



North-South Interconnector: Public Participation Concept

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Public Participation Concept

- Eirgrid submitted Concept on 31st July.
- An Bord Pleanála (CA) must modify or approve Concept.
- 3 months for decision (30th October).
- Concept to be published on Eirgrid website.

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Public Participation Concept

- Article 9.3 of Regulation 347/2013 requires Concept for Public Participation.
- Concept drawn up by Project Promoter (Eirgrid).
- Must accord with Guidelines (in Regulation) and Procedural Manual.

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Process

- Eirgrid submitted Concept.
- Circulated to S.I. Section for comments.
- Circulated to Northern Ireland for information.
- S.I. Section comments received.
- Concept submitted to Board.

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Manual Requirements

- Data Protection Acts.
- Submissions published on project website.
- Approved/modified Concept published on project website.

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Relevant Articles of Regulation

- Article 9.3 The competent authority shall take into consideration any form of public participation and consultation that took place before the start of the permit granting process, to the extent that such public participation and consultation has fulfilled the requirements of this Article.

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Regulation Requirements

- Guidelines: Concept; Annex VI (4).
- Stakeholders concerned and addressed.
- Measures envisaged: meetings.
- Timeline.
- Human resources.

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Relevant Articles of Regulation

- Article 9.4 At least one public consultation shall be carried out by the project promoter or, where required by national law, by the competent authority before submission of the final complete application to the competent authority pursuant to Article 10(1)(a).

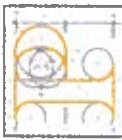
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Concept and Some Outcomes

- 5 Stage Roadmap (page 44).
- Final Re-evaluation Report, Appendix B.
- Line design and access route changes (page 77).
- Addressed issues e.g.booklet addressing EMF and health (page 52).

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Issues

- Does the Concept meet the requirements?
- One further consultation: Article 9.4?
- PCI implications: awareness?
- Leaflet: no more than 15 pages?

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