Integrated National Plans and Energy Union Governance

Climate Action Group
Vienna, 5 September 2017
Governance of the Energy Union

"[A] reliable and transparent governance system without any unnecessary administrative burden will be developed to help ensure that the EU meets its energy policy goals [...]"

European Council, October 2014

"The Energy Union also needs an integrated governance and monitoring process, to make sure that energy-related actions at European, regional, national and local level all contribute to the Energy Union's objectives."

Energy Union Strategy, February 2015

"[T]he Commission foresees in 2016 a proposal on streamlining planning and reporting requirements related to climate and energy actions"

State of the Energy Union, November 2015
Objectives of the new approach to Energy Union Governance

Rethink the current system of planning, reporting and monitoring obligations

- Adapt to the 2030 energy and climate targets
- Increase coherence and integration in the energy field
- Increase consistency between the energy and climate fields
- Reduce administrative burden and create efficient regulation

Set a robust and formalised governance process between the Commission and Member States for the implementation of the Energy Union
“The Energy Union needs an integrated governance and monitoring process to make sure that energy-related actions at European, regional, national and local level all contribute to the Energy Union's objectives.”


- Launches the process of national planning
- Explains the main steps from now until 2018
- Clarifies the roles of the MS and COM
Principles and scope of National Plans

**Principles:**

- **Holistic approach** addressing all five dimensions of the Energy Union
- **Preserve** specific elements of existing plans where appropriate and build upon existing national strategies
- **Integrate** national energy and climate objectives and policies
- Greater **coherence and cooperation** among MS’s energy and climate policies
- **Long term predictability** and investor certainty

**Scope:**

Objectives and policies until 2030

- **30 % GHG: Effort Sharing Decision**
- **≥ 27 % Renewable Energy**
- **≥ 27 % Energy Efficiency**
- **15 % Interconnection**

Long-term perspective until 2050

2021 - 2030

2030 - 2050
Integrated National Energy and Climate Plans

PART A
NATIONAL PLANS

1. Overview and Process for Establishing the Plan

PART B
ANALYTICAL BASIS

2. National Objectives and Targets

3. Policies and Measures

4. Current Situation and Reference Projections

5. Impact Assessment of Policies and Measures

ENERGY UNION Dimensions

Decarbonisation

Energy efficiency

Energy security

Internal energy market

R&I and competitiveness
...combined with a functional Governance process

- **Draft National Plans**
  - Commission Recommendations
- **Final National Plans**
  - Commission Recommendations
- **Progress Reports**
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Regional consultations

In the context of State of the Energy Union
Regional Cooperation on National Plans

- **What?**
  - Coordination and cooperation of MS in *developing their energy policies and preparing national plans* (*regional consultations and review*)

- **Why?**
  - To address the *regions’ challenges* in the most secure and cost-effective way
  - To *assess the impact* of national energy policies on neighbouring MS and ways of strengthening regional cooperation
  - To *increase long-term predictability* and investment certainty

- **Which areas?**
  - All five dimensions
  - Development of *new energy resources* and *infrastructures*
NECPs in the Energy Community

Next steps

• Commission proposal for a Recommendation on preparing for the development of integrated national energy and climate plans by the Energy Community Contracting Parties

• Overall structure and principles of national plans can be extended at Energy Community level

• Integrated energy and climate policies and development / adaptations of national plans: role of the Climate Action Group

• Climate change legislation and Energy Community
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Thank you!

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