8. ENTSO-E was requested and is currently working towards improving the CBA methodology e.g. capacity and flexibility especially for storage, security of supply. This work is performed under the aegis of the NDSG.
9. The data requested by ENTSO-E in the TYNDP process is necessary to reflect the maturity of the projects, and meet especially ACER's expectations in this respect.

Suggestions/concerns expressed by the stakeholders:

Related to the ENTSO-E TYNDP process:

- ENTSO-E is encouraged to consider a continuous process for including the projects in the TYNDP in order to reduce the inconvenience of the short application window and be in line with the fast pace development of the industry.
ENTSO-E: Principle wise the approach is welcomed. Considering that TYNDP is biennial process the promoters have the possibility to submit or update their project every even year. The formal process within the TYNDP is necessary in order to ensure the equal treatment of all the projects submission and assessment.
- The data requested by ENTSO-E in the TYNDP process is necessary to reflect the maturity of the projects, therefore the projects in an early stage are not to be requested all the technical data since this is not available to them.
ENTSO-E is aware of this situation. Therefore ENTSO-E is encouraging every promoter to submit all the available data at the time of submission. Note: the missing data may later limit the assessment but it may however be enough to compute valuable information.
Related to the legal requirement on of the criteria is “the promoter shall have requested the impacted ENTSO-E TSOs to perform the prefeasibility/feasibility study at least 6 months before applying for the inclusion in the TYNDP”. This provision recalls the procedure to include projects in the TYNDP 2014 and in philosophy expected that the feasibility could be at least be confirmed with TSO expert view. The deadline would more logically apply to the validation of the TYNDP list.
- ENTSO-E current CBA methodology encounters some limitations. ENTSO-E is suggested to further look at the possible improvements especially on the assessment of storage and security of supply indicator.
ENTSO-E is currently working on improving the CBA methodology and welcomes the stakeholder’s suggestions. By September 2015, ENTSO-E, EC, ACER will agree on which version to use: the officially approved one, or with one or more improvement. Anyway the used version will be published.
- More information on the application and decisional process for the TYNDP2016 is necessary. ENTSO-E will publish detail information on how, who, what shall be delivered within due time. All the projects that applied for the TYNDP 2015 shall formally reapply for the inclusion in the TYND 2016. Related to the e.g. 500 MW threshold, the initial assessment comes from the promoter but this figure will be checked during the project assessment.
Note: the tool will allow one entry code for each project. In case more promoters are involved in the same project it is recommended that they share the entry code between them if they wish to do so.
- In the TYNDP 2016 it is suggested to include project stemming from 2050 e-Highways study. This is to be considered based on the promoters’ submission of the project.
- In case of alternative design for project the alternatives the promoter may provide to ENTSO-E information that the alternative exists, whatever the means
- Present the methodology used to compute target capacities in the TYNDP
The target capacities are the results of the comparison between the marginal SEW and marginal project cost on the boundary. The TYNDP provides a relevant order of magnitude.

Related to the PCI process:

- Is suggested to be more flexible: Depending on the PCI need (recognition only, permitting support, grants for studies or for work) the PCI process can be more relaxed.
- Is necessary a clear definition of storage in the PCI process: storage as generation and “capacity”. This issue is already identified by the EC who is working on it.
- Consideration of aggregated small projects (e.g. storage projects) that together fulfil the PCI and TYNDP criteria.
Currently no clear decisions on this point, but the project promoters are encouraged to present/submit their project in the TYNDP.
- The situation of the storage PCI projects requires more clarification especially in terms of benefits stemming from this label, e.g. the regulatory support for such projects. In addition the request of publishing the cost of the storage project is not seen necessary considering the exclusion of storage projects from accessing any grants.