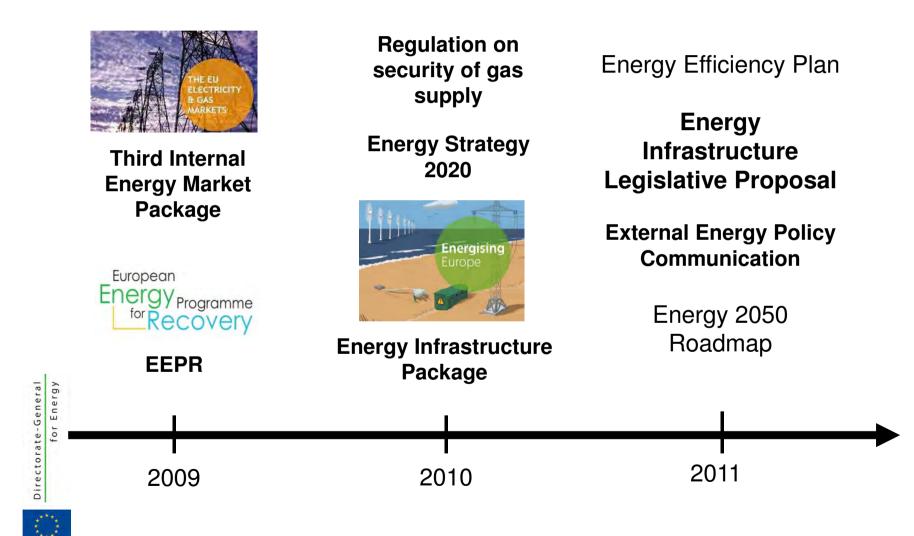


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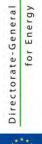
## **Energy policy development**



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### The conclusions:

- endorse the full list of priorities as outlined in the Commission Communication.
- invite the Commission to streamline and improve authorisation procedures, while respecting national competences and procedures.
- ask for particular attention be to paid to tariff setting and appropriate cost allocation for cross-border investment.
- recognise the need for "limited public finance to leverage private funding" for projects justified from a security of supply of solidarity perspective, on the basis of "clear and transparent criteria".







## **Europe**an infrastructures priorities – **electric**ity by 2020

Baltic energy market interconnection plan

Interconnections
) in South West
Europe

Interconnections
in Central-South
East Europe

Offshore grid in the Northern Seas and connection to Northern and Central Europe

Smart grids in the EU

**Electricity highways as** Jónger-term priority

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European infrastructures priorities – gas and oil by 2020

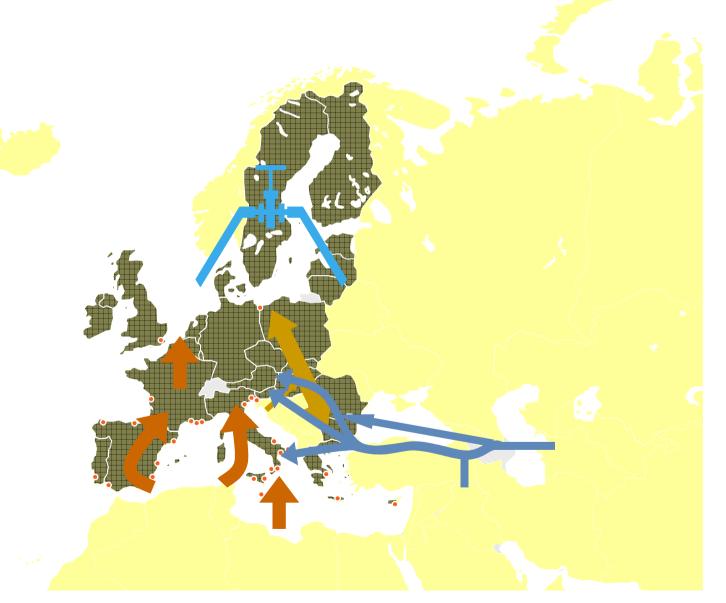
Southern gas corridor

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South-North gas interconnections in Western Europe

North south gas & oil interconnections in Central & South East Europe





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### Way forward – proposals for 2011

#### New EU planning approach

- Planning and selection method including criteria
- » Regional cooperation
- Policy and project support tool

#### Improved cost allocation

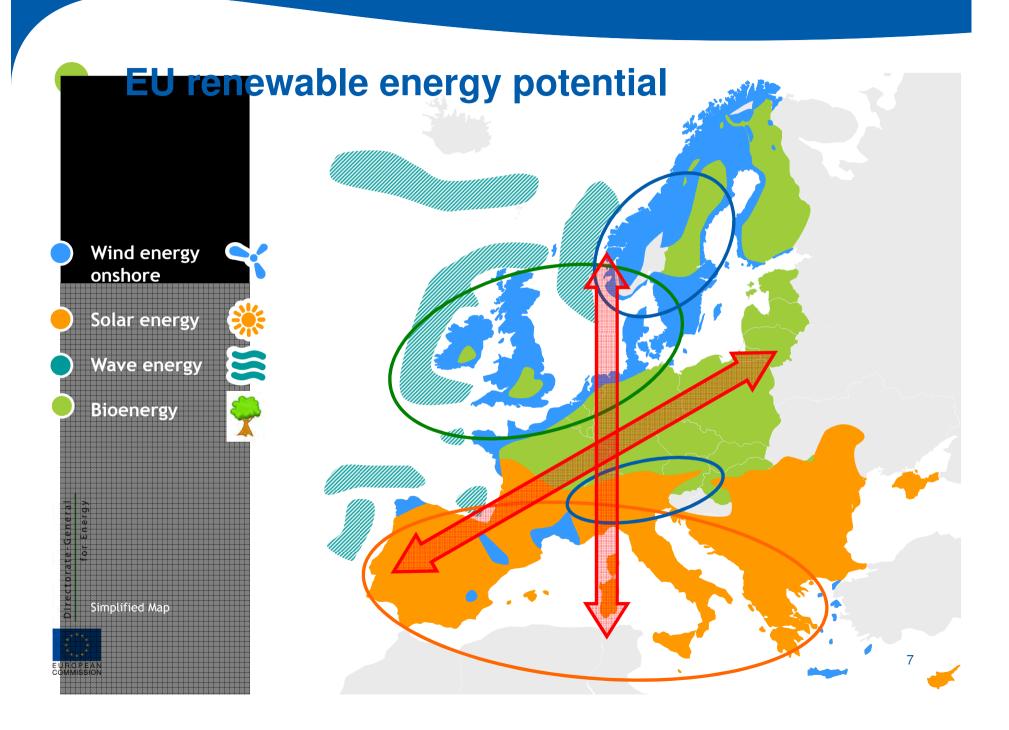
- Effective cost allocation for complex (cross-border) projects (« beneficiary pays » principle)
- Regulation matching risks (innovation) and objective (security of supply) of infrastructure investments

### Financing only where market failure

New financial instruments in cooperation with IFIs and direct EU support if needed

#### Faster and more transparent permit granting procedures

- One-stop shop approach and time limit for decisions
- Transparency and early involvement of stakeholders
- » Compensation harmonisation
- » Rewards/incentives to regions and Member States



## Thank you for your attention!

