

Estonia's positions
EU Transport, Telecommunications and Energy Council
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Regulation for trans-European energy infrastructure and repealing Decision No 1364/2006/EC

Estonia supports the goal of the regulation for trans-European energy infrastructure to integrate the internal market and develop necessary infrastructure.

Regional groups should have sufficient flexibility when drawing up the list of projects of common interest.

The criteria for projects of common interest should prioritise integration of energy markets (especially the peripheral areas), security of supply and diversification of energy sources.

In order to guarantee incentives for private sector to build urgently needed infrastructure of European interest, it is important to enforce measures to regulate electricity imports from third countries along with the measures envisioned in the third package.

It is important to stress that the European financial support contributes significantly to the building of new infrastructure, especially in case of projects that are otherwise not economically feasible.

Estonia supports the Commission's endeavours to simplify authorisation procedures of projects of common interest. The establishment of the so called one-stop-shops should not considerably increase administration burden and cost for smaller countries.

Communication "Security of energy supply and international cooperation - The EU Energy Policy: Engaging with partners beyond our borders"

Estonia supports the adoption of Council conclusions.

It is important that the text of the council conclusions reflects the principle of guaranteeing level playing field for EU power producers vis-à-vis producers outside the European Economic Area.