



Publishing date: 27/06/2016

Document title:

We appreciate your feedback



Please click on the icon to take a 5' online survey  
and provide your feedback about this document

**OPINION OF THE AGENCY FOR THE COOPERATION OF ENERGY  
REGULATORS No 06/2016**

**of 22 June 2016**

**ON THE ENTSO-E ANNUAL REPORT 2015**

THE AGENCY FOR THE COOPERATION OF ENERGY REGULATORS,

HAVING REGARD to Regulation (EC) No 713/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 establishing an Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators<sup>1</sup>, and, in particular, Articles 6(3)(b) and 17(3) thereof,

HAVING REGARD to Regulation (EC) No 714/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 on conditions for access to the network for cross-border exchanges in electricity and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1228/2003<sup>2</sup>, and, in particular, Articles 8(3)(e) and 9(2) thereof,

HAVING REGARD to the favourable opinion of the Board of Regulators of 8 June 2016, delivered pursuant to Article 15(1) of Regulation (EC) No 713/2009,

WHEREAS:

- (1) On 5 April 2016, the European Network of Transmission System Operators for Electricity ('ENTSO-E') submitted its annual report for 2015 (the 'ENTSO-E Annual Report 2015') to the Agency for its opinion. The report is entitled 'Electricity without borders' and, according to ENTSO-E, is intended to highlight ENTSO-E's work in the areas of infrastructure development, market integration and research, development and innovation, whilst placing a special focus on network codes and their implementation.
- (2) Pursuant to Article 6(3)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 713/2009, the Agency shall provide an opinion to ENTSO-E in accordance with the first subparagraph of Article 9(2) of Regulation (EC) No 714/2009 on relevant documents referred to in Article 8(3) of Regulation (EC) No 714/2009. Point (e) of Article 8(3) of Regulation (EC) No 714/2009 refers to an annual report to be adopted by ENTSO-E.
- (3) According to Article 6(3)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 713/2009, the Agency shall take into account for its opinion the objectives of non-discrimination, effective competition and the efficient and secure functioning of the internal market in electricity. Further, the Agency regards it as essential to consider for its opinion the purpose of the annual report. By its nature, such report is to provide transparent information about ENTSO-E's activities. In particular, information about the

---

<sup>1</sup>OJ L 211, 14.8.2009, p. 1.

<sup>2</sup>OJ L 211, 14.8.2009, p. 15.

fulfilment of the various tasks of ENTSO-E under Regulation (EC) No 714/2009 is central,

**HAS ADOPTED THIS OPINION:**

1. The ENTSO-E Annual Report 2015 provides a good overview of ENTSO-E's activities in the year 2015.
2. The ENTSO-E Annual Report 2015 communicates the relevant information in a way that is generally easy to understand for all stakeholders while summarising complex technical issues and concepts succinctly.
3. With regard to conciseness, balancing the level of detail and comprehensiveness which is essential for a clear and transparent account is indeed a challenging task.

In particular it is important that:

- the annual reporting mirrors the activities envisaged in the underlying work programme and explains the purpose and outcome where so relevant (e.g. the ENTSO-E work programme 2014 through December 2015 mentions the year-round project 'Dynamic model of region CE: Custom Controller data validation', whereas the ENTSO-E Annual Report 2015 remains silent on it); and
- the Appendix 'ENTSO-E's work program status' mirrors the granularity of activities presented in the calendar of the underlying work programme (e.g. the ENTSO-E work programme 2014 through December 2015 lists seven activities related to the Ten Year Network Development Plan 2016, i.e. Macro-procedure, Scenarios, Identification of investment needs/common planning studies, CBA studies, Call for 3rd party projects, Interaction with EC and ACER, and Stakeholder engagement, whereas the ENTSO-E Annual Report 2015 groups all these activities in a short description, with relatively limited information on some of them).

Done at Ljubljana on 22 June 2016.

For the Agency:

  
Alberto Pototschnig  
Director



Publishing date: 27/06/2016

Document title:

We appreciate your feedback



Please click on the icon to take a 5' online survey  
and provide your feedback about this document