



Electricity Stakeholder Committee – Grid Connection Codes

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NC/GL Amendment process

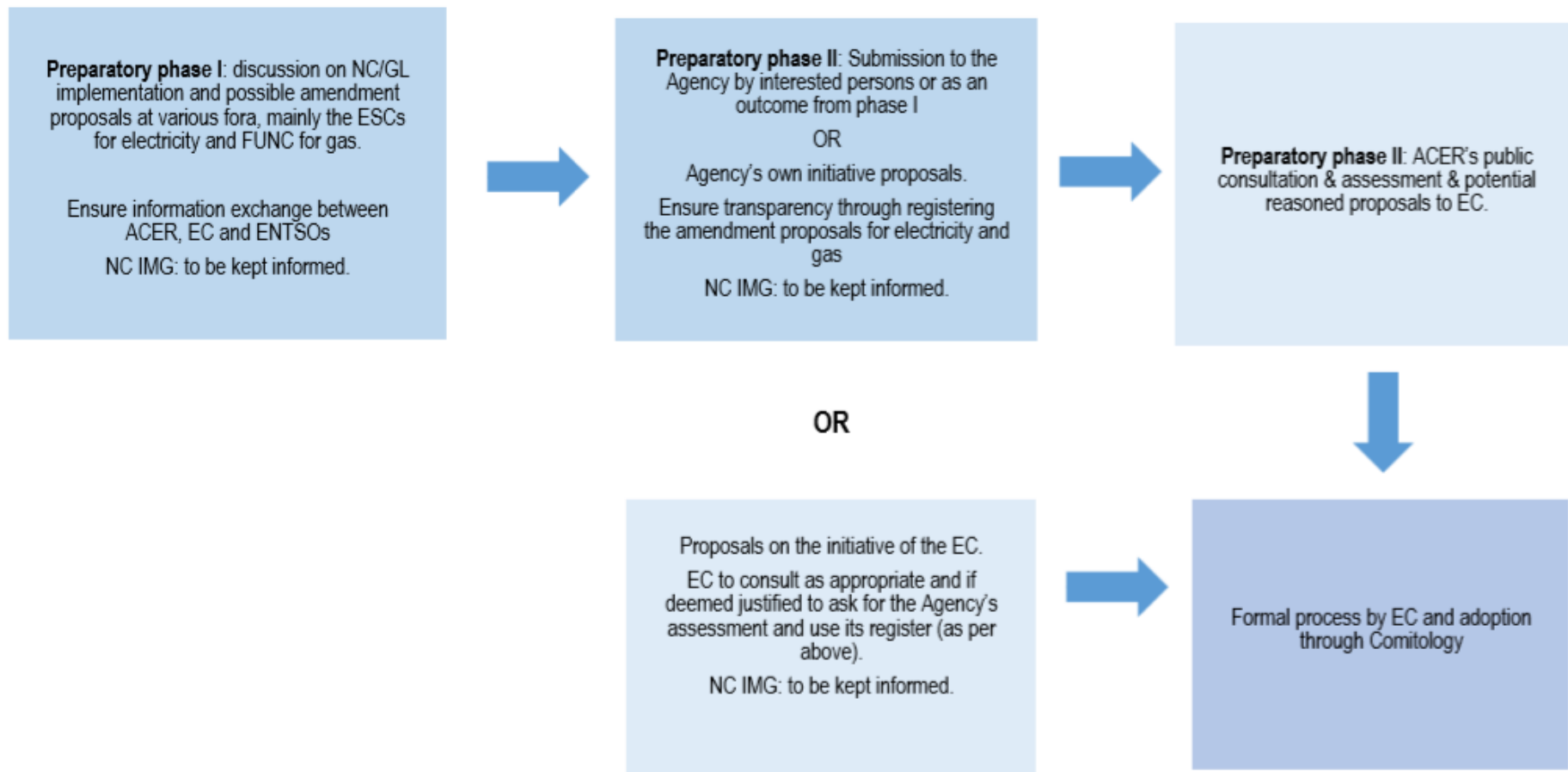


Network Code Amendment Process

Key principles

- Respect roles and responsibilities of the parties as set out in the legislation in order to ensure legitimacy and accountability
- Amendment process should not necessarily replicate the formal development process
- Transparency and public consultation is vital
- To the appropriate extent, the preparatory stages should apply to both NCs and GLs
- Process should be as simple as possible, avoiding unnecessary delays. Priority and urgency can be reviewed at any stage
- Regular reporting to the IMG to track progress and avoid bottlenecks

Network Codes & Guidelines Amendment Process



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- Key evaluation criteria for the Agency during Preparatory Phase II is available in Annex 2 of the Informal Guidance note
- The Agency will review proposals on a flexible basis (not a predefined rhythm)
- Amendments will be grouped where useful and appropriate

For the full document outlining the process for electricity & gas NCs & GLs and to stay up to date with IMG meetings:

<https://ec.europa.eu/energy/en/topics/markets-and-consumers/wholesale-market/network-code-implementation-and-monitoring-group>

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Response to stakeholder letter about industry concerns regarding RfG



Response to Industry concerns about National RfG Implementation

Issue & Background

- A letter was circulated at the last ESC (March 2019) regarding industry concerns about national implementation of the RfG that had been sent to the EC and ACER.
- The concern was that not all requirements to be proposed by SOs and approved by Regulators had been published at national level, thereby hampering the ability of industry to comply.
- The EC recognises the timing gap in the legislation which had been discussed by Member States before they voted in comitology.
- ACER worked with Regulators last year on mitigation actions. As a result, the majority adopted a common approach whereby PGMs connected before 27th April 2019 are subject to old requirements.

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2019 Actions & Follow up

- At the March 2019 ESC, ACER presented preliminary results on RfG implementation monitoring, incl. certification & validation processes.
- Regulators are responsible to ensure the compliance of SOs with the RfG and to ensure that issues are sufficiently addressed, ACER discussed the following with Regulators at the AEWG in April:
 - to what extent stakeholders are affected due to non-existent connection requirements, the potential lack of equipment certificates and/or the legal framework for certification of power plants
 - liaising with the national decision makers, SOs & stakeholders to determine necessary mitigation actions
 - Any actions needed in accordance with competences to determine the existing units (Article 4.2 of RfG) or issue derogations.
- The letter requested that the EC amends the RfG. The EC view is that this would not be a practical approach as legislative measures take time to be proposed, consulted on, voted on and enter into force. We believe that ACER's actions will provide the timeliest possibility to address the issues.



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