

ACER Announcement: the Agency invites stakeholders to respond to electricity tariff harmonisation scoping survey and to register for a stakeholder workshop

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Rules regarding harmonised electricity transmission tariff structures were identified as a priority matter in Commission Decision 2014/713/EU¹ on the establishment of the annual priority lists for the development of network codes and guidelines for 2015². The Decision notes a scoping activity by Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators ('the Agency') to prepare framework guideline.

The Agency included the tariff scoping activity in its 2015 Work Programme and has recently commenced the activity. As part of this, the Agency has appointed Cambridge Economic Policy Associates (CEPA) to conduct a study on 'Scoping towards potential harmonisation of electricity transmission tariff structures'. The purpose of the study is to inform the Agency's considerations in relation to transmission tariff structure harmonisation by assessing whether increased harmonisation across all the Members States would be beneficial, and if so, recommending the most appropriate policy options to the Agency.

To gather evidence and inform an assessment of actual or potential overarching issues with current electricity transmission tariff structures across Member States, **the Agency has asked CEPA consultants to undertake a stakeholder survey in each Member State and Norway.** CEPA will send the questionnaire to stakeholders during the week commencing 2 February 2015. The Agency strongly encourages stakeholders to respond to the survey. Deadline to respond to CEPA is 27 February 2015. Those stakeholders who have not been directly invited to participate in the survey but wish to do so should contact <u>electricity@acer.europa.eu</u>

To further facilitate the activity, **the Agency will host a stakeholder workshop in Ljubljana in the afternoon of 24 March 2015 (indicatively from 12:00 to 16:00).** Stakeholders are invited to register by 10 March 2015. Please visit the workshop webpage <u>here</u> for registration. Agenda and further information about the event will be made available in advance of the workshop.

¹ <u>http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=uriserv:OJ.L_.2014.296.01.0028.01.ENG</u>

² Article 1.