Implementation of Connection Network Codes

The French process

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Launch of the national implementation of connection Network Codes

A « pilot working group » was put in place in October 2014 by the Ministry, in cooperation with the French Regulator (CRE), in order:

- To assess the impact of RfG on the existing texts governing the connection of generators to the grid
- To list the subjects that have to be discussed with stakeholders and identify their importance for the stakeholders
- To define in which framework the consultation should take place.

A report was presented to the Ministry and the Regulator in March 2015.

A specific committee for discussion and proposals

The report concluded that a specific committee should be put in place to discuss and make proposals on the implementation of RfG on a national level.

This committee **only** addresses the implementation of **RfG**. It started in July 2015.

Feedback on this experience should enable us to decide on the process for following codes. These principles should be consistent.

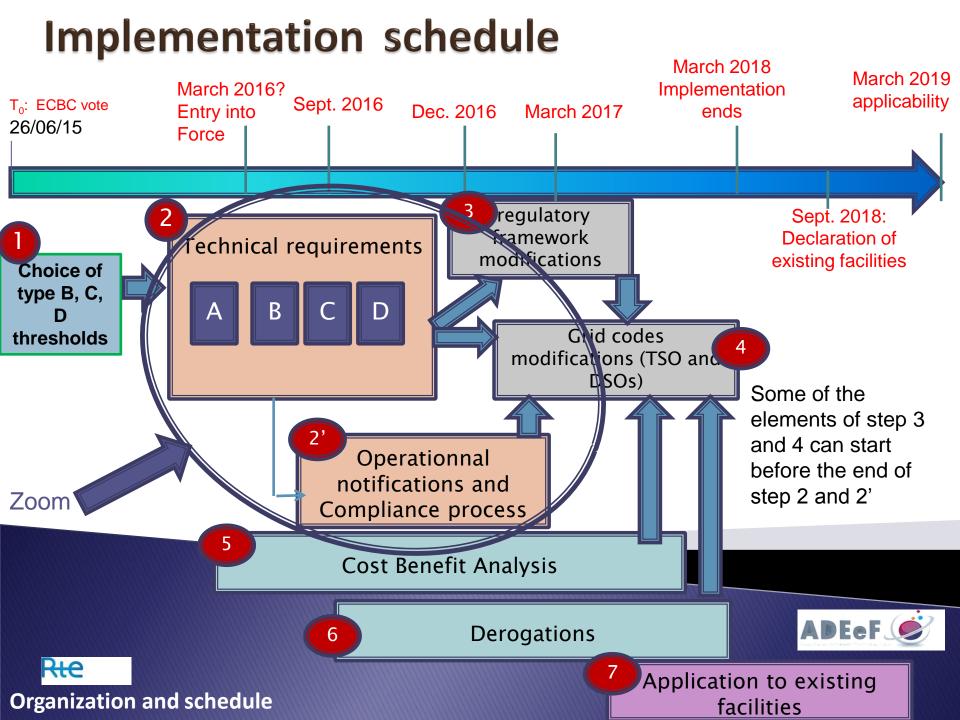
A committee on DCC implementation was put in place in December 2015

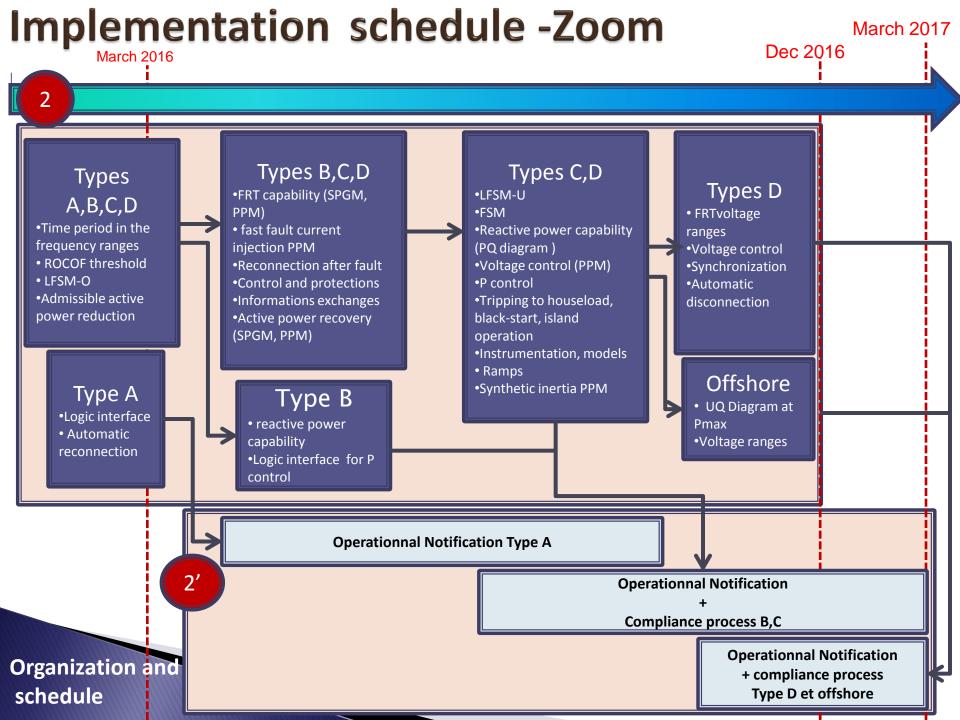
A third one on NC HVDC is expected in March 2016

Key principles

The committee makes proposals on **non-exhaustive and non mandatory requirements** as well as proposals on **methodologies** identified by the « pilot working group ».

Based on these proposals, it will then be up to the **Ministry and/or the Regulator** to decide on these requirements and methodologies.





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Existing framework concerning technical requirements for connection

European Law

Directive 2009/72/CE

National Law

Energy Code

Regulatory Framework **Decrees**

General provisions on technical requirements for connection and their scopes

Arrêtés (Orders) Detailed requirements such as reactive power requirements, FRT capability, compliance monitoring, etc. are defined by Orders

NRA Decisions on connection procedures

TSO and DSOs
Grid Codes

SOs describe the regulatory, technical and contractual conditions to connect facilities to their network. They may also specify technical solutions allowing compliance with the regulatory aspects

Impact on the national documents

Impact of the RfG NC on Decree

Decree

- Today, France has one Decree related to the connection of generators.
- This decree must be revised. For the sake of clarity, an option under discussion is to keep one "all-encompassing Decree".

Option under discussion → A "all-encompassing Decree" which could :

- Include the existing provisions still applicable and take into account new provisions from the RfG Network Code.
- Define which national authority is competent to approve, when needed, requirements from the RfG NC and create the link between provisions which will be defined in Orders, NRA Decisions and Grid Codes.

Impact of the RfG NC on Orders and Grid Codes

Arrêtés (Orders)

- Today, France has Orders defining the technical requirements and compliance monitoring measures per voltage level
- A deep revision will be needed in order to take into account the new provisions from the RfG Network Code (Yet to be determined during Implementation Committee)

TSO and DSOs Grid Codes

- System Operators Grid Codes bringing together a large number of regulatory, technical and contract conditions will be strongly impacted
- A deep revision should be conducted by each System Operator

The Grid Codes should gather RfG NC and national regulations provisions in order to inform customers of all applicable provisions.

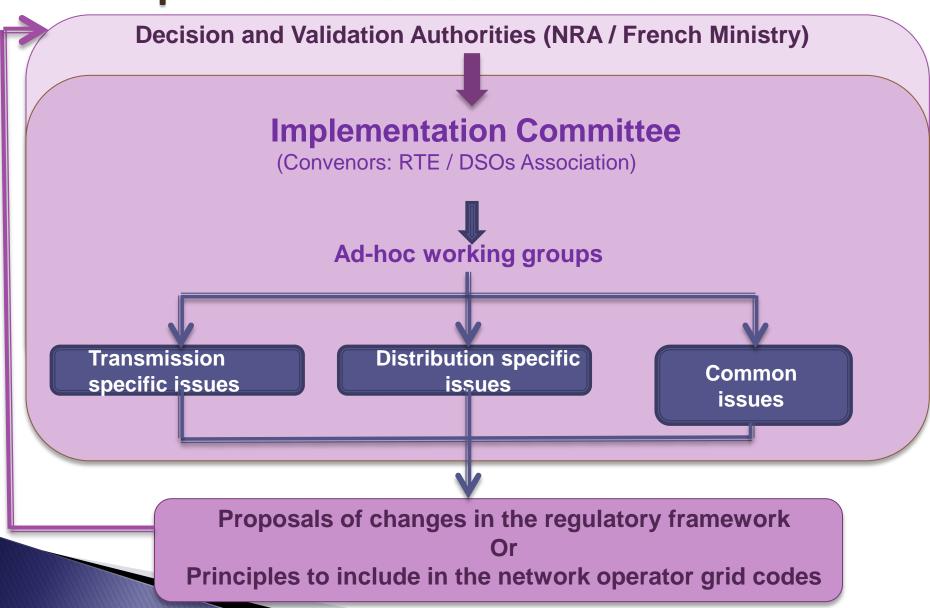
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The Involved Parties

- Stakeholders: generators, associations of generators, manufacturers
- Network operators: the DSOs association, RTE
- the French Energy Ministry and the Regulator.

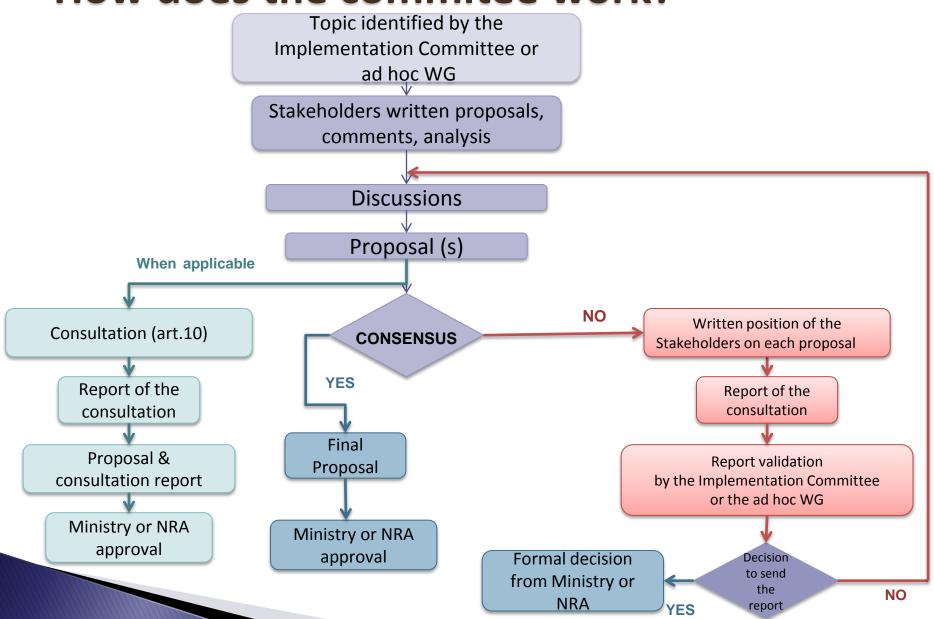
All are involved through the specific Implementation Committee

The Implementation Committee



Roles of the involved parties

How does the commitee work?



Thank you for your attention!