

IFIEC Europe underlines the urgency of restoring and maintaining global competitiveness of the energy intensive industries in Europe. Energy markets integration can contribute to that goal and IFIEC therefore strongly supports further integration of the electricity market in the EU. This should be realised by making commodity prices converge and stimulating real competition between generators in increasingly large single price zones. For IFIEC Europe, it would therefore be counterproductive to break up already existing price and/or bidding zones into smaller entities.

IFIEC Europe proposes to stimulate market integration by using the following means:

- Make the optimal use of the existing interconnectors through improved capacity calculation and allocation methods;
- Where congestions occur frequently, invest in additional interconnector capacities, wherever economically justified;
- Where congestions become the exception, cross-border re-dispatching techniques can be applied when beneficiary for consumers and economically justified;
- Stimulate price convergence by aligning pricing and border allocation mechanisms.