Council of the European Union
General Secretariat

PUBLIC

Interinstitutional files:
2025/0399 (COD)

Brussels, 28 September 2026

WK 14924/2026 INIT

LIMITE

ENER
TRANS
RELEX
ECOFIN
ENV
CODEC
IA

This is a paper intended for a specific community of recipients. Handling and further distribution are under the sole responsibility of community members.

MEETING DOCUMENT

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Working Party on Energy
N° Cion doc.:	16772/25 + ADD 1
Subject:	TEN-E Regulation - Presidency non-paper

In view of the Energy Working Party on 2 October, delegations will find in the annex a paper from the Presidency on the above-mentioned Regulation.

PUBLIC

Following its discussions with the European Parliament, the Presidency would like to seek guidance from the Member States on the following topics:

1. Definitions (Article 2)

[rows 120, 128 and 129]

The Presidency would like to know the level of flexibility on the EP's position on the definitions of 'smart electricity grid', 'repurposing', and climate adaptation' (rows 120, 128 and 129).

2. Definitions (Article 2)

[rows 110 and 130]

The Presidency would like to hear from delegations whether they would be open to the following compromise proposals on the definitions of 'energy infrastructure' and 'non-wire solutions'.

(1) 'energy infrastructure' means any physical equipment or facility, **including those using innovative technologies,** falling under the energy infrastructure categories set out in Annex II which is located within the Union, or linking the Union and third countries;

(19) 'non-wire solutions' means investments in the energy infrastructure in electricity, which can increase the available transmission **or distribution** capacity or improve the efficiency of grid operation by deploying grid enhancing technologies, including digital solutions.

Or

(19) 'non-wire solutions' means investments in the energy infrastructure in electricity, which can increase the available **grid** capacity or ~~improve~~ **optimise** the efficiency of grid operation by deploying grid enhancing technologies, including **innovative,** digital **and automated** solutions.

3. Permitting (Article 10 – permit-granting process)

[rows 319, 320, 322]

The Presidency would like to hear from delegations whether they have any flexibility on the EP amendments to shorten the deadlines in Article 10 (rows 319, 320 and 322).

4. Central scenario (Article 11) and Comprehensive framework assessment (Article 14a – EP amendment)

[rows 363 to 374 and 419a to 419n]

The Presidency would like to hear from delegations whether they have any flexibility towards the EP amendment's regarding the central scenario in Article 11. Additionally, the EP proposes a new Article 14a to complement the central scenario, for which the Presidency would also like to hear delegations' views.

5. Planning provisions (Articles 11-14 - the role of ACER)

[rows 369, 383, 384, 398, 409, 411 to 413, 415 and 425]

The Presidency would like to hear from delegations whether they have any flexibility to the Parliament's amendments concerning the role of ACER in the planning provisions in Articles 11-14.

6. Criteria for assessment of projects by the Groups (Article 4)

[rows 152a, 156a to 156d, 159a, 167a, 169, 170, 171, 172, 175,176, 176a, 176b, 200a and 200b]

The Presidency would like to hear from delegations whether they have any flexibility to accommodate the Parliament's position regarding the criteria for assessment of projects by the Groups.

PUBLIC