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Transmission infrastructure is essential to integrate diversified regional energy profiles



Geographic specialization in different production technologies calls for stronger and smarter Transmission Infrastructures



Transmission plays a key role in all the pathways towards a decarbonised power sector

- Incorporating large shares of intermittent renewables without loss of reliability and without excessive back-up costs requires significant increases in transmission capacity between geographic areas.
- Inter-regional demand and supply sharing will play an increasing role: sharing of resources and reserves brings down the backup generation capacity required and the costs of balancing services in the EU27 by 35-40%.
- Inter-regional transmission capacity in the EU27 will need to more than double to achieve a decarbonised power sector towards 2050. Upgrade of Iberia - France interconnections is crucial.



Strong CAPEX in transmission is needed to avoid excessive costs in the decarbonisation of the power sector





Natural Gas infrastructures will play a key role in the transition towards decarbonisation

- Natural Gas will play a large and crucial role in the transition.
- Most of the required backup capacity will come from NG plants (CCGT and OCGT).
- Two other issues are in order: energy storage and CCS infrastructures.
- Energy storage is needed for balancing RES supply with energy demand. Underground storage assets will play an important role.
- CCS infrastructures will have to be built to reconcile a decarbonised power sector with the use of existing fossil resources.



Development of Interconnections has contributed to price convergence between Spain and Portugal



✓ PT – SP electricity interconnection

Current	1200 to 1800 MW	14% of peak load
2014	3000 MW	25% of peak load

 ✓ SP – FR Interconnection corresponds to only 6% of Iberian peak load

Congestion hours (yearly) decreased from 63% in 2008 to 25% in 2009 and 21% in 2010



An extreme episode: December 17 2009 A 80% drop in wind power during 8 hours



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Leveraging on REN's strengths

REN is an energy utility with a unique profile:

- An integrated TSO with electricity and natural gas infrastructures;
- Located in a geographic region with abundant renewable resources;
- More than half of power production in Portugal comes from RES (hydro and wind);
- A strong quality track record and technical background;
- ✓ Strong skills in the integration of renewables in the energy system.





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Funding of Strategic Infrastructures should be protected from the Sovereign debt crisis

- · The role of the EIB should be increased and its scope enlarged
- · Certain strategic projects need to be risk insured and/or funded through project bonds
- EU subsidies to Energy Highways (Financial Framework beyond 2013)

Regulation must provide the right incentives for investment

- · Convergence of frameworks must be pursued but will take time
- Short term measures are needed: a EU-wide premium to new CAPEX aligned with EU priorities



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Iberian NG hub may support EU Energy Security of Supply policy

- LNG Terminals are an EU alternative entry port for NG
- Development of Underground Storage should be further pursued
- · Reinforcement of France-Spain NG interconnection is mandatory

TSOs play a crucial role in the development of smart grids

- Compressed NG or air storage, coupled with OCGT to return power to the system
- Hydro pump storage for ancillary services
- · Real time data gathering all over the network for system management
- Integration of decentralized generation and consumption for online system operation

