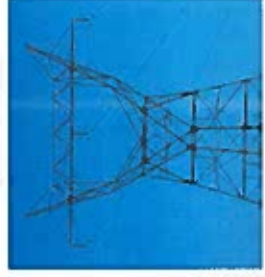


Projects of Common Interest: North-South Interconnector

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2nd September, 2014

N-S Interconnector is a Project of Common Interest

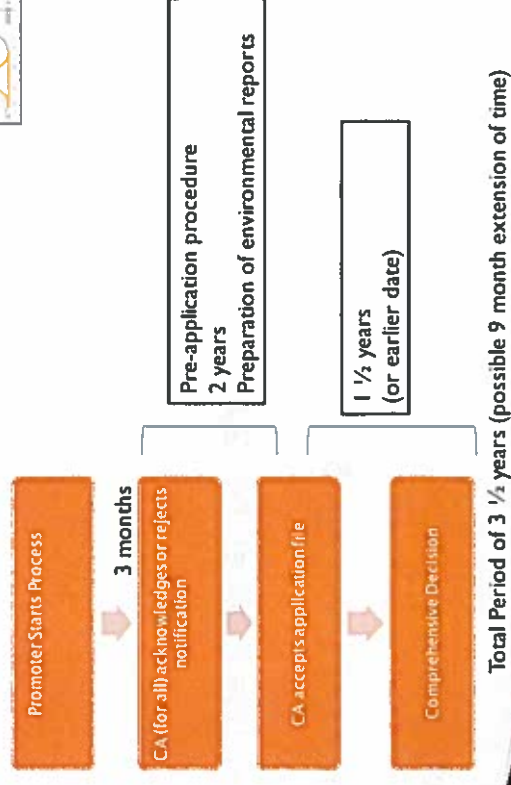
- Trans-European Energy Infrastructure.
- Directly crosses the border of 2 member states.
- Union list.



PCI and Regulation 347/2013

- To modernise and expand Europe's energy infrastructure.
- Urgently upgrade Europe's energy networks.
- Benefits and obligations.
- An Bord Pleanála designated as Competent Authority in December, 2013.

PCI Process Stages/Duration



N-S Interconnector and Planning Process

- First pre-application consultations.
- First S.I. application.
- EIS scoping case.
- Second pre-application consultations.
- Second S.I. application?



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First Pre-Application Consultations

- Lodged: March, 2007.
- Number of meetings: 5.
- Concluded: December, 2009.

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First Strategic Infrastructure Application

- Lodged: December, 2009.
- Over 900 observations.
- O/H commenced: May, 2010.
- Duration of O/H: 25 days.
- Withdrawn: June, 2010.

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Second Pre-Application Consultations

- Lodged: November, 2010.
- Number of meetings: 5.
- **EIS scoping case** lodged: August, 2013.
- **EIS scoping case** concluded: December, 2013.
- Concluded: February, 2014.

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Northern Ireland Applications

- 2 applications in Northern Ireland.
- Public Inquiry being re-convened.
- Date for PI not known, possibly early 2015.

N-S Interconnector and PCI Process

- Eirgrid notified us of project: 15 January.
- Eirgrid informed project not mature enough to enter process: 15 April.
- Manual of Procedures published 15 May.
- Eirgrid informed transitional provisions of Regulation do not apply: 23 May.
- Eirgrid notified us of project: 3 June.
- Project acknowledged as mature enough to enter process: 2 July.
- Eirgrid submitted Concept for Public Participation: 31 July.

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Public Participation Concept (Next Steps)

- An Bord Pleanála (CA) modifies or approves Concept.
- 3 months for decision (30th October).
- Concept to be published on Eirgrid website.

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PCI Process (Next Steps)

- Scope of Material/Level of Detail of Information to be identified.
- Detailed schedule for permit granting process to be drawn-up.
- Draft application file to be submitted.
- Draft file to be checked for missing information.
- Missing information (if any) to be submitted.
- Application file and report on participation activities to be submitted.

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PCI Process (Final Steps)

- S.I. application to be lodged: O/H, inspector's report.
- Decision to be made on S.I. application.
- If S.I. application approved comprehensive decision to be issued.

