

Union list of projects of common interest

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This Commission delegated regulation amends [Regulation \(EU\) No 347/2013](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council on guidelines for trans-European energy infrastructure (TEN-E Regulation) as regards the Union list of projects of common interest (PCIs). It takes the form of an annex to the TEN-E Regulation.

Background

Article 3(4) of Regulation (EU) No 347/2013 on guidelines for trans-European energy infrastructure (TEN-E Regulation) requires the Commission to adopt, every two years, a delegated act establishing the Union list of PCIs. This Union list is drawn up on the basis of the regional lists of proposed PCIs drawn up and adopted by the regional groups established under the TEN-E Regulation.

The Regional Groups for electricity, smart grids and gas are composed of representatives of Member States, National Regulatory Authorities (NRAs), Transmission System Operators (TSOs), the European Networks of Transmission System Operators for Gas and Electricity (ENTSOG and ENTSO-E), the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER) and the Commission.

PCIs are specific energy infrastructure projects that are crucial for completing the European internal energy market, achieving the Union's energy policy objective of providing affordable, secure and sustainable energy to all Europeans, and for attaining the Union's targets and climate objectives.

Content

This Delegated Regulation establishes a **Union list of projects of common interest (PCIs)** to replace the fourth list established by [Commission Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2020/389](#) of 31 October 2019. It takes the form of a new Annex VII to the TEN-E Regulation.

The act identifies **98 PCIs** that are deemed necessary to implement the priority corridors in the electricity and gas sectors as well as in the priority thematic areas indicated in the TEN-E Regulation. The list includes **67 PCIs for electricity, 20 for gas, 5 for smart grids and 6 for cross-border carbon dioxide network projects**.

When completed, electricity PCIs will help Member States to comply with the 2030 climate and energy policy targets, and the 2030 electricity interconnection targets. **Gas PCIs** will address the remaining bottlenecks in the EU gas transmission grid identified by the Regional Groups.

The list of PCIs will ensure that most Member States have access to at least three sources of gas, including to liquefied natural gas, and that no Member State remains in energy isolation.

This Union list contains in total 34% fewer PCIs than the (fourth) Union list adopted in 2019. The list contains 38% less gas PCIs than the fourth Union list. The lower number of gas PCIs results mainly from (i) the completion of some projects, (ii) a more robust PCI selection process, and (iii) the prioritisation of projects addressing the remaining and most urgent essential bottlenecks.

PCIs included in this Delegated Regulation are to be implemented only after successful completion of permit granting procedures in all countries concerned.