



CEF-Energy and the Slovak Republic

Energy infrastructure in Europe

- **The EU's energy infrastructure is aging** and in its current state is not suited to match future demand for energy and to ensure security of supply.
- Furthermore, under current market and regulatory conditions **some energy projects are not commercially viable** and would normally be constructed by infrastructure developers.



What is CEF-Energy

- **CEF-Energy is designed to address factors behind the investment gap in the energy sector.**
- It is a EU financial instrument set by **Regulation (EU) No 1316/2013** establishing the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) to help project promoters to access the necessary financing for their projects.
- A **total budget of €5.35 billion** is available for energy projects for the **2014-2020 period.**
- A **proposed budget for the next MFF (2021-2027 period) is €8.65 billion**



Who can apply for CEF-Energy funding

- **Only projects with status of Projects of Common Interest (PCIs) are eligible** to apply for support from CEF-Energy
- Projects of Common Interest are **established by the TEN-E Regulation** (Regulation (EU) No 347/2013 on guidelines for trans-European energy infrastructure)
- Areas covered in PCIs: **electricity, gas, oil and carbon dioxide**
- Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in order to establish **the EU list of Projects of Common Interest**, which is **updated every two years**
- **The Third list of PCIs was approved in November 2017** and is valid from 2017 to 2019
- **It contains 173 projects** – 106 in electricity transmission and storage, 4 in smart grid deployment, 53 in gas, 6 in oil and 4 in cross-border carbon dioxide network

Criteria for Projects of Common Interest

- **Criteria for PCIs are set in Art. 4 of the TEN-E Regulation**
- PCIs have to, inter alia:
 - involve **at least two Member States** by directly crossing the border of two or more Member States;
 - improve **market integration and competitiveness**, e.g. through lifting the isolation of at least one Member State and reducing energy infrastructure bottlenecks;
 - improve **sustainability**, e.g. through the integration of renewable energy into the grid and development of smart energy networks;
 - improve **security of supply**, e.g. through appropriate connections and diversification of supply sources, supplying counterparts and routes.

How to apply for CEF-Energy funding

- **Regular calls** for proposals are **published by Innovation & Networks Executive Agency (INEA)**, usually two times per year
- **Applications** are then **evaluated by INEA and the Commission**
- The amount of **funding shall not exceed 50 % of the eligible cost of studies and/or works**
- **In exceptional cases**, the funding rates may be increased to a maximum of **75 %**



PCIs in the Slovak Republic

- **Slovakia has 8 PCIs** on the Third PCI list:
 - Two electricity interconnections Slovakia-Hungary
 - Smart-grid project ACON between Slovakia and the Czech Republic
 - Gas interconnection Slovakia-Poland
 - Increase of the transmission capacity at the Slovakia-Hungary gas interconnection (two projects)
 - Project Eastring – gas pipeline from Bulgaria via Romania and Hungary to Slovakia
 - Bratislava-Schwechat oil pipeline between Slovakia and Austria

PCIs in the Slovak Republic

- **Successful applications for funding in Slovakia:**
 - **Slovak-Polish gas interconnection** – grant for studies €4.6 million in 2014 (50% co-financing)
 - **Two Slovak-Hungarian electricity interconnections** – in total grants for studies €1.5 million in 2015 (50% co-financing)
 - **Slovak-Polish gas interconnection** – grant for works €107.7 million in 2016 (40% co-financing)
 - **Eastring project** – grant for studies €1 million in 2016 (50% co-financing)
- **Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic actively supports project promoters in submissions of PCI proposals and CEF-Energy applications**



Thank you for your
attention

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