

Copenhagen Energy Infrastructure Forum

Conclusions

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- The Forum highlighted the importance of integrated and optimised network planning capturing interdependencies and synergies between electrons, heat and molecules.
- The Forum invites Member States to define and include, in the updated non-binding offshore commitments, the renewable capacity dedicated to hydrogen offshore production, while considering the maritime spatial planning requirements.

The Forum invites ENTSO-E to include this data in the development of the next offshore development plans and strengthen its collaboration with the (pre-)ENNOH, ENTSG and all the relevant stakeholders when developing these plans.

- The Forum invites (pre-)ENNOH, ENTSG and ACER, in collaboration with the relevant stakeholders, to develop and draft a set of criteria for the repurposing of infrastructure within the context of European infrastructure planning. The Forum invites the Commission to facilitate this activity by moderating the associated meetings. The Forum asks the parties to present the final report at next year's Forum.
- The Forum takes note of the EU DSO Entity's recommendations on distribution network development planning and calls for their swift implementation, taking into account guidance provided by NRAs in cooperation with ACER-CEER in accordance with the *EU Grid Action Plan*¹.

To support their uptake at local level, the Forum requests the EU DSO Entity to organise a workshop for DSOs and stakeholders on how to integrate their recommendations.

¹ [EU action plan for grids - Publications Office of the EU \(europa.eu\)](https://publications.ec.europa.eu/en/eu-action-plan-grids)

- The Forum calls for the EU DSO Entity and ENTSO-E to strengthen TSO-DSO collaboration on network development planning, including ensuring consistency between Union, national and local scenarios in line with energy and climate targets, consistent procedures, transparency, meaningful consultations and timely data exchanges between system operators and with relevant stakeholders.
- The Forum calls for the active engagement of all relevant associations and organisations in the areas of foreseeing upcoming electricity demand locally, sharing sectoral plans with system operators as early as possible and timely engaging for requesting grid connection requests, in view of providing input to a Commission study in 2025 on network development planning, tariff structures and connection requests for electricity distribution grids.
- The Forum welcomes the progress done and requests ACER, CEER and national regulatory authorities, in cooperation with ENTSO-E and EU DSO Entity, to fully develop an agreed EU catalogue of output (supported by input) indicators for smart grids at all voltage levels and present it to the next Forum meeting.
- The Forum takes note of the work of ACER and CEER accomplished so far as regards regulatory incentives and the promotion of innovative, efficiency enhancing grid technologies through tariff design and regulatory innovation, in view of the implementation of the *Grid Action Plan*.
- Building on ACER's tasks under Action 8 of the *Grid Action Plan*, the Forum asks ACER to continue this work by further supporting NRAs in implementing innovative regulatory approaches and facilitating, through the tariff and revenue regulation regimes, the integration of innovative and network efficiency technologies. In particular, ACER and NRAs with the input of the EU DSO Entity and other relevant stakeholders, should also research into innovative regulatory approaches for distribution grids. The Forum invites NRAs to consider the adoption of innovative regulatory approaches, such as benefit sharing, contributing to the uptake of network efficiency technologies. This work should also explore opportunities for recognition by NRAs of costs for early stakeholder engagement, including local benefits, into the tariffs. ACER and NRAs should report on the outcomes of the work with NRAs in the next Forum.

- The Forum takes note on the different perspectives that the integration of anticipatory investments into the regulatory systems brings, and also positively notes the best practices that are already being implemented throughout the EU. The Forum tasks the Commission to extend the data and input gathering into the topic to the wider stakeholder community in view of delivering on Action 4 of the Grids Action Plan in the most meaningful manner.
- The Forum calls on Member States to facilitate this work by ensuring sufficient resources for NRAs and the right forward looking signals, including through national legislation, in a regional cooperation setting, as applicable, for the uptake of anticipatory investments and of network efficiency technologies, while also considering new models for grid financing in view of ensuring affordability for consumers, focusing on vulnerable consumers.