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# The integration of the Internal Energy Market in the European Union: recent developments and future challenges

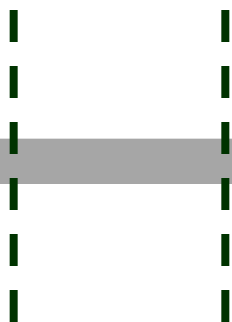
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**Harvard Kennedy School  
Cambridge, MA, 14 April 2015**

# The Third Package Towards the Single Energy Market

**1<sup>st</sup> Package**  
“First common  
rules for the  
internal  
market and  
liberalisation”

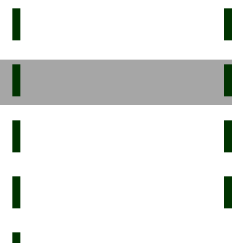
**Partial liberalisation**



**1996 1998**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Package**  
“Speeding up  
liberalisation and  
market integration”

**Full market opening; obligation  
for MSs to establish NRAs  
independent from industry; legal  
& functional unbundling**



**2003 2005**

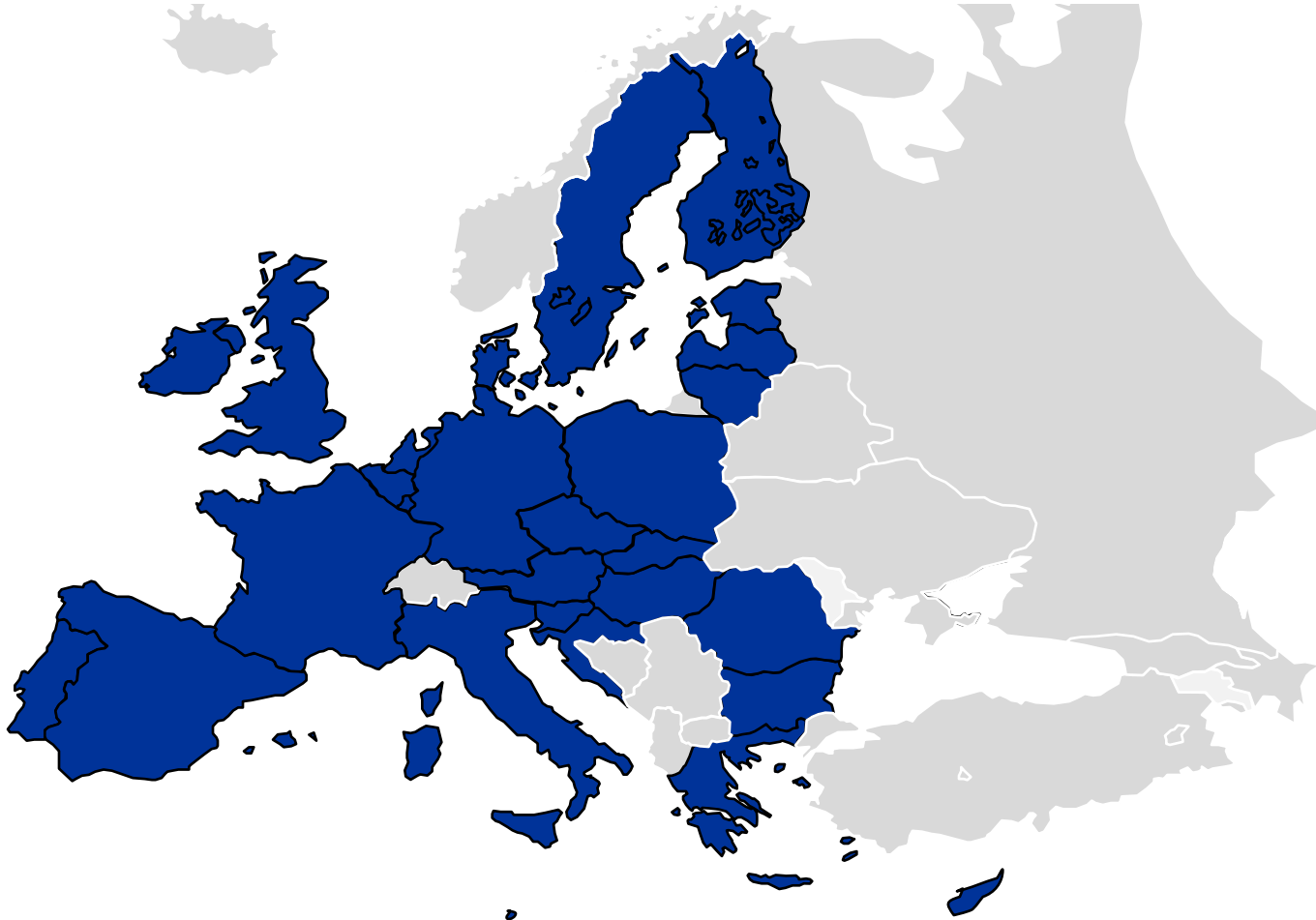
**3<sup>rd</sup> Package**  
“EU-wide Institutional  
and Regulatory  
Framework”

**Reinforcing unbundling  
(including ownership);  
harmonised cross-border  
rules; strengthened NRA  
independence and powers;  
establishment of ACER &  
ENTSOs**

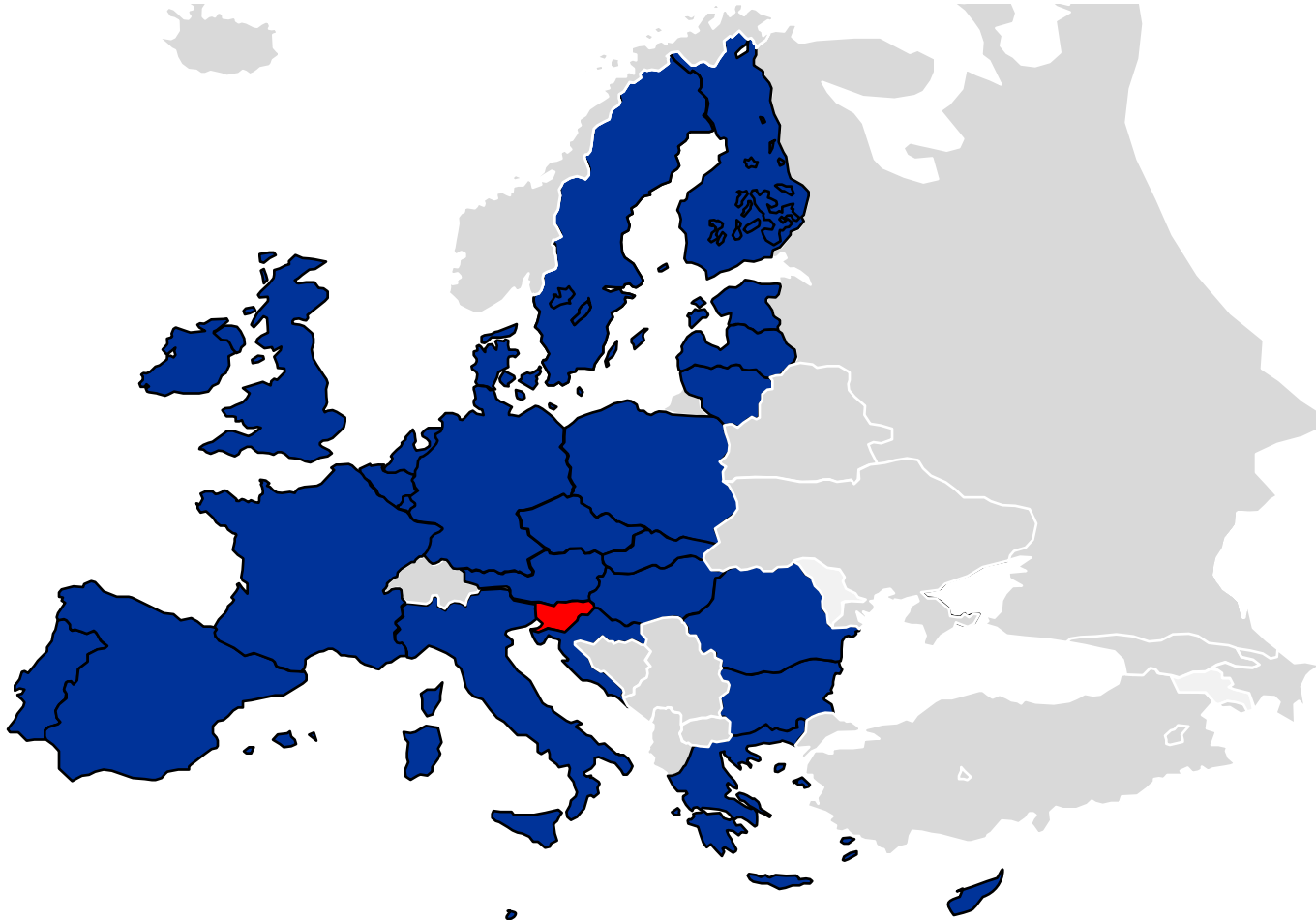


**2009**

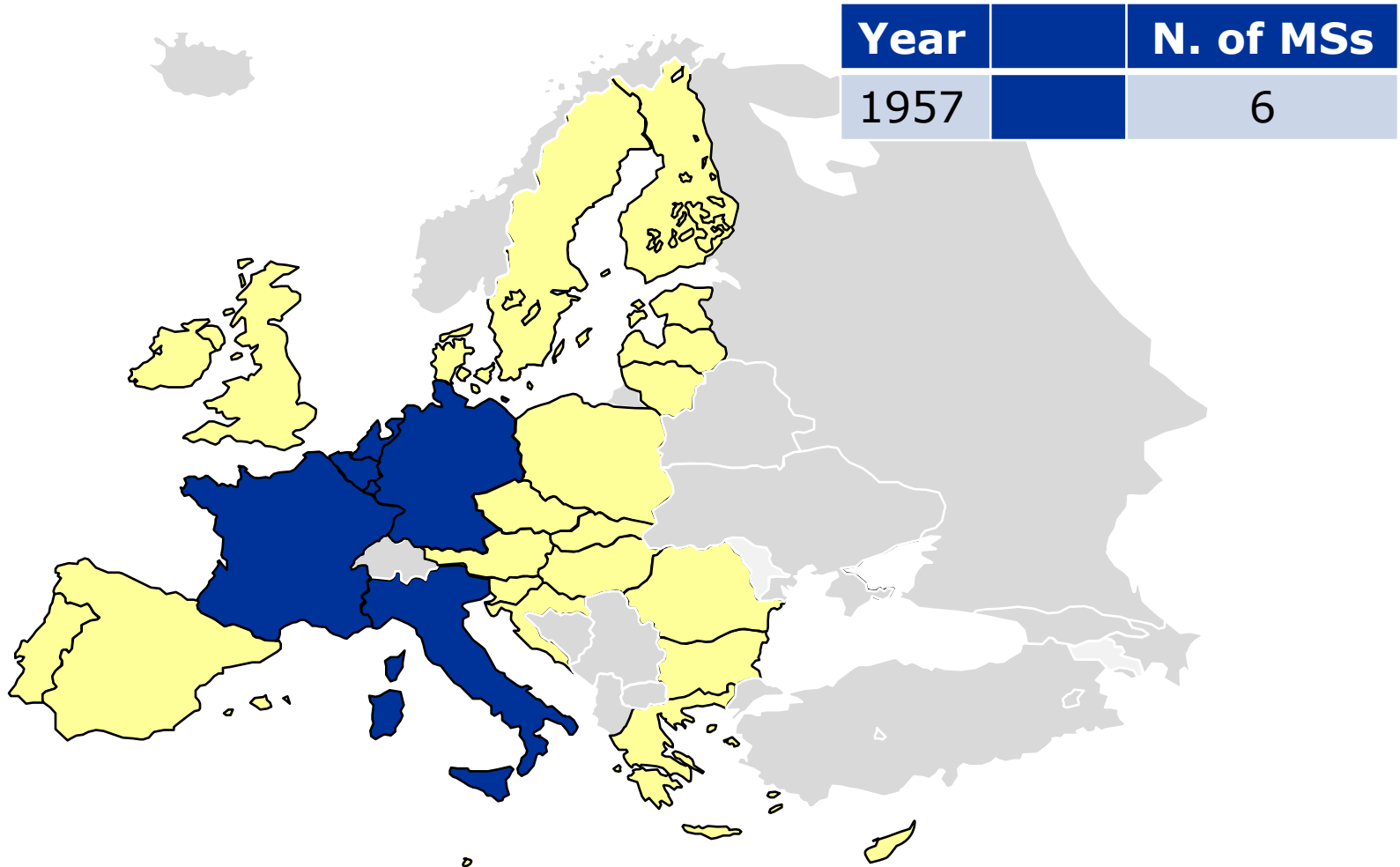
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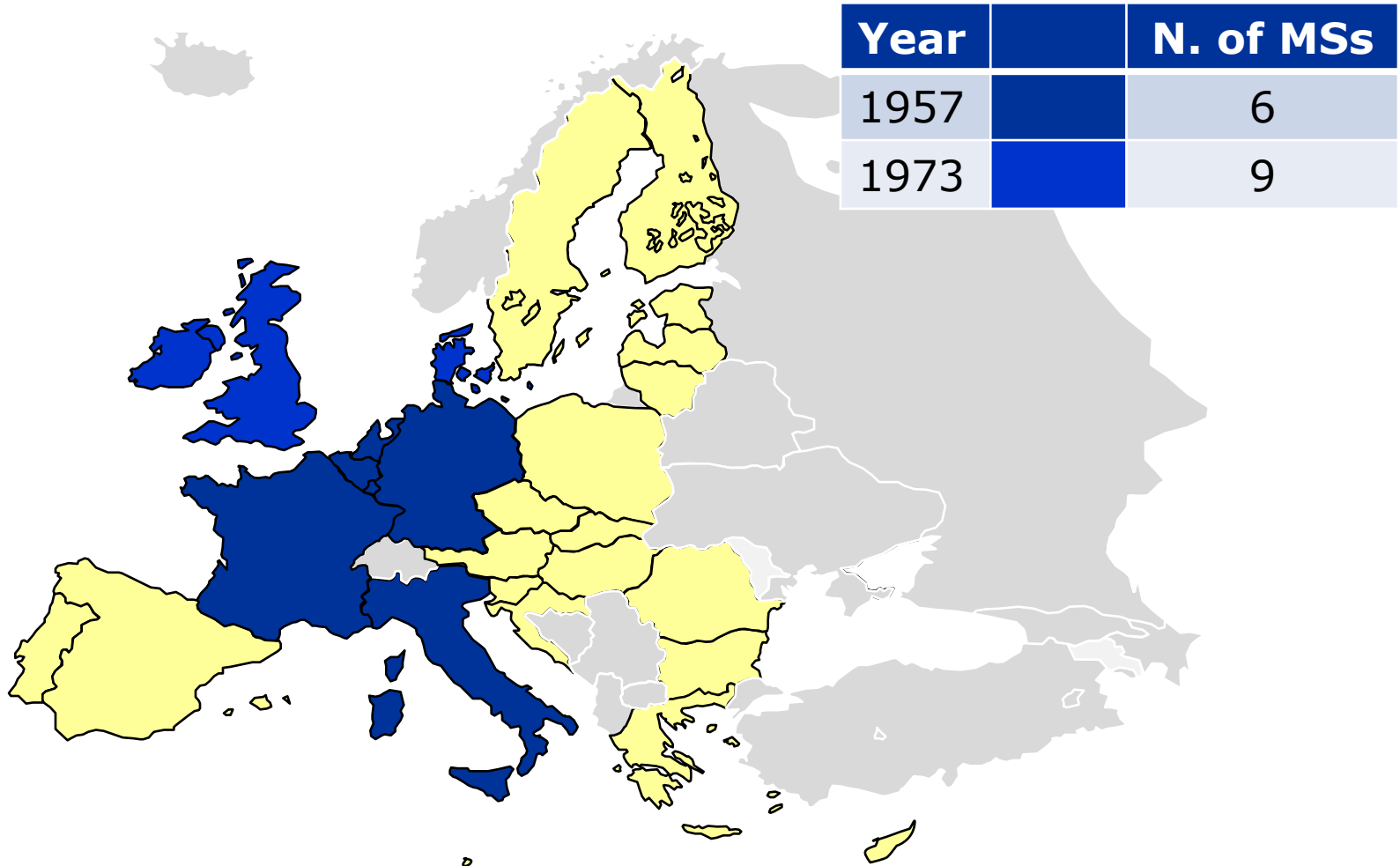
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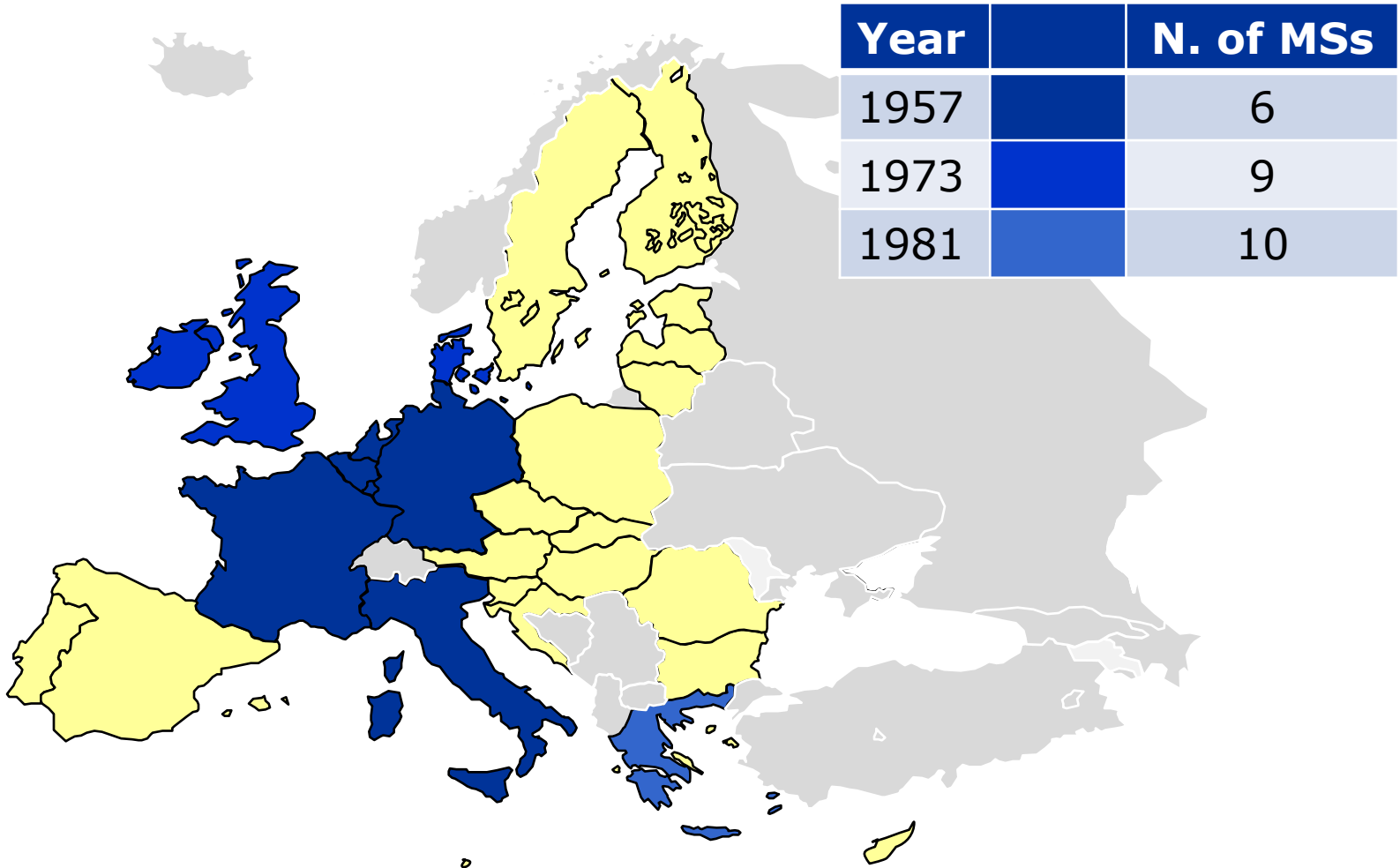
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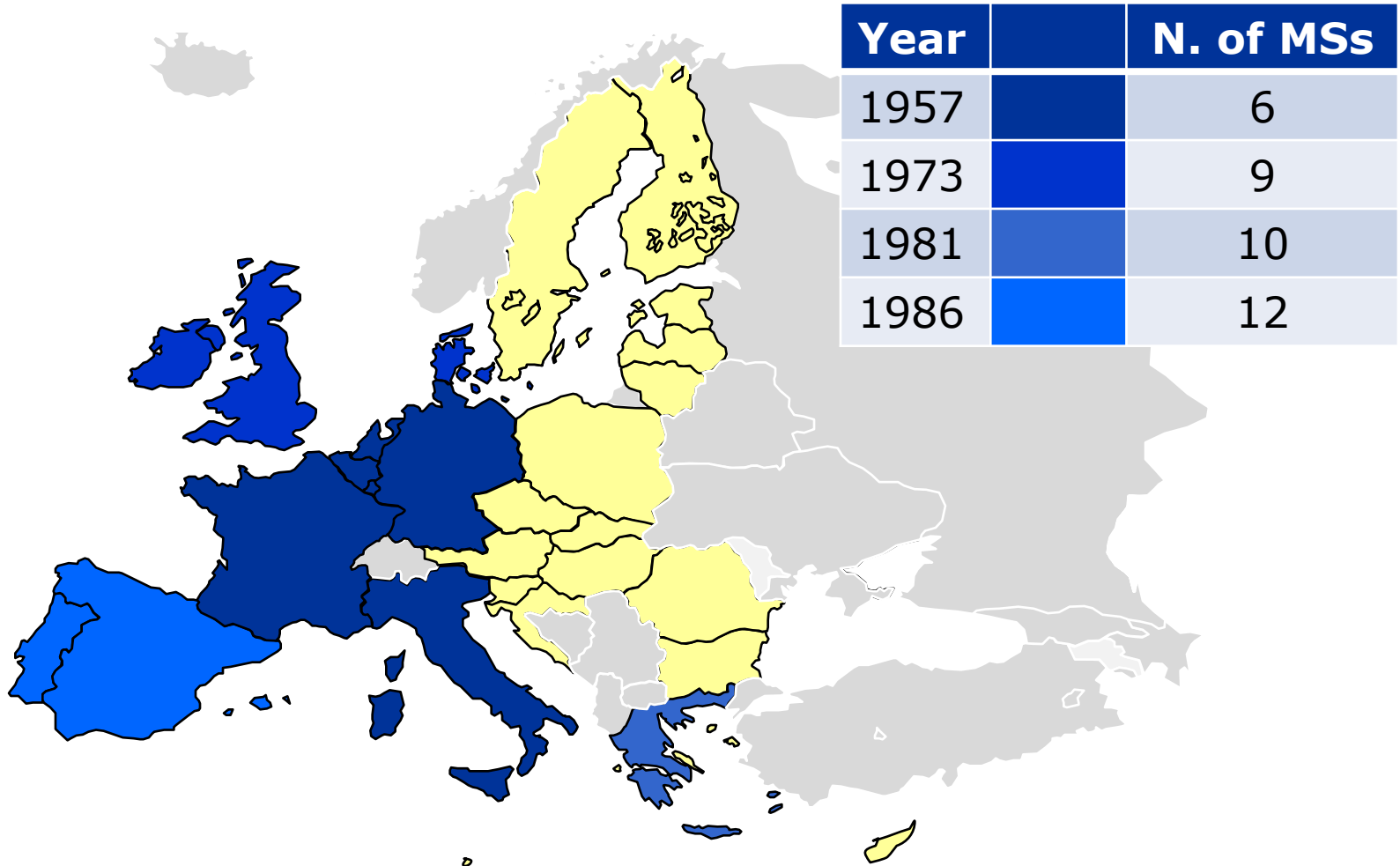
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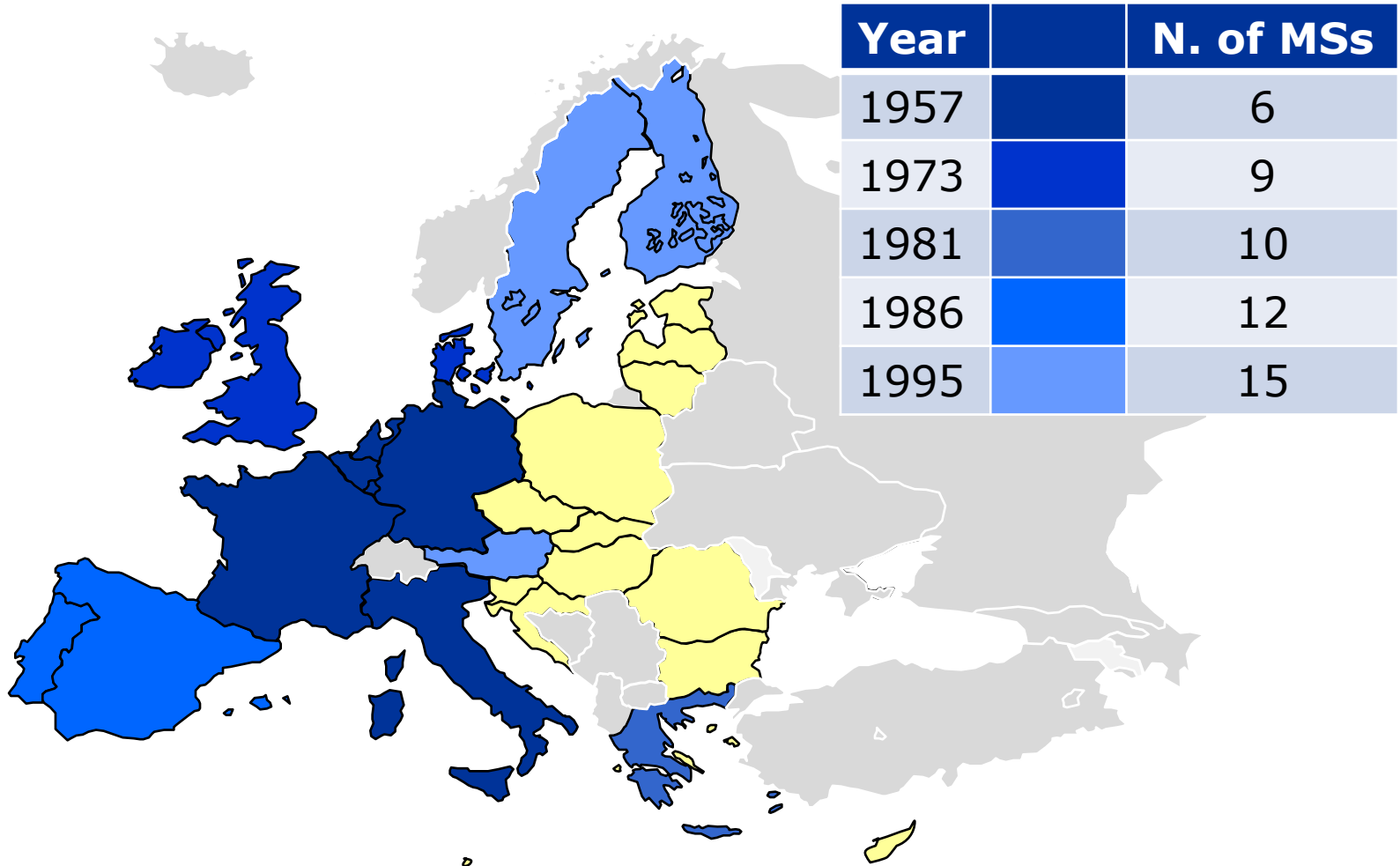


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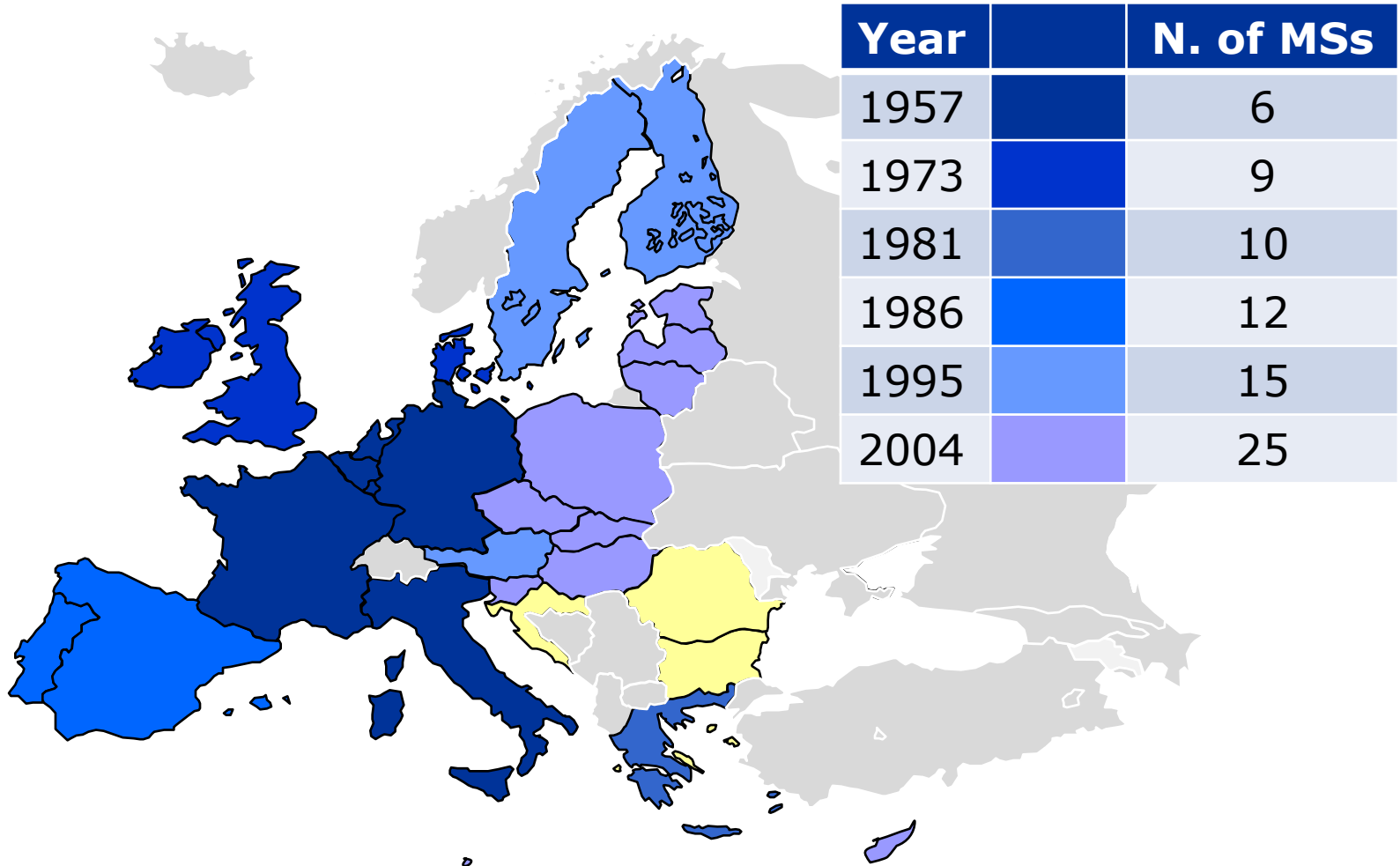




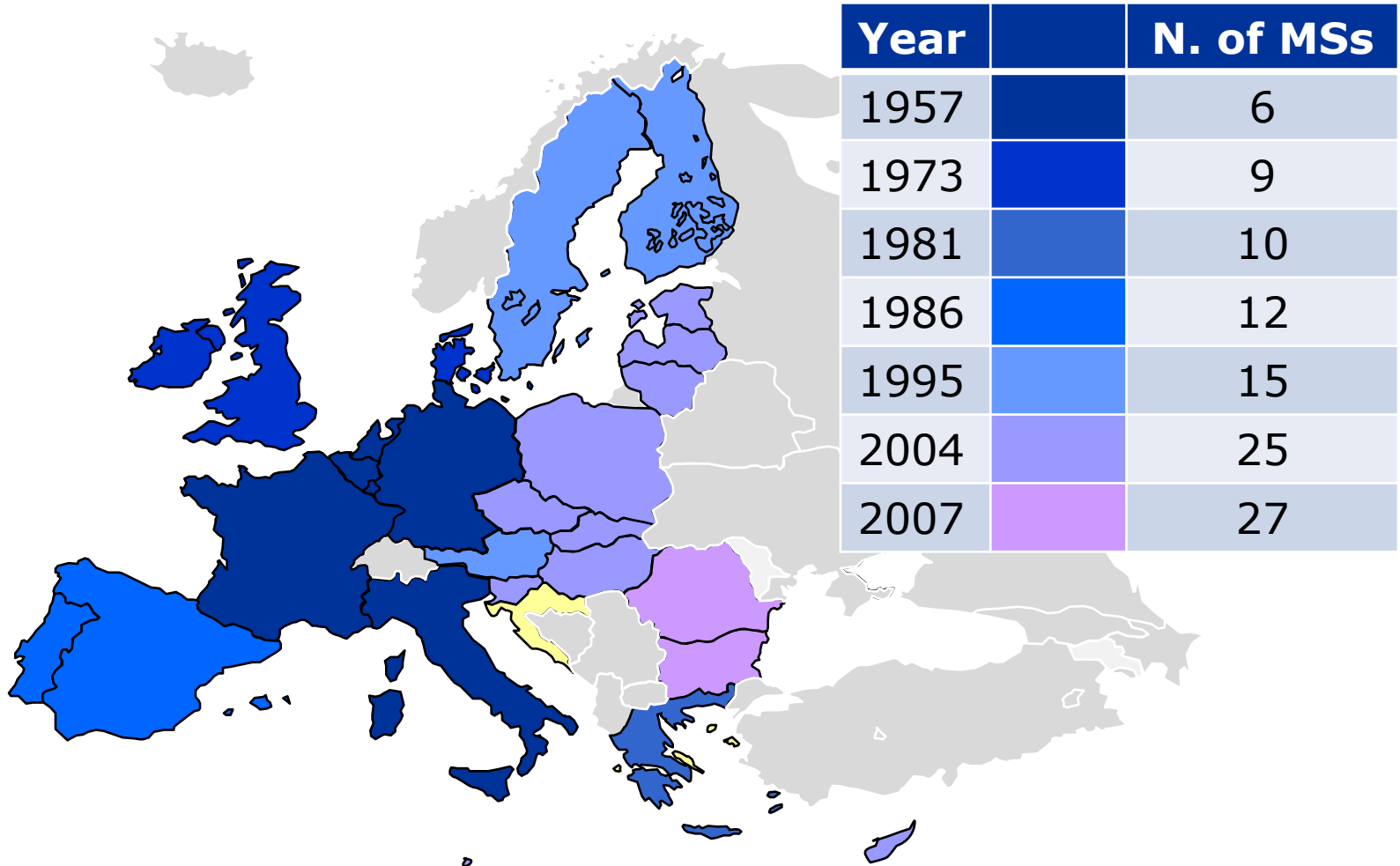
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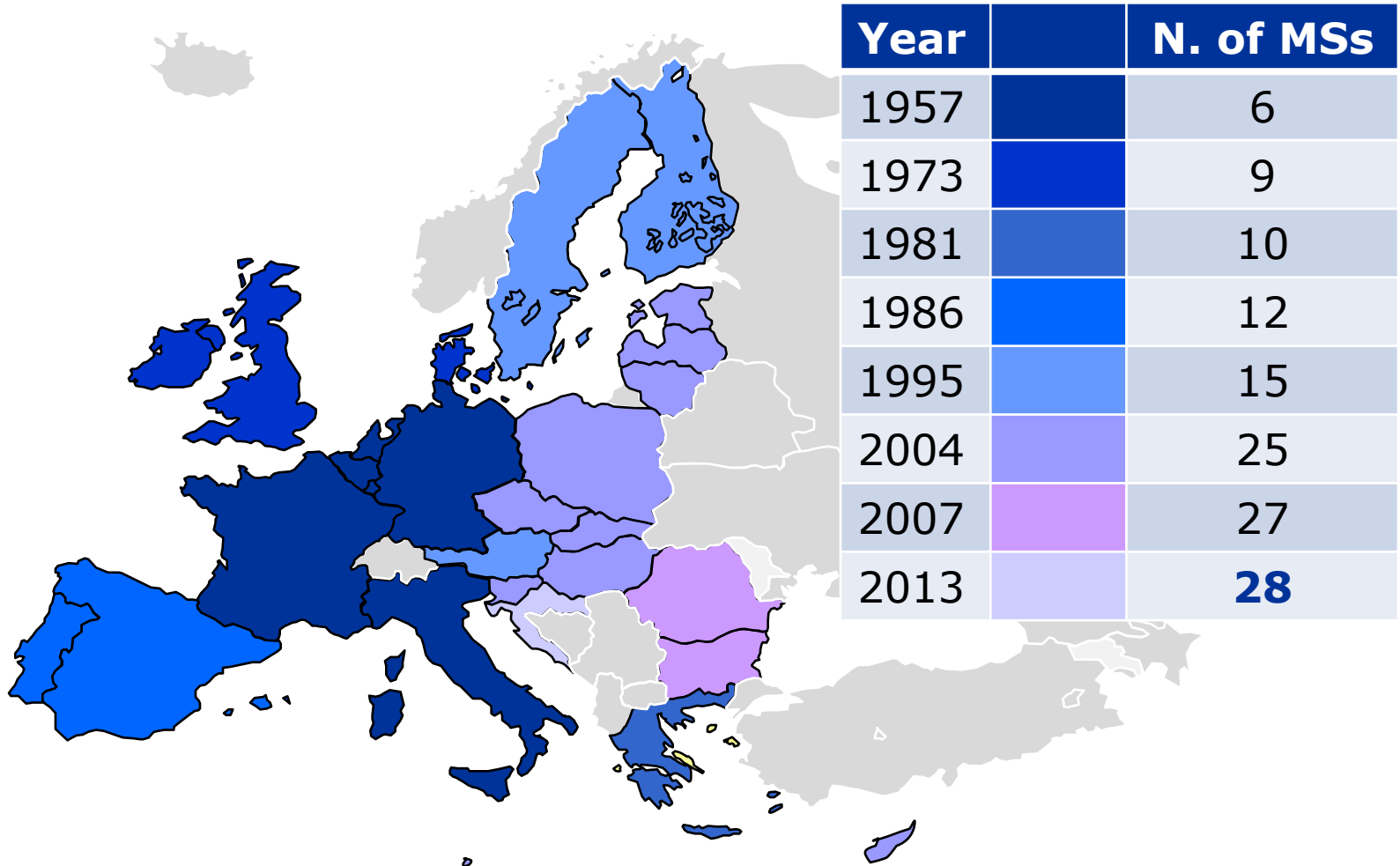
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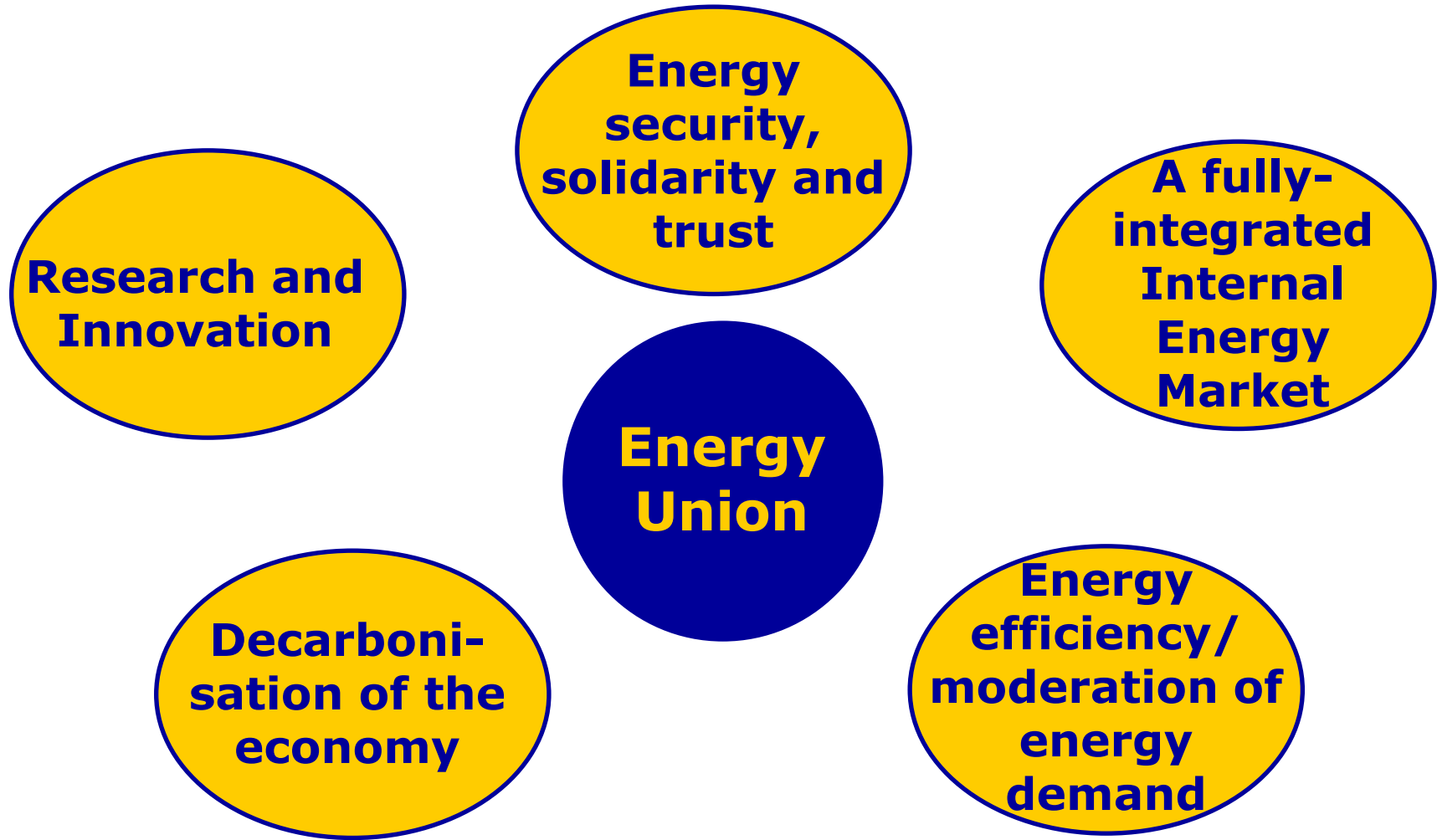
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# President Juncker's Priorities The European Energy Union

- **Pool our resources, combine our infrastructures** and unite our negotiating power vis-à-vis third countries
- **Diversify our energy sources**, and reduce the energy dependency of several of our Member States
- Keep our **European energy market open** to our neighbours. However, if the price for energy from the East becomes too expensive, either in commercial or in political terms, Europe should be able to **switch very swiftly to other supply channels**. We need to be able to **reverse energy flows** when necessary
- Strengthen the share of **renewable energies** on our continent. This is not only a matter of a **responsible climate change policy**.[...] Europe's Energy Union to become the world number one in renewable energies

# The European Energy Union



# EU Energy Policy and Infrastructure

## The Three Pillars

**Infrastructure**

**Sustainability**

**Support the  
penetration of  
renewable  
energy  
sources**

**Competitiveness**

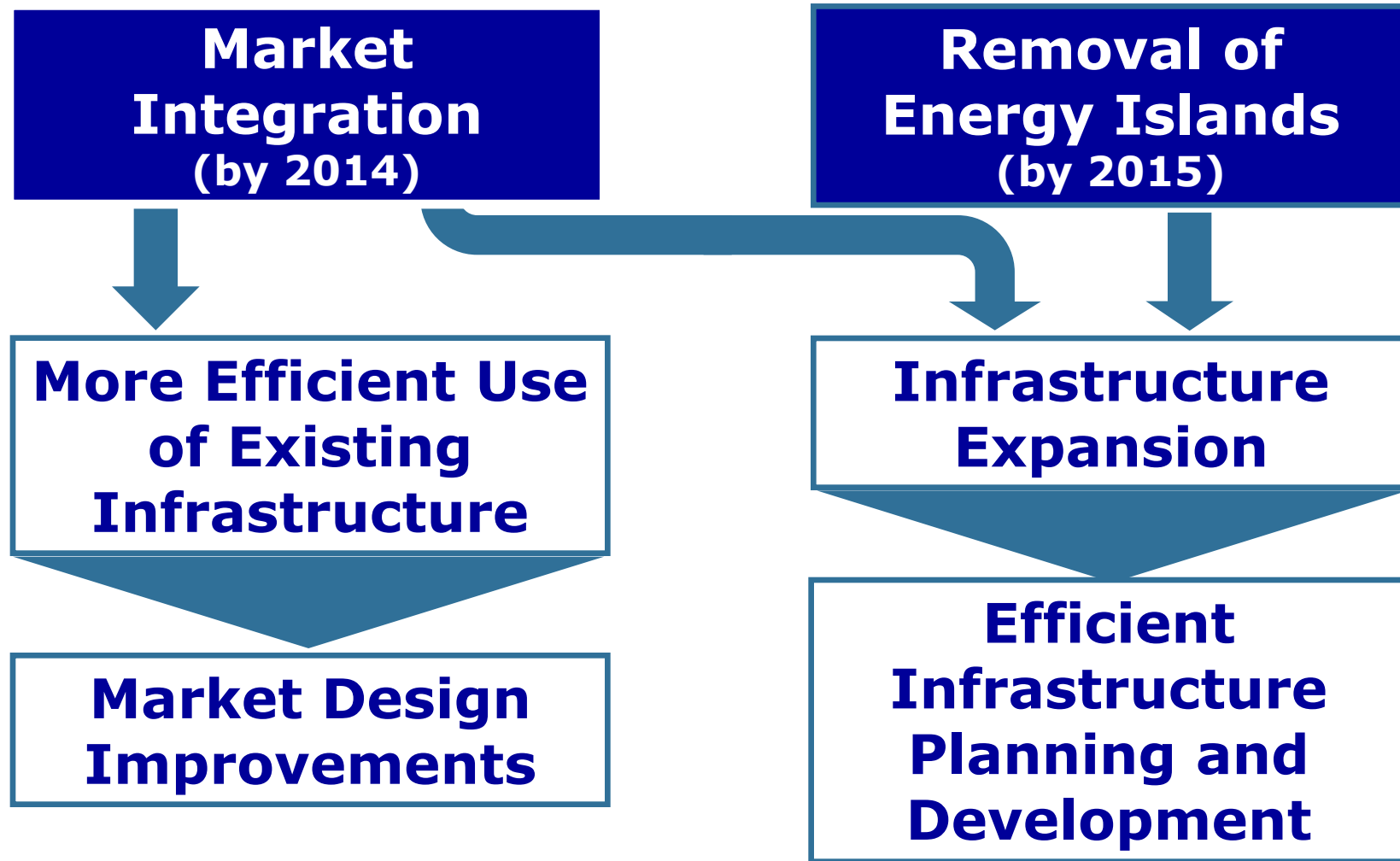
**Support the  
integration of  
the Internal  
Energy  
Market**

**Security of  
Supply**

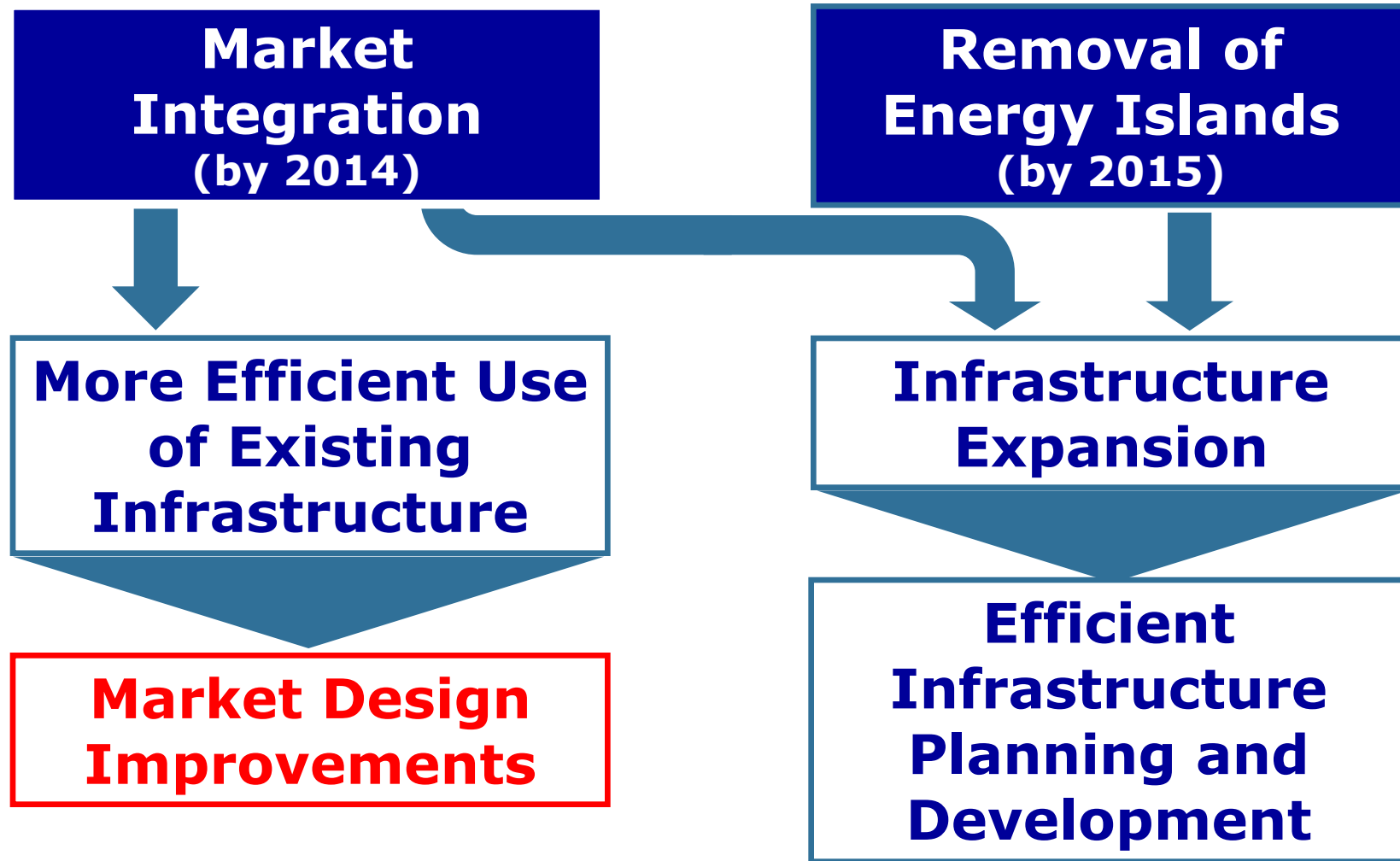
**Support the  
diversification of  
energy sources  
and routes and  
the cross-border  
sharing of  
generation  
capacity**



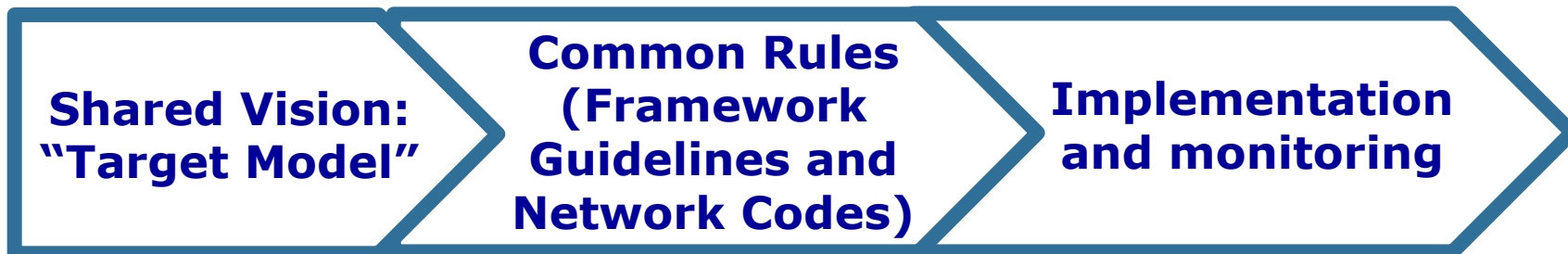
## European Council Conclusions – 4 Feb 2011



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# Completing the Internal Energy Market



**A Parallel Process to deliver tangible benefits to EU energy consumers as soon as possible**

**Formal Framework Guidelines / Network Codes Process**

**Voluntary Early Implementation of the Target Model**

# Framework Guidelines and Network Codes

<b>Framework Guidelines (FG)</b>	<b>Network Codes (NC)</b>
<p>Based on the annual <b>priorities set by the Commission</b></p>	
<p><b>Prepared by ACER</b></p>	<p><b>Drafted by ENTSO-E/ENTSOG</b></p>
<p><b>Non-binding</b></p>	<p>Are made <b>legally binding</b> via  <b>“Comitology”</b></p>
<p>Setting <b>clear and objective principles</b> for  the NCs</p>	<p>Must be  <b>in line with the FG</b></p>

# Framework Guideline and Network Codes

Priority Area	FG adopted by the Agency	NC Status
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## Electricity

Grid Connection	20.07.2011	3 NCs recommended for adoption
Capacity Allocation and Cong. Manag.	29.07.2011	1 NC recommended for adoption 1 NC approved in Comitology
System Operation	02.12.2011	3 NCs recommended for adoption 1 NC being drafted by ENTSO-E
Balancing	18.09.2012	1 NC: the Agency is drafting Recommendation

## Gas

Capacity Allocation	03.08.2011	OJ: 14.10.2013 EiF: 1.11.2015
Balancing	18.10.2011	OJ: 26.03.2014 EiF: 1.10.2015
Interop. & Data Exch.	26.07.2012	1 NC approved in Comitology
Harm. Tariff Struct.	29.11.2013	Reasoned Opinion issued by the Agency. ENTSOE reviewing the NC

# Electricity Capacity Allocation and Congestion Management Cross-regional Roadmaps

... for the early, voluntary implementation of the Target Model

## Day-Ahead

**SINGLE EU PRICE COUPLING**  
to optimise use of existing day-ahead cross-border capacities at EU level

## Intraday

**SINGLE EU CONTINUOUS TRADING**  
with the possibility of auctions

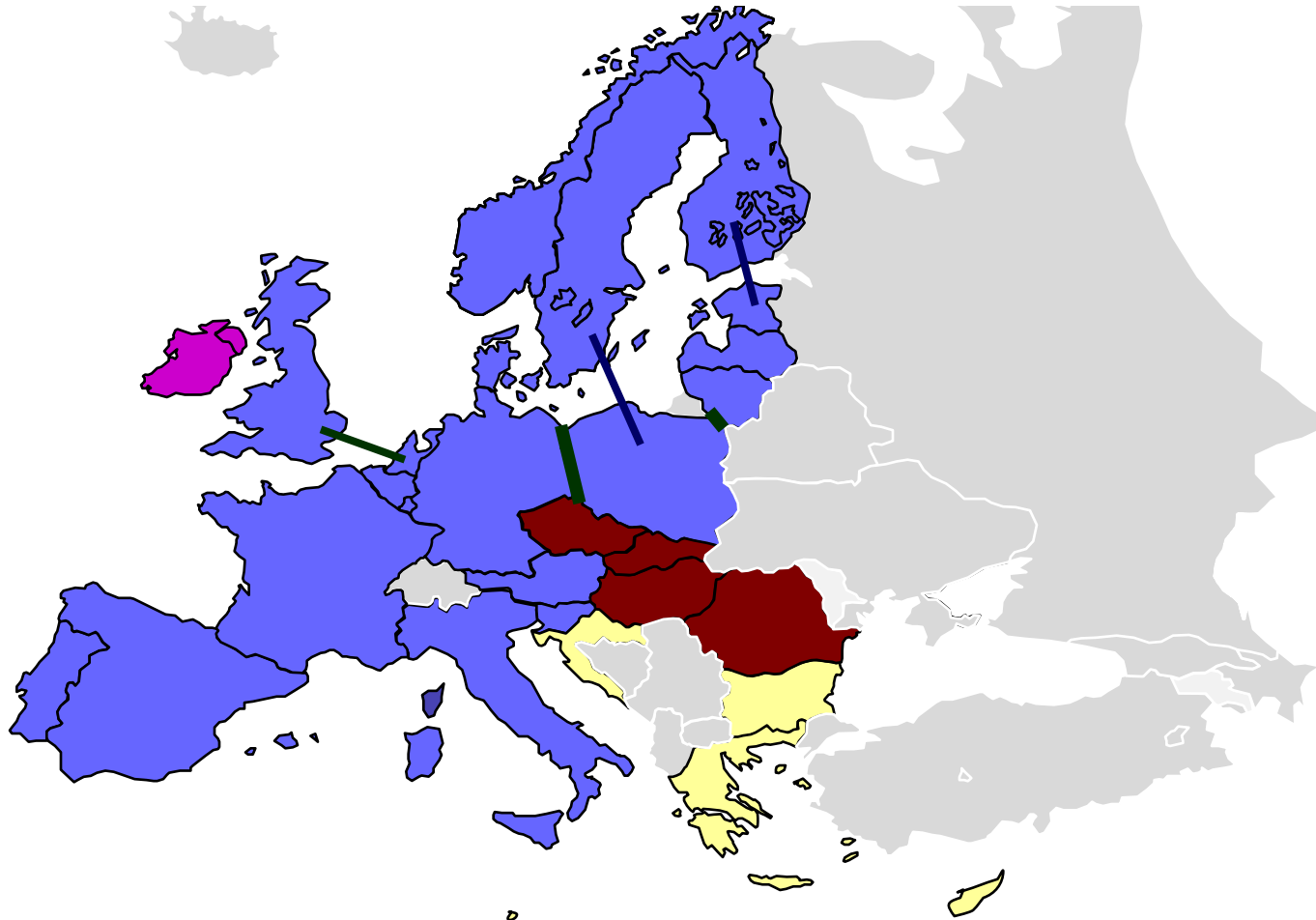
## Long Term

**SINGLE EU ALLOCATION PLATFORM**  
one-stop shop for allocating long-term transmission rights

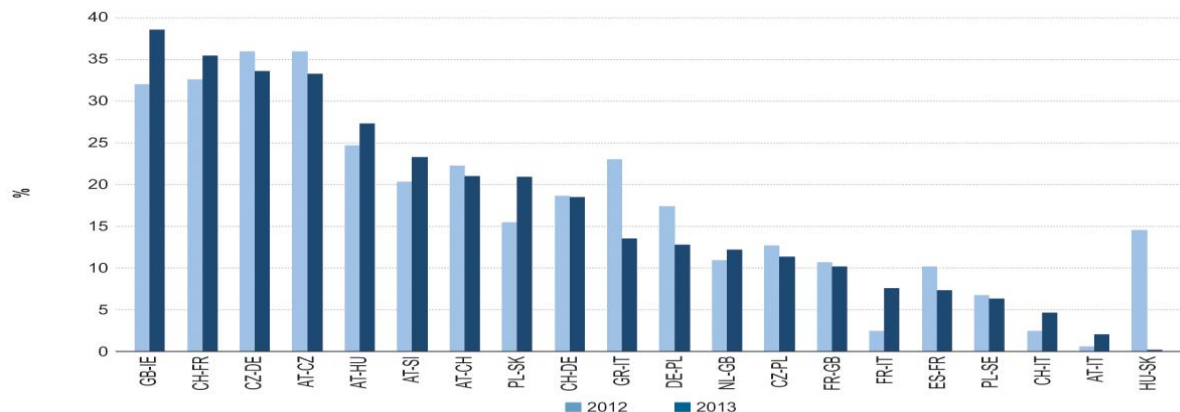
## Capacity Calculation

**FLOW-BASED METHOD**  
to improve network security and the level of available capacity

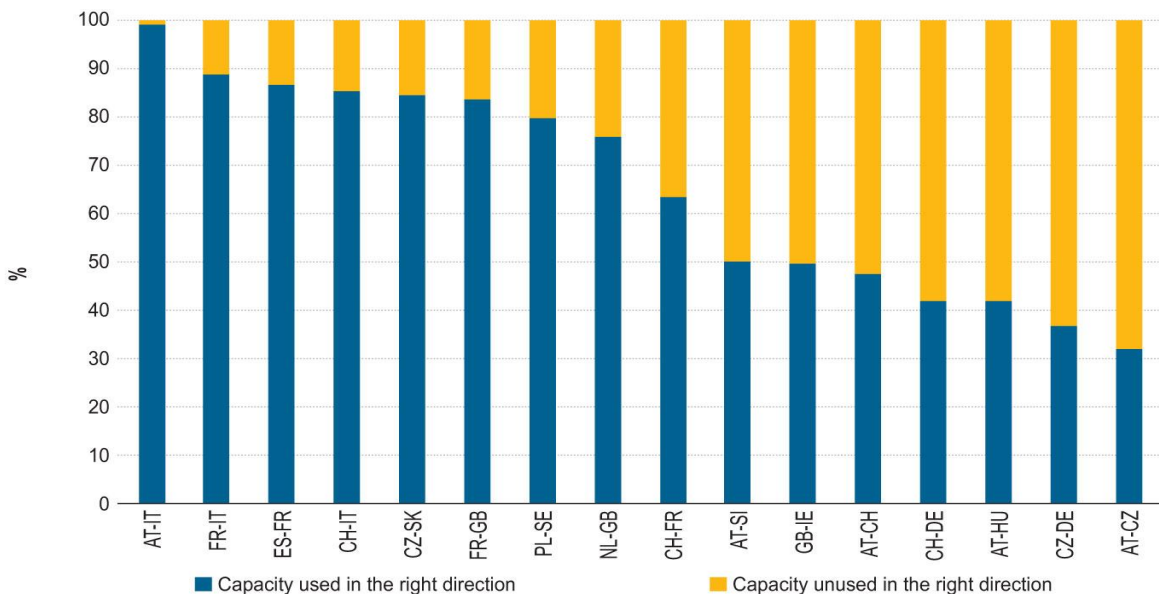
# Electricity Day-Ahead Regional Integration (Market Coupling)



# Wrong-way flows and capacity under-utilisation in electricity cross-border interconnectors persist ...



*Percentage of hours with net day-ahead nominations against price differentials per border – 2012-2013 (%)*



*Percentage of available capacity (NTC) used in the 'right direction' in the presence of a significant price differential, per border – 2013 (%)*



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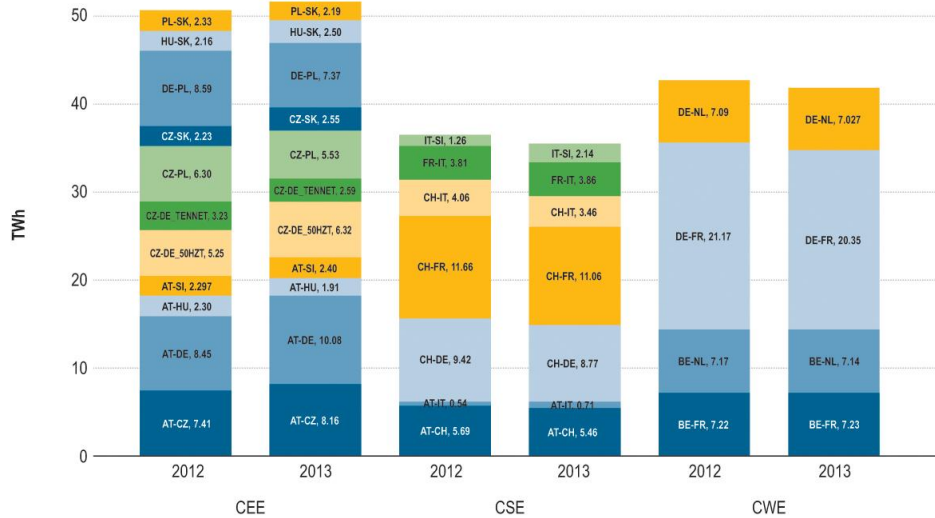
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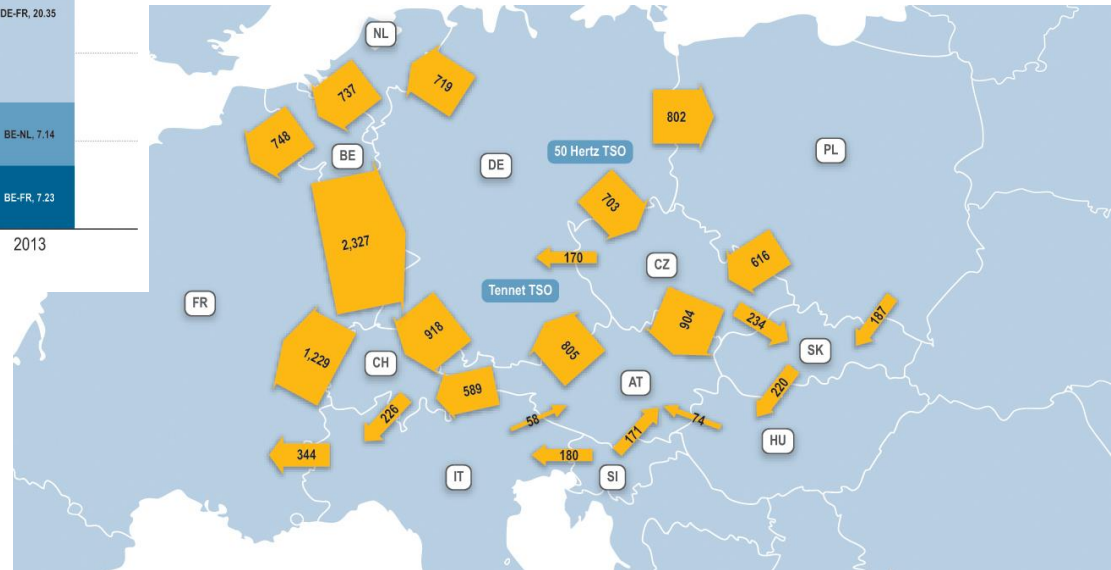
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# Increasing unscheduled flows require solutions and more transparency as they affect network security and cross-border capacity

*Absolute aggregated sum of unscheduled flows for three regions – 2012-2013 (TWh)*



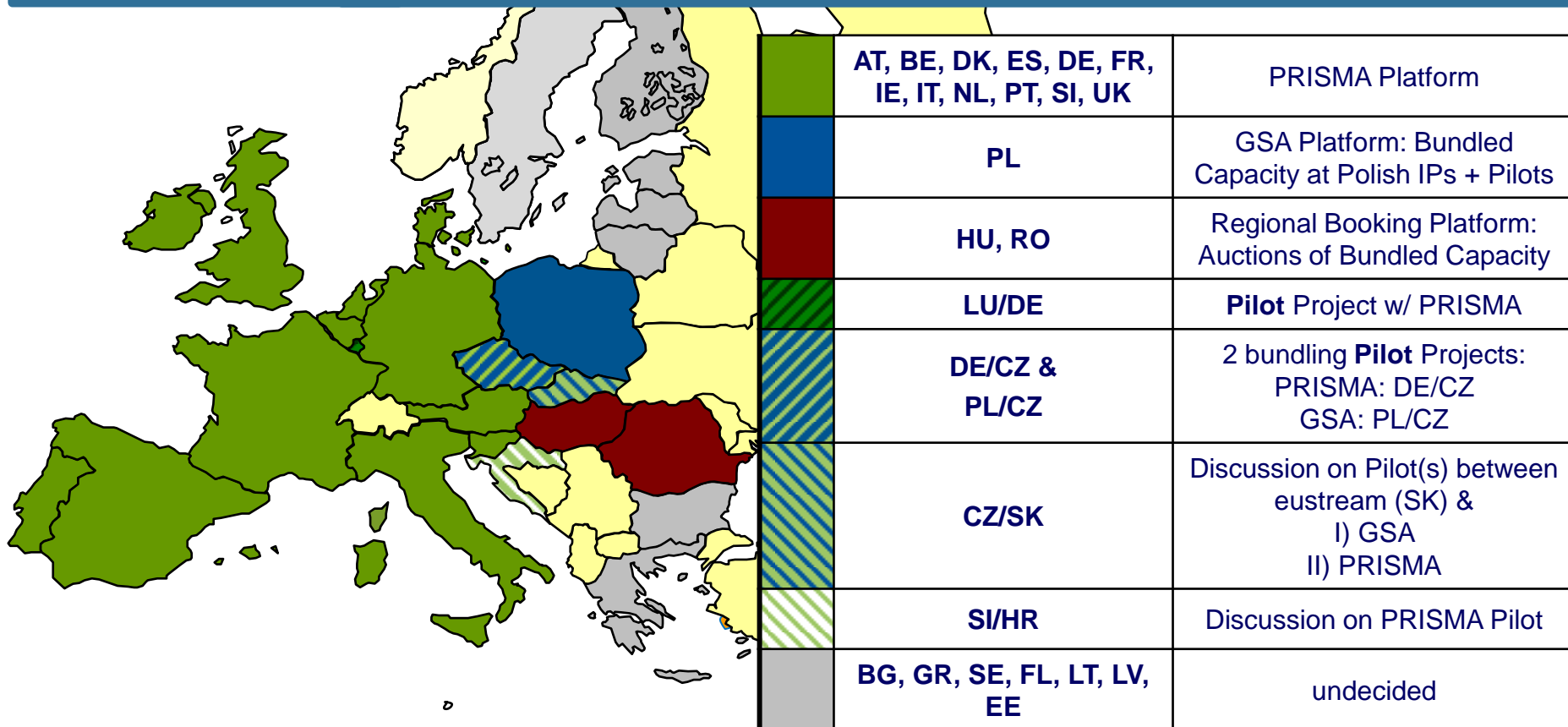
*Average unscheduled flow indicator for three regions – 2013 (MW)*



# Current CAM Pilot Projects (as of 7 April 2015)

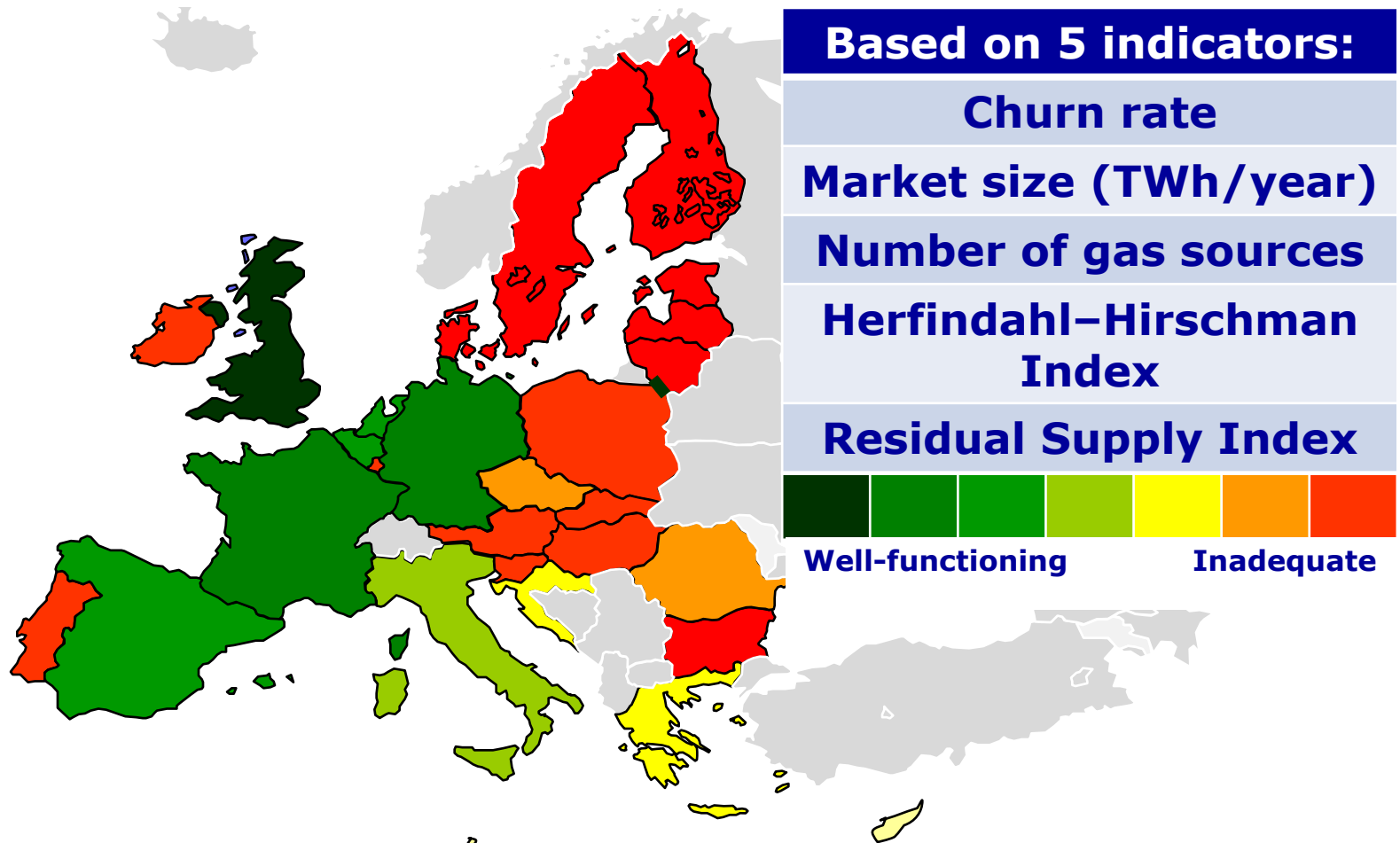
## CAM

**COORDINATED AUCTIONS**  
for the allocation of a common set of cross-border bundled capacity products



# Performance of Wholesale Gas Market in 2014

## GTM 2011 criteria



# The EU Energy Sector trends and **challenges**

(from the "Bridge to 2025" Conclusions Paper – September 2014)

**Moving towards a  
Low-Carbon Society**

**Increased penetration of  
non-programmable  
Renewable Sources**

**Adequacy Concerns and  
greater need for Flexibility  
of the Electricity System**

**Flexibility and  
Adequacy Markets in  
Electricity**

**Uncertainty over  
Future Gas Demand**

**New uses  
of Gas**

**Gas used for Flexible  
Power Generation**

**More liquid, flexible  
and integrated Gas  
Markets**

# REMIT at a Glance

## Integrity

Explicit prohibitions of abusive practices (market manipulation, attempted market manipulation and insider trading) in wholesale energy markets

## Transparency

Obligations for market participants to disclose inside information

## Monitoring

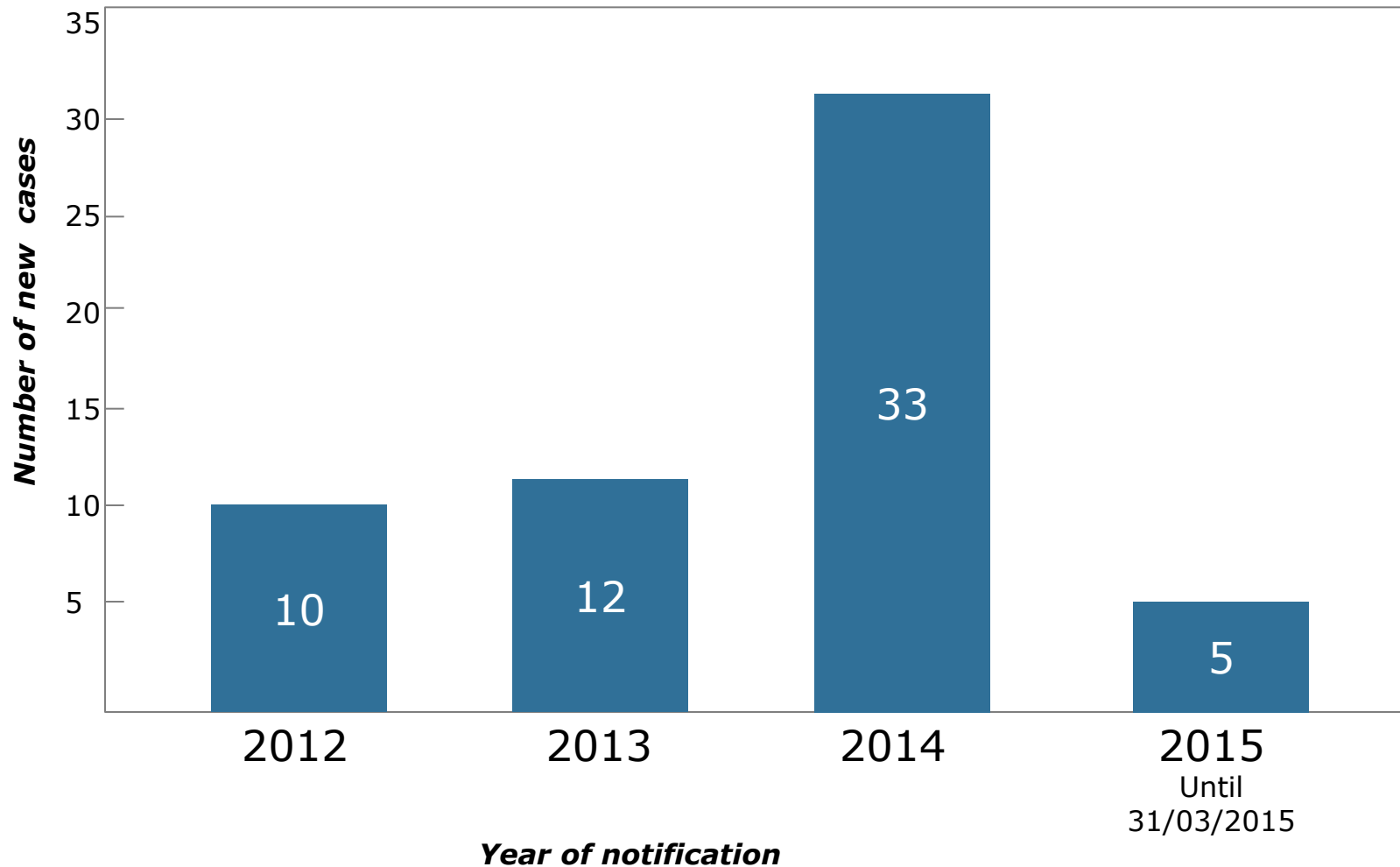
A new, sector-specific, comprehensive and effective monitoring framework for wholesale energy markets

## Cooperation

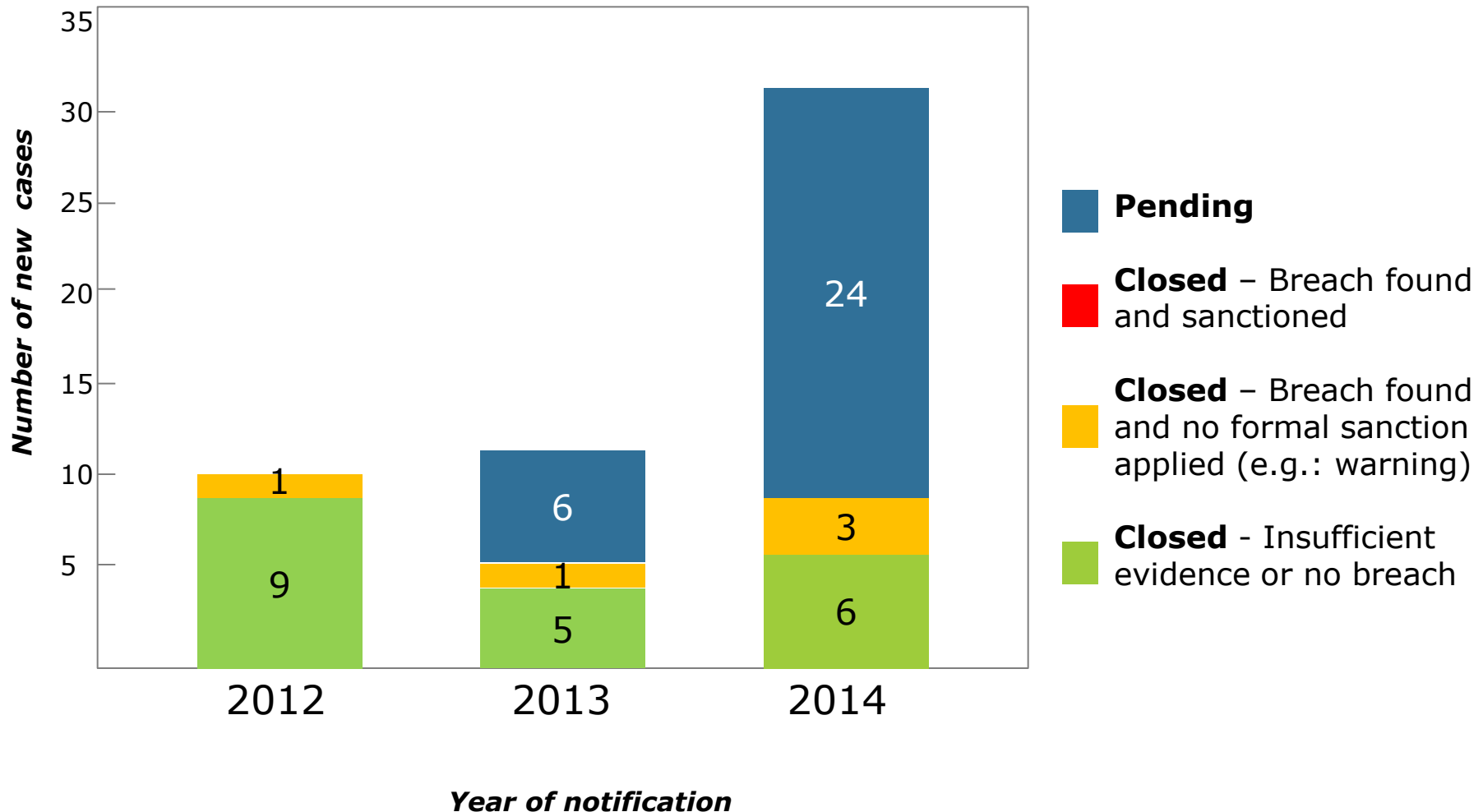
Close cooperation and coordination between ACER (EU-wide monitoring) and NRAs (national monitoring, investigation and enforcement)

## Reported Suspicious Cases

**Number of potential REMIT breach cases  
reported to/by the Agency – per year**



# Status of potential REMIT breach cases reported to/by the Agency – per year



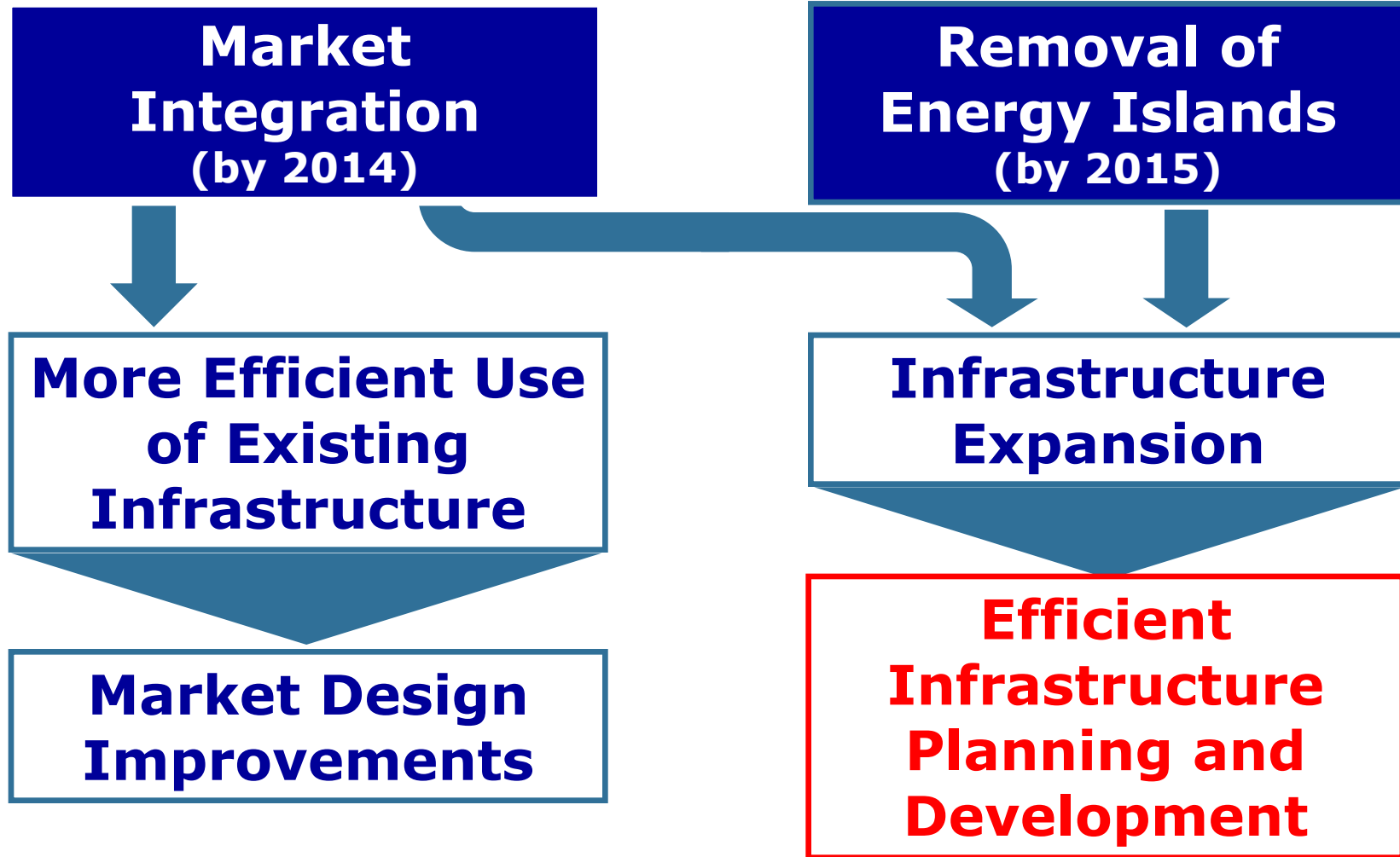
\* Breach found and no formal sanction applied – 2 cases with Art.3 / 1 case Art.4 / 1 case with Art.5 and 1 case with Art. 15 breach



## Main Challenges for the future

- Complete the **implementation of the Third Energy Package**, including the **adoption and implementation of Guidelines and Network Codes**
- Ensure application of the new rules as soon as possible (including through **early, voluntary implementation**)
- Supplement the current Electricity Target Model to address the **adequacy and flexibility challenges**
- Revised Gas Target Model: Improve the **liquidity of wholesale gas markets** (including through market integration)
- Implement **REMIT** effectively

# European Council Conclusions – 4 Feb 2011



# Infrastructure Planning and Development

## TEN-E Guidelines (2006)



### Projects of Common/European Interest

- Long list of approx. 550 projects
- Selection based on political agreement
- No revision of the list envisaged in 7 yrs

## Third Energy Package (2009)



### TYNDPs

- Non-binding, ... but reference for national NDPs
- EU dimension in Network Planning
- TYNDPs updated every two years

## TEN-E Regulation (2013)



### Projects of Common Interest (PCI)

# TEN-E Regulation

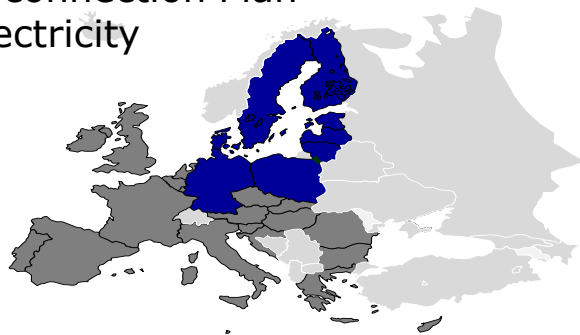
## Regulation (EU) No 347/2013

### ● Objectives

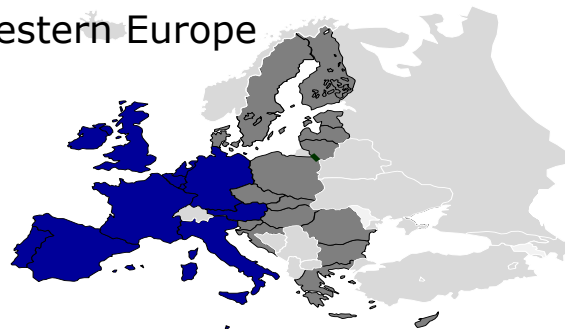
- » Implementation of 12 priority corridors/areas ...
- » necessary to meet EU's energy and climate policy goals by 2020 and beyond ...
- » by providing policy and regulatory certainty ...
- » through a stable and appropriate regulatory framework ...
- » to promote the necessary investments

# Priority Electricity corridors

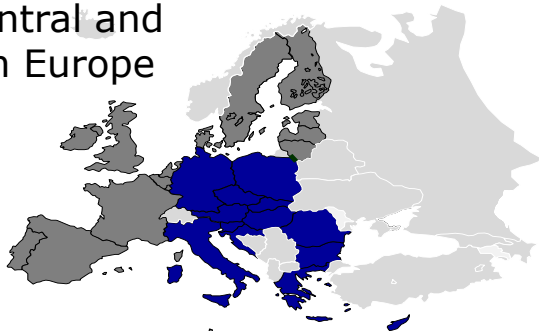
Baltic Energy Market  
Interconnection Plan  
in electricity



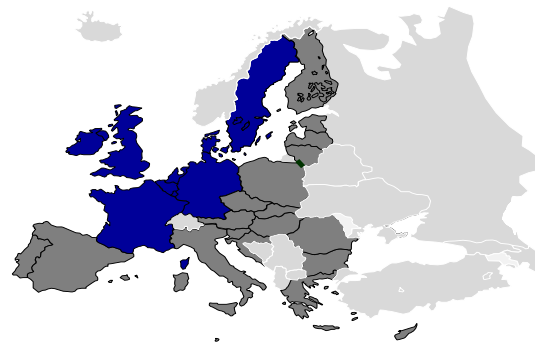
North South  
interconnections  
in Western Europe



North South  
interconnections  
in Central and  
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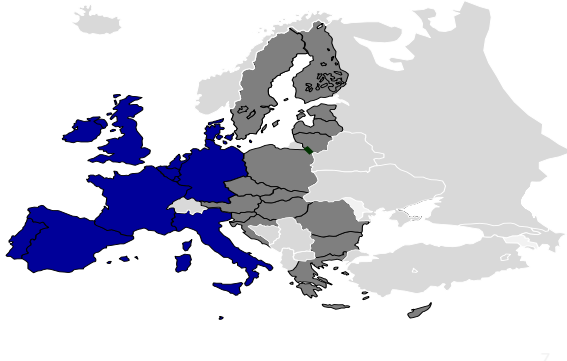
Northern Seas Off-shore  
grid



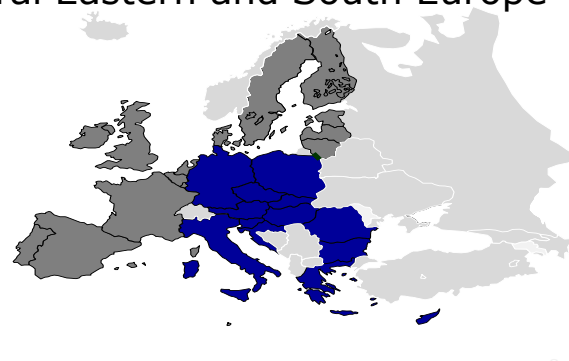
“Smart grids” and *Electricity highways* **all MS concerned**

# Priority Gas corridors

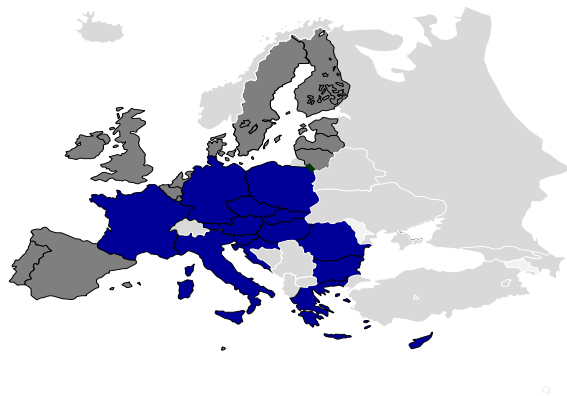
North South gas interconnections  
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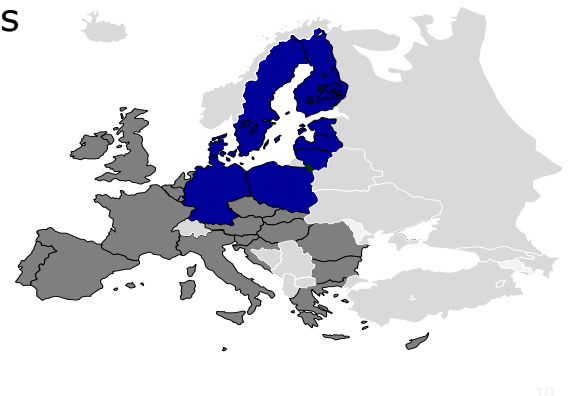
North South gas interconnections in  
Central Eastern and South Europe



Southern Gas Corridor « SGC »



Baltic Energy Market  
Interconnection Plan  
in gas



# PCI Toolbox

- **Expedient permit granting procedures**
  - » Priority status, including for EIA procedures
  - » Competent authority to manage permitting
  - » Time limits for procedures (3.5 years max)
  - » Enhanced transparency and public participation
- **Regulatory and other support measures**
  - » Cost-benefit analysis (CBA)
  - » Cross-border cost allocation (CBCA):  
“beneficiaries pay” principle
  - » Risk-related incentives
  - » Financial support (grants for studies and financial instruments for all PCIs and grants for works for some)

# Importance of the Cost-Benefit Analysis

- **The CBAs should represent the basis for:**
  - » Preparation of TYNDPs (including an assessment of individual projects) by ENTSOs
  - » PCI selection by Regional Groups (EC and MSs)
  - » CBCA decisions by NRAs (or ACER)
  - » Decisions to extend grants for works support under the Connecting Europe Facility
- **ENTSOs released draft CBA methodologies** on 15 November 2013
- **Agency's Opinions** on 30 January 2014 (ENTSO-E's CBA) and 13 February 2014 (ENTSOG's CBA)



## Projects of Common Interest (PCIs)

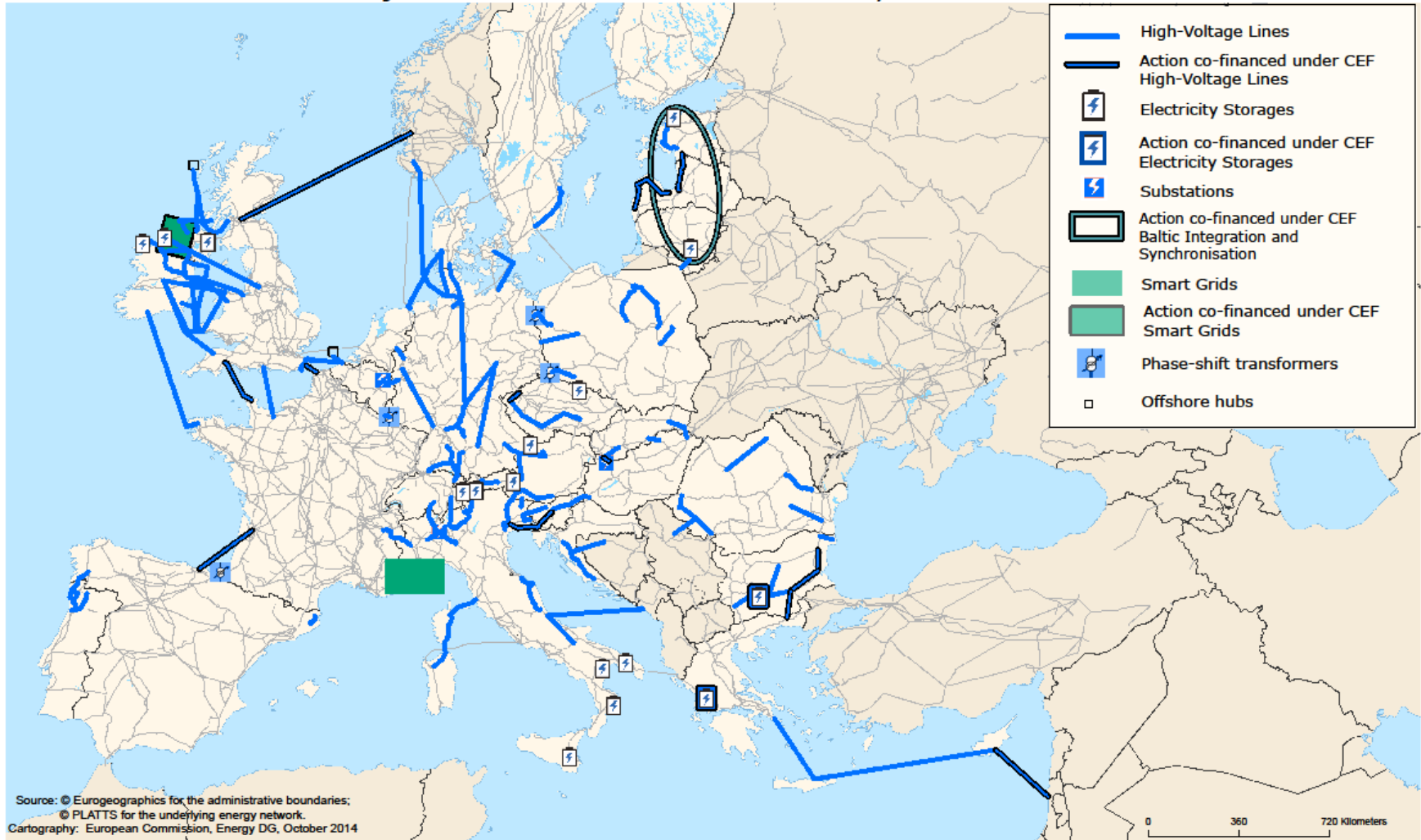
- **General criteria:**

- » Contribute to infrastructure priorities (corridors)
- » Economic, social, environmental viability
- » Involve at least two Member States
- » Have significant cross-border impact
- » Part of TYNDP (from the 2015 PCI list)

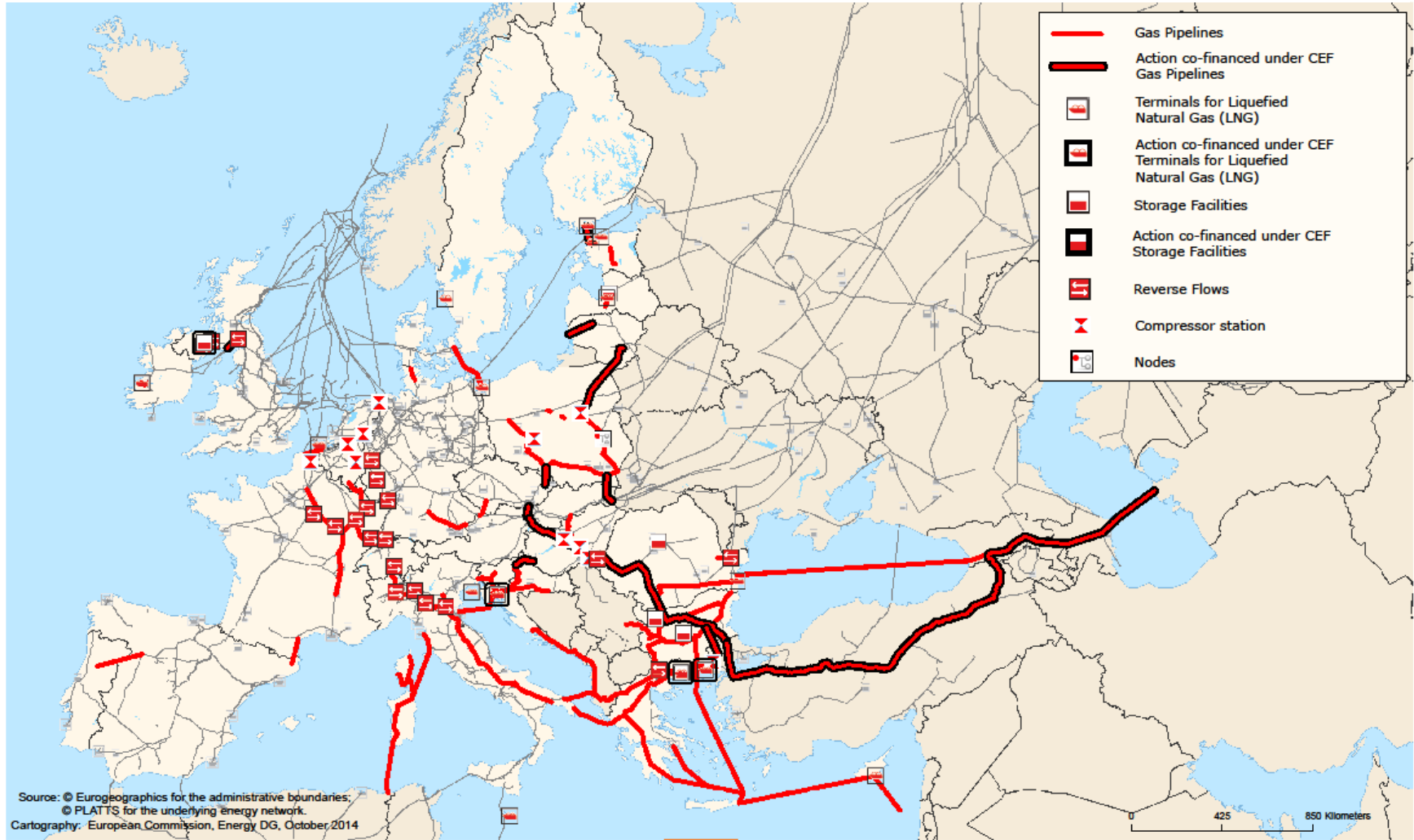
- **Specific criteria:**

- » Market integration (market, price convergence)
- » Security of supply
- » Sustainability
- » Competition (diversification – gas only)

# Electricity and Smart Grids PCIs



# Gas PCIs



# Cross-border cost allocation (CBCA)

## Main features of the Agency's approach

(Recommendation No 07/2013 of 25 September 2013)

- Economic, social and environmental costs and benefits of the projects to be taken into account
- Compensation provided only if at least one hosting country bears negative net benefit
- Compensation should mainly aim at the “elimination of the negative net benefit”
- Compensation should be provided by countries to which the project provides a “significant” positive net benefit
  - “significance threshold” equal to 10% of the sum of positive net benefits of all net benefiting countries

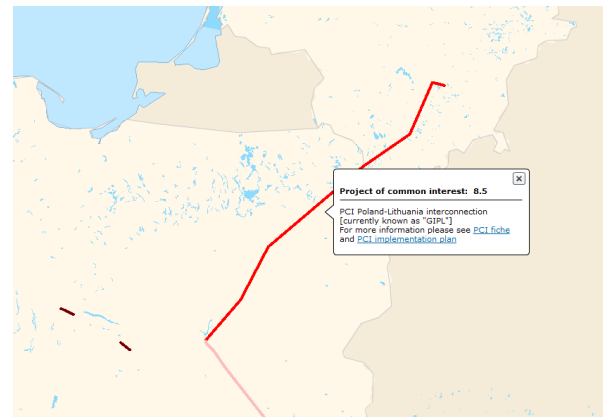
## Investment/CBCA Requests

Total investment requests (22)	Electricity (5)	Gas (17)
CBCA decisions taken by NRAs	3	10
CBCA decisions taken by ACER	0	1
CBCA decisions pending at ACER	1	0
Investment request still incomplete	0	1
Investment requests withdrawn	1	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>17</b>

# GIPL CBCA Decision (1)

## Context

- 530 km pipeline with initial capacity 2.4 bcm/y, cost €558 m, net benefits €830 m
- Aimed at ending isolation of Baltic Member States from EU gas market and at diversifying gas supply



## Process

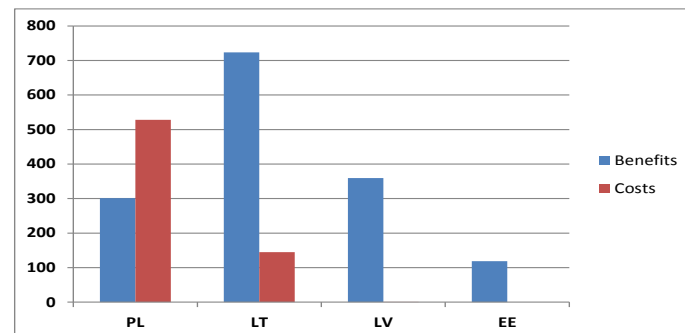
- 1 May: no NRA decision within 6 months deadline, investment request referred to ACER (Art. 12(6) TEN-E Regulation)
- May - July: consultations with NRAs and project promoters
- 11 August: Decision No 01/2014 adopted and notified to parties concerned. Decision published on 29 August

# GIPL CBCA Decision (2)

## Assessment

- Admissibility, completeness and maturity
- Costs and benefits by Member State

**GIPL Costs and Benefits (€m)**



## Cross-Border Cost Allocation

(ACER Recommendation No 07/2013 of 25 September 2013)

Payer TSO	Recipient TSO	Compensation Payment (€m)
AB Amber Grid (LT)	Gaz-System S.A. (PL)	54.9 (64.0%)
JSC Latvijas Gāze (LV)	Gaz-System S.A. (PL)	29.4 (34.3%)
AS EG Vorguteenus (EE)	Gaz-System S.A. (PL)	1.5 (1.7%)
<b>Total Compensation</b>		<b>85.8 (100%)</b>

- Compensation payable upon project commissioning

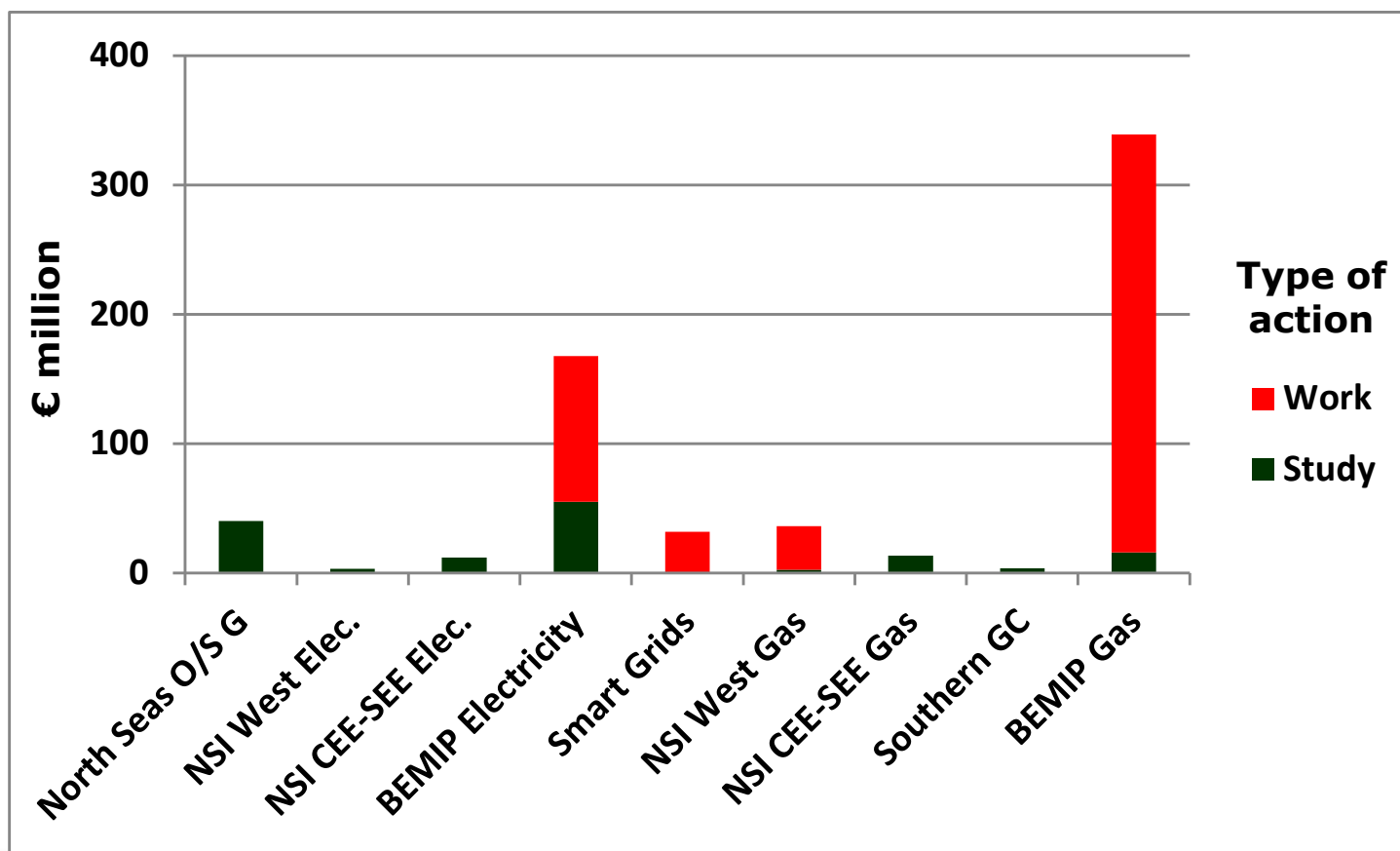
## **CBCA Decisions: Main Features**

- The vast majority of the CBCA decisions are on projects located in one country in which the relevant TSO will bear 100% of the costs
- In half of the cases the NRAs accepted the CBCA proposed by the Project Promoters
- In all but one case, the NRAs have agreed not to allocate costs to non-hosting beneficiaries
- In the two cases where more than 7% of CAPEX were proposed to be allocated to any non-hosting beneficiary, the concerned NRAs failed to reach an agreement
  - GIPL: ACER Decision 11 August 2014
  - LitPol: referred to ACER on 9 December 2014



# Connecting Europe Facility

- € 5.85 bn of financial support to energy PCIs (2014-20)
- First round (21 November 2014): € 647 million



# Main Challenges for the future

- Refine the **Cost-Benefit Analysis** methodologies
- Improve and harmonise (as appropriate) the **regulatory framework** so that it is fully conducive to **investment in infrastructure delivering positive net benefits**
- **Financing** new infrastructure
  - ... **but is it really a challenge?**



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