



# Implementing the Projects of Common Interest

**Regulation on guidelines for trans-European energy  
infrastructure  
&  
Connecting Europe Facility**

European Commission  
DG Energy



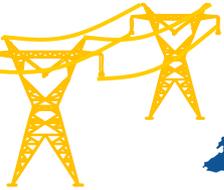
European  
Commission

# The regional groups

Smart  
grids

Electricity  
highways

CO2



Northern Seas  
Offshore Grid



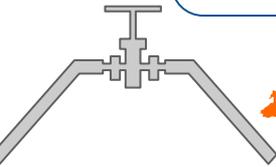
North-South  
interconnections  
West



North-South  
interconnections  
East



BEMIP



North-South  
interconnections  
West: 27 PCIs



North-South  
interconnections  
East: 53 PCIs



BEMIP: 15 PCIs



Southern Gas  
Corridor: 12  
PCIs

Oil

# Criteria in the Guidelines

## General criteria

*Contributes to the implementation of the infrastructure priorities*

*Economic, social and environmental viability*

*Involves at least two Member States:*

- **Cross-border infrastructures**
- **Infrastructure with significant cross-border impact**

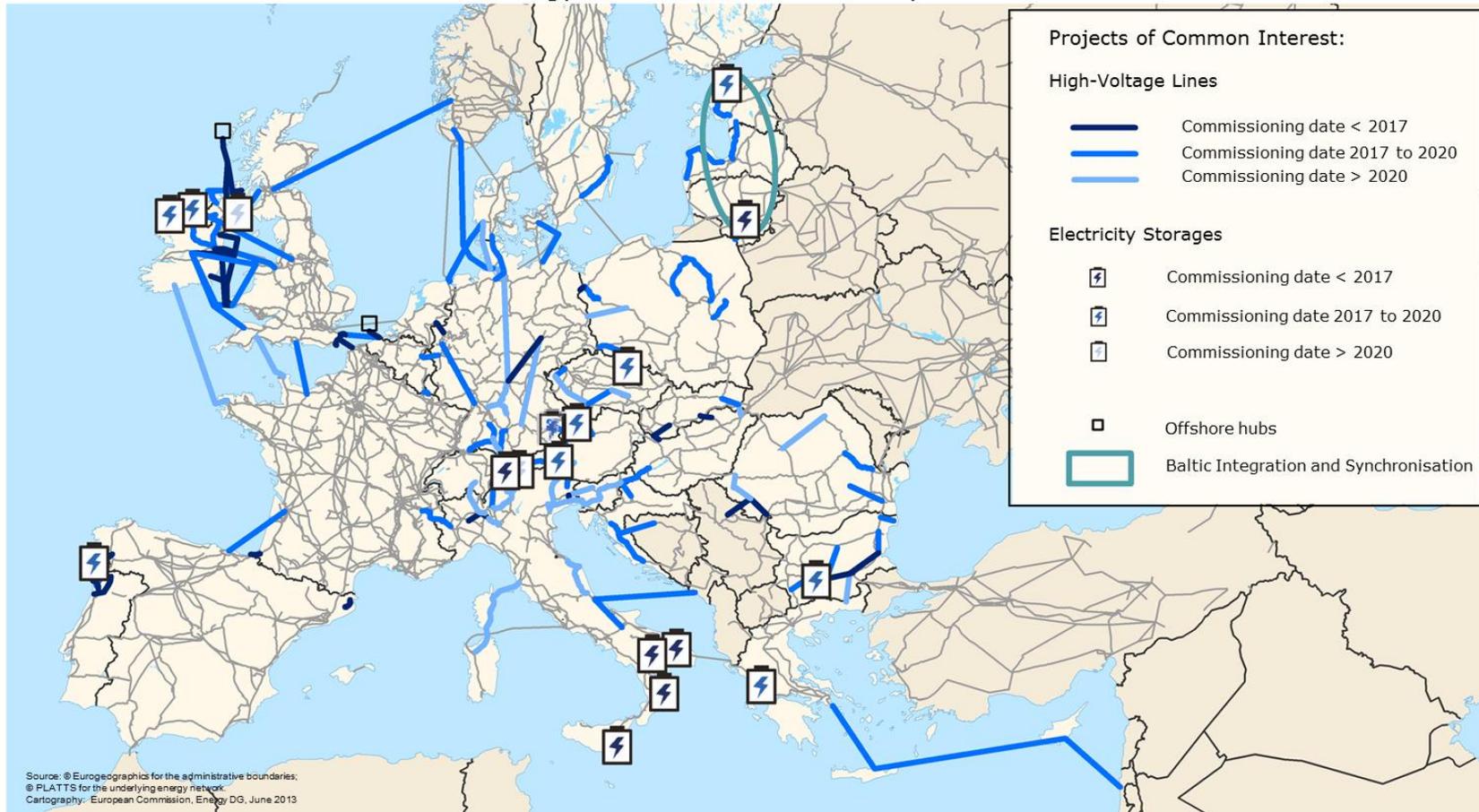
## Specific criteria

- **Market integration**
  - **Security of supply**
    - Diversification
    - Secure system operations
  - **Sustainability**
    - Integration of RES
    - GHG avoidance
- *Cost-benefit analysis*  
(in TYNDP by ENTSOs)

*+ urgency, number of MS, complementarity and territorial cohesion*

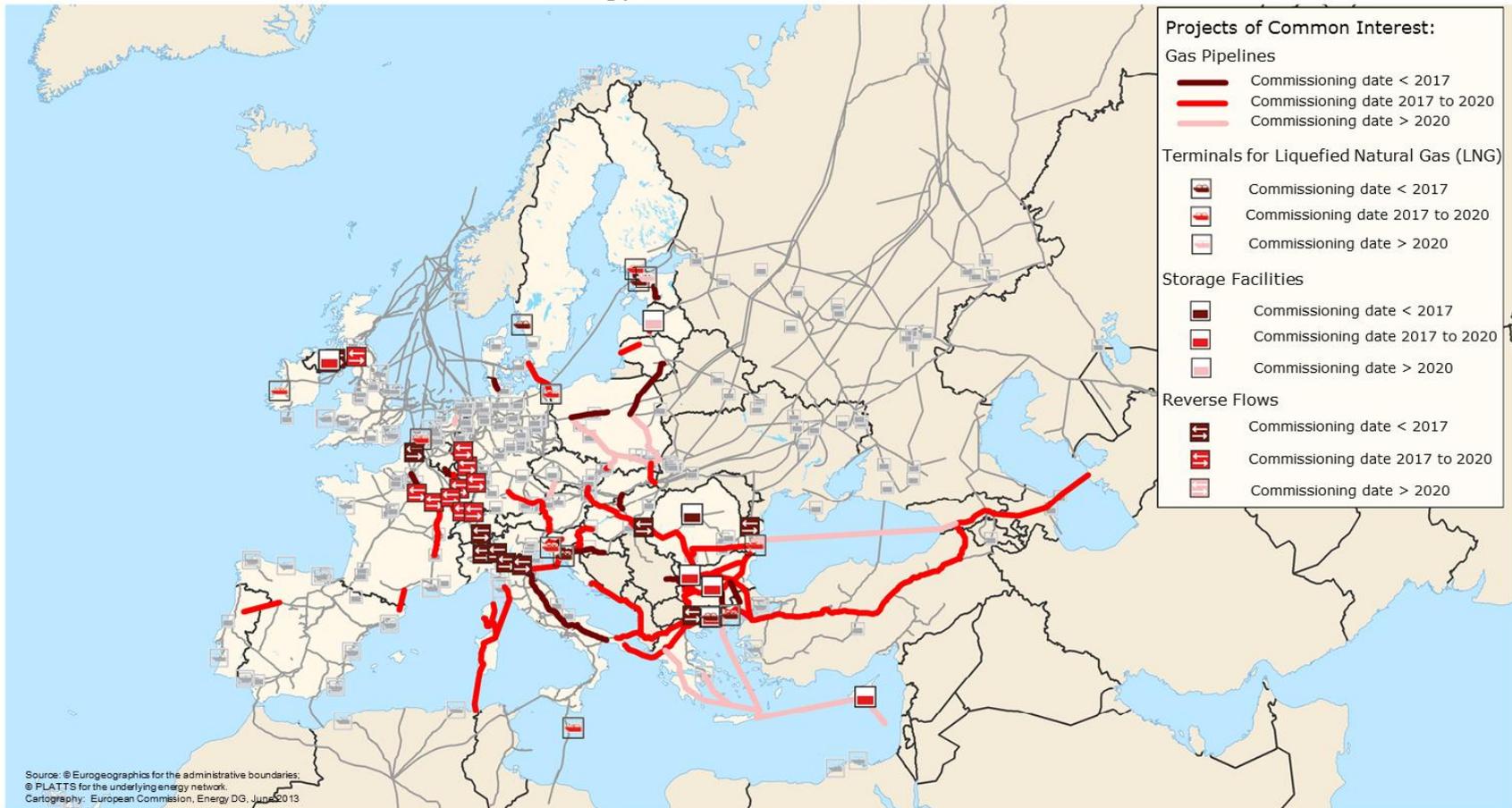
# Electricity PCIs

## Energy Infrastructure - Electricity



# Gas PCIs

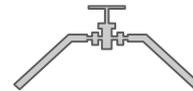
## Energy Infrastructure - Natural Gas



# 248 Projects of Common Interest



**132 electricity**  
**2 smart grids**



**107 gas**  
**7 oil**

*benefit from*

## Accelerated permit granting

3.5  
years

One  
Stop  
Shop

Public  
Partici-  
pation

## Improved Regulatory treatment

Risk-  
related  
incentives

Cross-  
Border  
Cost  
Allocation

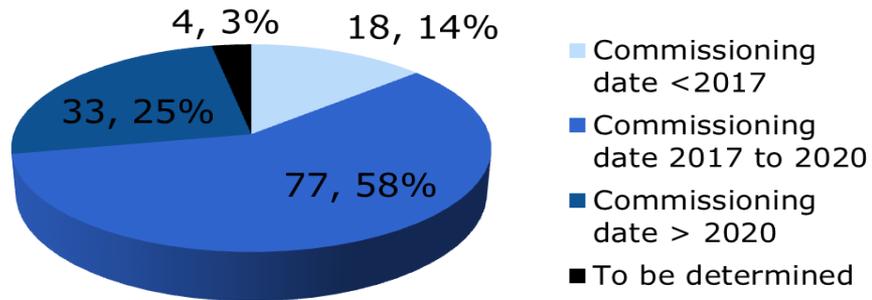
## Financial support

Access to  
Financial  
Instru-  
ments

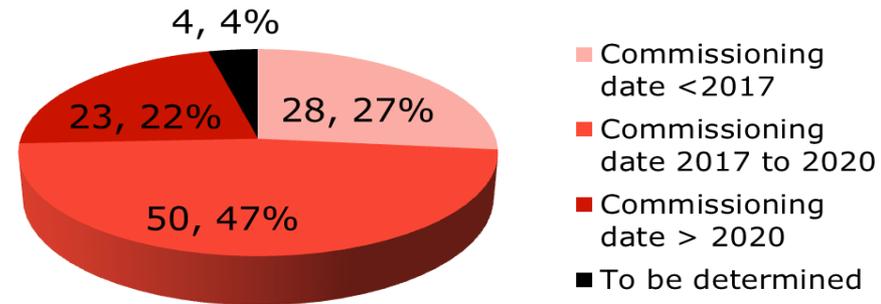
Grants for  
Works and  
for Studies

# Commissioning dates of PCIs

## Commissioning dates of Electricity PCIs (132)

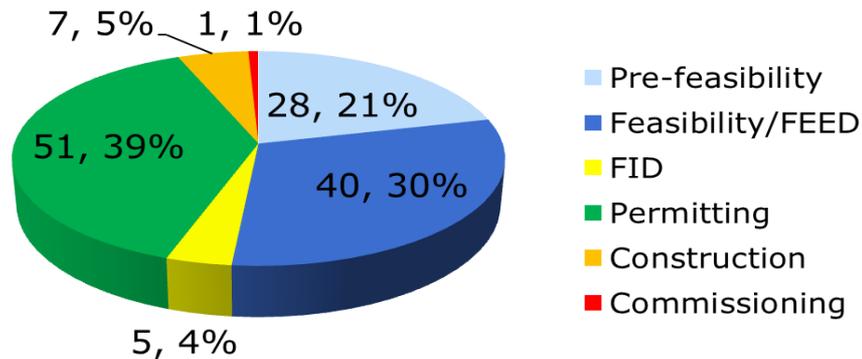


## Commissioning dates of Gas PCIs (107)

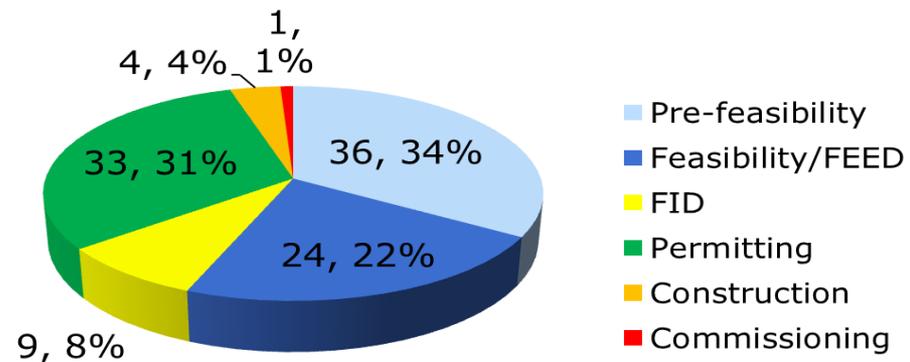


# Implementation status of PCIs

**Current implementation status of Electricity PCIs (132)**



**Current implementation status of Gas PCIs (107)**



## Designation of the competent authority

- One-stop shop crucial for timely implementation of PCIs:
  - sole contact point
  - setting time limit
  - monitor time limits
  - decision (under integrated and coordinated scheme)
  - reporting to the Regional Groups
- Designation of one national competent authority by 16<sup>th</sup> November 2013 (Art. 8)
- 11 MS designated; formal clarification process for others

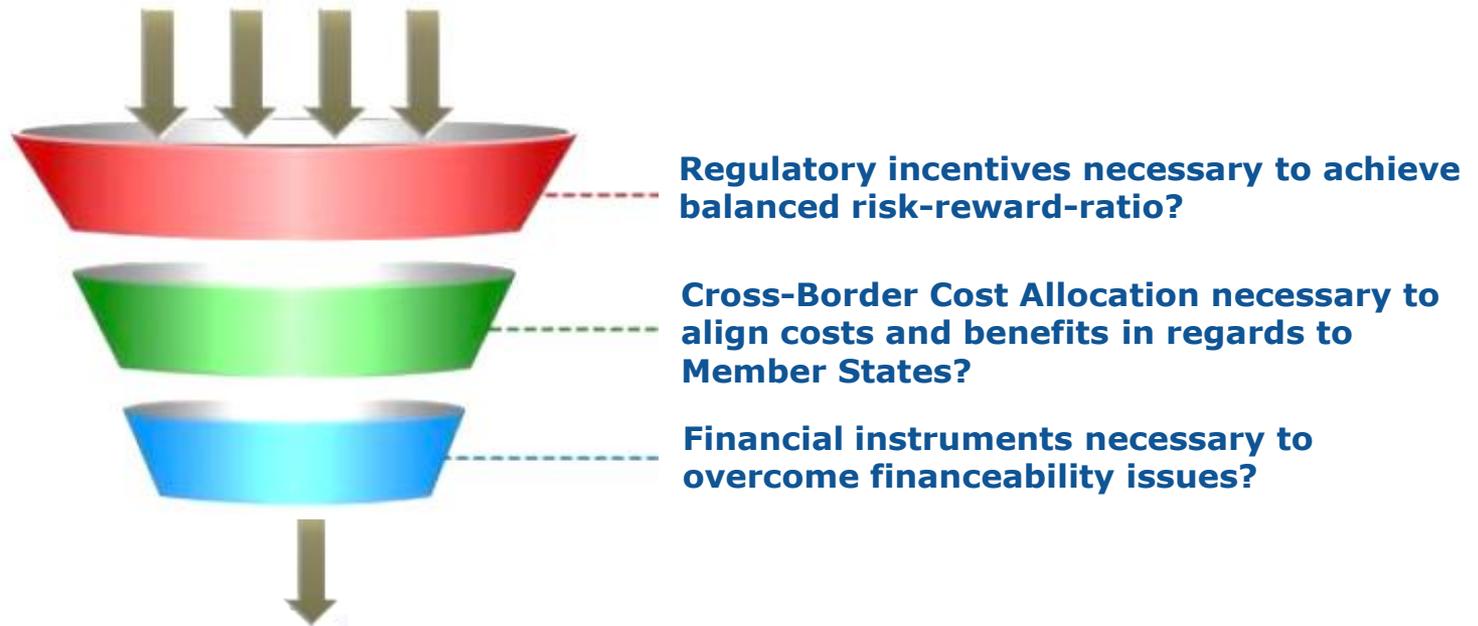
# Manual of procedures/streamlining

- Obligation for competent authorities or MS to publish manual of procedures for PCIs by 16<sup>th</sup> May 2014 (Art. 9)
- Commission guidance for streamlining of environmental assessment procedures for PCIs was issued and presented to MS on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2013 and was sent to MS on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2013  
(COM guidance available under [http://ec.europa.eu/energy/infrastructure/environmental\\_assesment\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/energy/infrastructure/environmental_assesment_en.htm))
- By 24<sup>th</sup> June 2014 MS shall take non-legislative / by 24<sup>th</sup> September 2015 MS shall take legislative measures to streamline environmental assessment procedures for PCIs

## Time-limits

- Pre-application phase: From start of permit granting process to acceptance of submitted application file by the competent authority (indicative period of 2 years)
- Statutory permit granting procedure: From the date of acceptance of the submitted application file until the comprehensive decision is taken. (max 1.5 years)
- The combined duration of the two phases shall not exceed a period of 3.5 years, with a possible 9-month extension.
- Close monitoring of the time limits by the Regional Groups

# Towards a **swift implementation** of Projects of Common Interest



**A limited number of PCIs might need grants  
for works**

## CEF energy overall indicative budget distribution

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
<b>Grants</b>	366	437	665	767	826	960	1 192	<b>5 213</b>
<b>Fin. instr.</b>	41	49	74	85	92	107	133	<b>581</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>739</b>	<b>852</b>	<b>918</b>	<b>1 067</b>	<b>1 325</b>	<b>5 794</b>

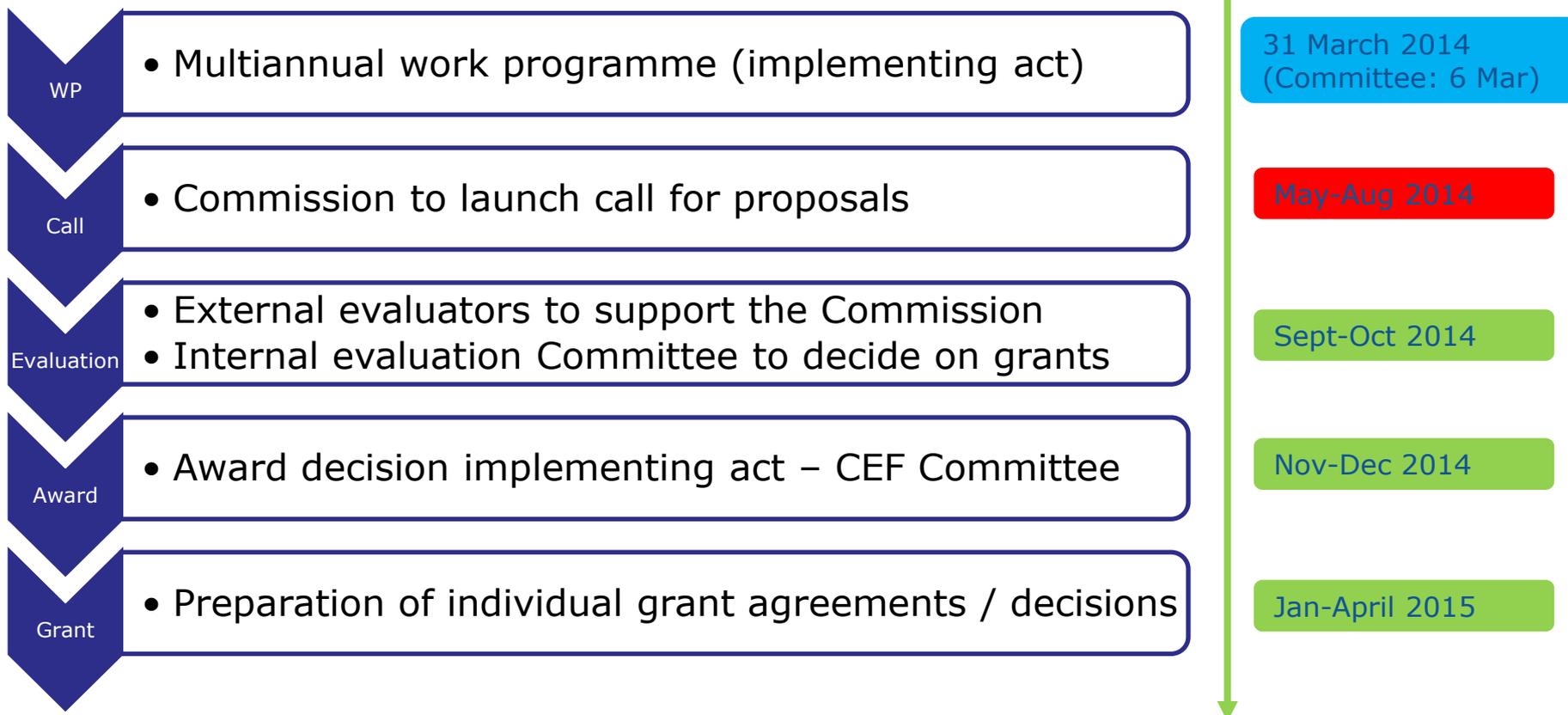
Fixed

Indicative

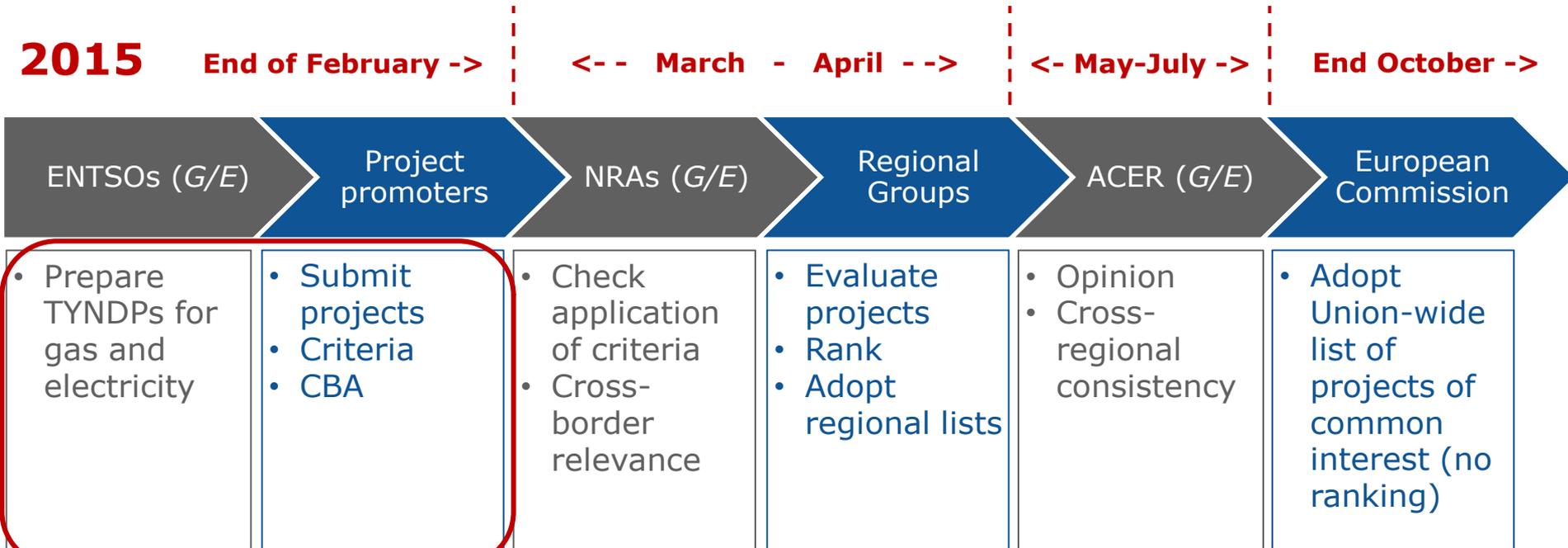
Annual budget fixed year-by-year

EUR million

# Indicative timetable for first grants under CEF energy

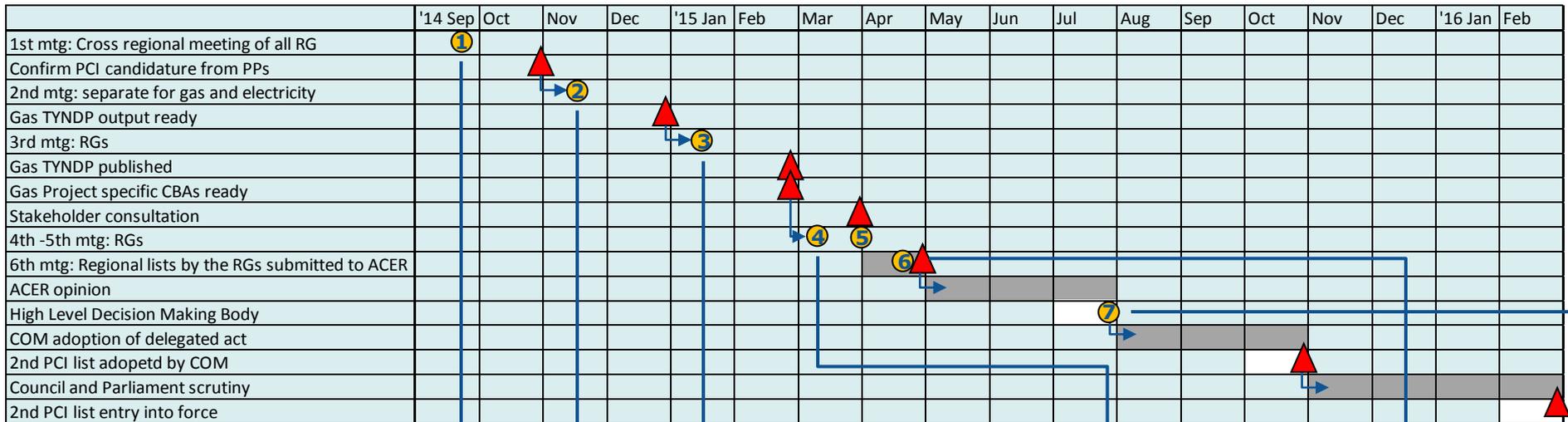


# Process to identify projects of common interest



**TYNDP / CBA  
process**

# 2nd round of PCI evaluation: PCI list 2016



**1st mtg:** (last week of September)

**Objective:** Launch the 2nd PCI process

**2nd mtg:**

**Objective:** PCI candidates and methodology

**3rd mtg:**

**Objective:** System wide assessment

**4th & 5th mtg:**

**Objective:** Assessment

**6th mtg:**

**Objective:** Agree regional lists

**7th mtg:**

**Objective:** High Level DMB to approve PCI list

# Regional Group meetings

## 1st mtg

**Objective:**

Launch the 2nd PCI process

Comments:

- *Last week of Sep*
- *All groups together*
- *Terms of reference*
- *Agree on schedule*
- *Invite NGOs*
- *Could be back-to-back with the Infrastructure Forum*

## 2nd mtg

**Objective:** PCI candidates and methodology

Comments:

- *Separately for gas and electricity*
- *Confirm list of PCI candidates*
- *Present and discuss assessment methodology (JRC)*

## 3rd mtg

**Objective:** System wide assessment

Comments:

- *Separately for all groups*
- *Present assessment (TYNDP)*
- *Finalize/agree on methodology*
- *Prepare for project specific CBA*
- *RGs to propose clusters (if relevant) for modelling to be sent to ENTSOG*

## 4th / 5th mtg

**Objective:** Assessment

Comments:

- *Separately for all groups*
- *Apply methodology*
- *Discuss projects*
- *Rank projects*
- *Invite NGOs for 5th mtg*

## 6th mtg

**Objective:** agree regional lists

Comments:

- *Technical level DMB*
- *Can be held together unless discussions are still needed*

## 7th mtg

High Level DMB to approve PCI list

- *Regional lists may still be updated based on ACER opinion*

*Thank you for your attention*