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Subject:	Proposal for a REGULATION ON THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL establishing a European Union Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (recast)

I. INTRODUCTION

- On 30 November 2016, the Commission submitted a set of proposals as "Clean Energy 1. for All Europeans" package in order to provide a stable legislative framework, necessary for the energy transition. This legislative file, based on article 194 para 2 of the Treaty, generally updates the already attributed list of tasks for ACER's duties in the field of wholesale market supervision and issues of cross-border relevance.
- 2. In the European Parliament, this proposal was referred to the Industry, Research and Energy Committee (ITRE) which appointed Morten Helveg Petersen (ALDE) as rapporteur.

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II. STATE OF PLAY

- 3. The TTE (Energy) Council adopted, on 11 June 2018, a general approach on the above-mentioned proposal. The European Parliament adopted its position on the proposal on 1 March 2018; The first trilogue, based on the Council general approach, took place on 26 September 2018, the second trilogue took place on 23 October 2018 and the third one on 21 November 2018.
- 4. During the third trilogue both institutions explained their views on the main political issues and recognised the need to swiftly advance on this file. A broad mandate was also given to the subsequent technical meetings to identify and make progress on certain areas of compromise in view of the fourth trilogue which will take place on 11 December 2018.
- 5. Concerning the ACER Regulation, both institutions recognised the importance of having a strong, independent and transparent Agency supporting the successful implementation of the Clean Energy Package.
 The European Parliament put a specific emphasis on providing ACER with a role in assuring that ENTSO for Electricity, the ENTSO for Gas, the EU DSO and the Regional Coordination Centres comply with their obligations under certain legal acts.
 Both co-legislators strive to find a legally sound way to improve oversight and enforcement of the pan-European and regional entities' obligations.
- 6. At the Energy Working Party meetings during July to November 2018, delegations were invited to indicate their positions and flexibility on the Parliament's amendments concerning the entire set of articles. Furthermore, in order to prepare the fourth trilogue, technical meetings have taken place.

III. REVISED MANDATE

7. In view of the fourth and hopefully final trilogue on 11 December 2018, the basis for the discussion will be the four-column table contained in the Annex to this Note that sets out, in the **fourth column**, the Presidency's compromise proposals.

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- 8. <u>In the fourth column</u>, *bold italics* indicates text proposed by the EP; **bold** indicates texts of the Council general approach added to the Commission proposal and/or compromise texts proposed by the Presidency in response to the EP amendments; **bold** (*bold*) **underlined** indicates new text elements, diverging from the previous document (9754/6/18 REV 6) and strikethrough indicates deletion.

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 - Furthermore, 'Provisionally agreed' in the fourth column indicates that the text was provisionally agreed during the first three trilogues 'Provisionally agreed in TM' indicates that the text was provisionally agreed at technical level after the third trilogue while awaiting to be provisionally confirmed at the fourth trilogue."
- 9. The suggested compromise proposals in this Rev 7 include the following provisions: Art. 4(3)(a), Art. 5(3), Art. 6(2)(a), Art. 6(6)(a), Art. 16(3a), Art. 23(5)(a), Art. 25c, Art. 33(8)(a).
- 10. The Presidency will issue a short discussion paper with options regarding Art. 4 (5), (6), Art. 5(2), (2a), Art. 6(8) and Art. 14.
- 11. Regarding other European Parliament's amendments, the Presidency proposes to maintain the Council's general approach at this stage of negotiations.

I. CONCLUSION

12. The Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to agree on a revised mandate for the fourth trilogue on 11 December 2018, on the basis of the text reflected in the Annex.

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Proposal for REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL establishing a European Union Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (recast)

1.	COMISSION PROPOSAL	EP PLENARY TEXT	COUNCIL GENERAL	Compromise proposals
	(COD 2016/0378 - doc. 15149/1/16 REV 1 +ADD1REV1)		APPROACH (doc.9478/18)	
2.	THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION, Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 194(2) thereof, Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission, After transmission of the draft legislative act to the national parliaments, Having regard to the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee, Having regard to the opinion of the Committee of the Regions, Acting in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure, Whereas:		THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION, Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 194(2) thereof, Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission, After transmission of the draft legislative act to the national parliaments, Having regard to the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee, Having regard to the opinion of the Committee of the Regions, Acting in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure, Whereas:	N.B. any compromise proposals for the recitals are provisional, and without prejudice to any alignment with the content of the Articles that may prove necessary.

3.	(1) Regulation (EC) No 713/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council ¹ has been substantially amended. Since further amendments are to be made, that Regulation should be recast in the interest of clarity.	(1) Regulation (EC) No 713/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council ¹ has been substantially amended. Since further amendments are to be made, that Regulation should be recast in the interest of clarity.	
4.	improved coordination between regulators on cross-border issues. Since its creation, the Agency has received new important tasks concerning the monitoring of wholesale markets under Regulation (EU) No 1227/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council ² and in the field of cross-border energy infrastructure under Regulation (EU) No 347/2013 of the European Parliament and Council ³ .	(2) The creation of the Agency has manifestly improved coordination between regulators on cross-border issues. Since its creation, the Agency has received new important tasks concerning the monitoring of wholesale markets under Regulation (EU) No 1227/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council ² and in the field of cross-border energy infrastructure under Regulation (EU) No 347/2013 of the European Parliament and Council ³ .	

Regulation (EC) No 713/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 establishing an Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (OJ L 211, 14.8.2009, p. 1)

Regulation (EU) No 1227/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2011on wholesale energy market integrity and transparency (OJ L 326, 8.12.2011, p. 1).

Regulation (EU) No 347/2013 of the European Parliament and Council of 17 April 2013 on guidelines for trans-European energy infrastructure and repealing Decision No 1364/2006/EC and amending Regulations (EC) No 713/2009, (EC) No 714/2009 and (EC) No 715/2009 (OJ L 115, 25.4.2013, p. 39).

5.	(3) It is projected that the need for coordination of national regulatory actions will increase further in the coming years. Europe's energy system is in the middle of its most profound change in decades. More market integration and the change towards more variable electricity production requires increased efforts to coordinate national energy policies with neighbours and to use the opportunities of cross-border electricity trade.	(3) It is projected that the need for coordination of national regulatory actions will increase further in the coming years. Europe's energy system is in the middle of its most profound change in decades. More market integration and the change towards more variable electricity production requires increased efforts to coordinate national energy policies with neighbours and to use the opportunities of cross-border electricity trade.	
6.	4) Experience with the implementation of internal market rules has shown that uncoordinated national action can lead to severe problems for the market, notably in closely interconnected areas where decisions of Member States often have a tangible impact on their neighbours. To achieve the positive effects of the internal electricity market for consumer welfare, security of supply and decarbonisation Member States, and in particular independent national regulators, are required to cooperate on those regulatory measures which have a cross-border effect.	(4) Experience with the implementation of internal market rules has shown that uncoordinated national action can lead to severe problems for the market, notably in closely interconnected areas where decisions of Member States often have a tangible impact on their neighbours. To achieve the positive effects of the internal electricity market for consumer welfare, security of supply and decarbonisation Member States, and in particular independent national regulators, are required to cooperate on those regulatory measures which have a cross-border effect.	

7.	(5) Fragmented national state interventions in energy markets constitute an increasing risk to the proper functioning of cross-border electricity markets. The Agency should therefore be given a role in the development of a coordinated European resource adequacy assessment, in close cooperation with the European Network of Transmission System Operators for Electricity ("ENTSO for Electricity"), in order to avoid the problems of fragmented national assessments which follow different uncoordinated methods and do not sufficiently take into account the situation in neighbouring countries. The Agency should also supervise the technical parameters developed by the ENTSO for Electricity for an efficient participation of cross-border capacities and other technical features of capacity mechanisms.		interventions in energy markets constitute an increasing risk to the proper functioning of cross-border electricity markets. The Agency should therefore be given a role in the development of a coordinated European resource adequacy assessment, in close cooperation with the European Network of Transmission System Operators for Electricity ("ENTSO for Electricity"), in order to avoid the problems of fragmented national assessments which follow different uncoordinated methods and do not sufficiently take into account the situation in neighbouring countries. The Agency should also supervise the technical parameters developed by the ENTSO for Electricity for an efficient participation of cross-border capacities and other technical features of capacity mechanisms.	
8.		AM 1 (5a) (new) Despite significant progress in integrating and interconnecting the internal electricity market, some Member States or regions still remain isolated or not		Accept EP AM

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9.	(6) Security of electricity supply requires a coordinated approach to prepare against unexpected supply crises. The Agency should therefore coordinate national actions related to risk preparedness, in line with [Risk Preparedness Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 862].	sufficiently interconnected. This is particularly the case with regard to insular Member States and Member States located in the periphery. The Agency in its work should take account of the specific situation of those Member States or regions as appropriate.	(6) Security of electricity supply requires a coordinated approach to prepare against unexpected supply crises. The Agency should therefore coordinate national actions related to risk preparedness, in line with [Risk Preparedness	
10.	(7) Due to the close interconnection of the Union electricity grid and the increasing need to cooperate with neighbouring countries to maintain grid stability and integrate large volumes of renewable energies, regional operational centres will play an important role for the coordination of transmission system operators. The Agency should guarantee regulatory oversight over the regional operational centres where necessary.	AM 2 (7) Due to the close interconnection of the Union electricity grid and the increasing need to cooperate with neighbouring countries to maintain grid stability and integrate large volumes of renewable energies, regional coordination centres will play an important role for the coordination of transmission system operators. The Agency should guarantee regulatory	Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 862]. (7) Due to the close interconnection of the Union electricity grid and the increasing need to cooperate with neighbouring countries to maintain grid stability and integrate large volumes of renewable energies, [] Regional Security Coordinators will play an important role for the coordination of transmission system operators. The Agency should guarantee regulatory oversight over the [] Regional	Council compromise text: (7) Due to the close interconnection of the Union electricity grid and the increasing need to cooperate with neighbouring countries to maintain grid stability and integrate large volumes of renewable energies, [Regional Coordination Centres] will play an important role for the coordination of transmission

		oversight over the regional coordination centres and monitor their performance and compliance with relevant Union law.	Security Coordinators where necessary.	system operators. The Agency should guarantee regulatory oversight over the [Regional Coordination Centres] where necessary.
11.	(8) As large parts of new electricity generation will be connected at local level, distribution system operators will play an important role when it comes to operating the European electricity system in a flexible and efficient manner.	(8) As large parts of new electricity generation will be connected at local level, distribution system operators will play an important role when it comes to operating the European electricity system in a flexible and efficient manner. As the Commission considers the establishment of a Union-level body in order to enhance cooperation between transmission system operators and distribution system operators (DSOs), and to develop further guidance and codes on DSO issues, it is necessary to give the Agency certain regulatory oversight powers over such a body.	(8) As large parts of new electricity generation will be connected at local level, distribution system operators will play an important role when it comes to operating the European electricity system in a flexible and efficient manner.	Accept in part, covered in recital 11a - line 15
12.	(9) Member States should cooperate closely, eliminating obstacles to cross-border exchanges of electricity and natural gas with a view to achieving the objectives of the Union energy policy. A European Union Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (the Agency) was established by Regulation (EC) No 713/2009 in order to fill the		(9) Member States should cooperate closely, eliminating obstacles to cross-border exchanges of electricity and natural gas with a view to achieving the objectives of the Union energy policy. A European Union Agency for the	

13.	regulatory gap at Union level and to contribute towards the effective functioning of the internal markets in electricity and natural gas. The Agency enables national regulatory authorities to enhance their cooperation at Union level and participate, on a mutual basis, in the exercise of Union -related functions.	AM 4	Cooperation of Energy Regulators (the Agency) was established by Regulation (EC) No 713/2009 in order to fill the regulatory gap at Union level and to contribute towards the effective functioning of the internal markets in electricity and natural gas. The Agency enables national regulatory authorities to enhance their cooperation at Union level and participate, on a mutual basis, in the exercise of Union -related functions.	Accept EP AM
10.	(10) The Agency should ensure that regulatory functions performed by the national regulatory authorities in accordance with [the recast Electricity Directive as proposed by COM(2016) 864/2] and Directive 2009/73/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council are properly coordinated and, where necessary, completed at Union level. To that end, it is necessary to guarantee the independence of the Agency from electricity and gas producers, transmission and distribution system operators, whether public or private, and consumers and to ensure the conformity of its actions with Union law, its technical and regulatory capacities and its transparency, amenability to democratic control and efficiency.	(10) The Agency should ensure that regulatory functions performed by the national regulatory authorities in accordance with [the recast Electricity Directive as proposed by COM(2016) 864/2] and Directive 2009/73/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council ³⁰ are properly coordinated and, where necessary, completed at Union level. To that end, it is necessary to guarantee the independence of the Agency from electricity and gas producers, transmission and distribution system operators, whether public or private, and consumers and to	ensure that regulatory functions performed by the national regulatory authorities in accordance with [the recast Electricity Directive as proposed by COM(2016) 864/2] and Directive 2009/73/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council are properly coordinated and, where necessary, completed at Union level. To that end, it is necessary to guarantee the independence of the Agency from electricity and gas producers, transmission and distribution system operators, whether public or private, and consumers and to ensure the	Accept BI AM

14.	(11) The Agency should monitor regional	ensure the conformity of its actions with Union law, its technical and regulatory capacities and its transparency, amenability to democratic control, <i>including</i> accountability to the European Parliament and efficiency. AM 5 (11) The Agency should	conformity of its actions with Union law, its technical and regulatory capacities and its transparency, amenability to democratic control and efficiency. (11) The Agency should	Accept in part (11) The Agency should
	cooperation between transmission system operators in the electricity and gas sectors as well as the execution of the tasks of the ENTSO for Electricity, and the European Network of Transmission System Operators for Gas ("ENTSO for Gas"). The Agency should also monitor the implementation of the tasks of other entities with regulated functions of Union-wide dimension, such as energy exchanges. The involvement of the Agency is essential in order to ensure that the cooperation between transmission system operators and the operation of other entities with Union-wide functions proceeds in an efficient and transparent way for the benefit of the internal markets in electricity and natural gas.	monitor regional cooperation between transmission system operators in the electricity and gas sectors as well as the execution of the tasks of the European Network of Transmission System Operators for Electricity (ENTSO for Electricity), and the European Network of Transmission System Operators for Gas (ENTSO for Gas) and play a role in ensuring compliance with Union law. The Agency should also monitor the implementation of the tasks of other entities with regulated functions of Union-wide dimension, such as energy exchanges. The involvement of the Agency is essential in order to ensure that the cooperation between transmission system operators and the operation of other entities with Union-wide functions proceeds in an	monitor regional cooperation between transmission system operators in the electricity and gas sectors as well as the execution of the tasks of the ENTSO for Electricity, and the European Network of Transmission System Operators for Gas ("ENTSO for Gas"). The Agency should also monitor the implementation of the tasks of other entities with regulated functions of Unionwide dimension, such as energy exchanges. The involvement of the Agency is essential in order to ensure that the cooperation between transmission system operators and the operation of other entities with Union-wide functions proceeds in an efficient and transparent way for the benefit of the internal markets in electricity and natural gas.	monitor regional cooperation between transmission system operators in the electricity and gas sectors as well as the execution of the tasks of the European Network of Transmission System Operators for Electricity (ENTSO for Electricity), and the European Network of Transmission System Operators for Gas (ENTSO for Gas). The Agency should also monitor the implementation of the tasks of other entities with regulated functions of Union-wide dimension, such as energy exchanges. The involvement of the Agency is essential in order to ensure that the cooperation system operators and the operation of other entities with Union-wide functions proceeds in an

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15.	AM 6 (11 a) (new) With the expansion of the operational responsibilities of the ENTSO for Electricity, the ENTSO for Gas, the EU entity of Distribution System Operators (the "EU DSO entity") and the regional cooperation centres, it is necessary to enhance oversight of such entities operating at regional or Union- wide level. In exceptional circumstances, in order to safeguard the proper functioning of the internal energy market, ACER should be able to adopt decisions addressed to such entities to ensure that they comply with their obligations certain energy law.	Council compromise text (11 a) With the expansion of the operational responsibilities of the ENTSO for Electricity, the ENTSO for Gas, the EU entity of Distribution System Operators (the "EU DSO entity") and the regional cooperation centres, it is necessary to enhance oversight of such entities operating at regional or Union-wide level. The Agency should support national regulatory authorities in ensuring such oversight.

16.	(12) The Agency should monitor, in cooperation with the Commission, the Member States and relevant national authorities, the internal markets in electricity and natural gas and inform the European Parliament, the Commission and national authorities of its findings where appropriate. Those monitoring tasks of the Agency should not duplicate or hamper monitoring by the Commission or national authorities, in particular national competition authorities.		(12) The Agency should monitor, in cooperation with the Commission, the Member States and relevant national authorities, the internal markets in electricity and natural gas and inform the European Parliament, the Commission and national authorities of its findings where appropriate. Those monitoring tasks of the Agency should not duplicate or hamper monitoring by the Commission or national authorities, in particular national competition authorities.	
17.	framework which enables national regulatory authorities to participate and cooperate. That framework facilitates the uniform application of the legislation on the internal markets in electricity and natural gas throughout the Union. As regards situations concerning more than one Member State, the Agency has been granted the power to adopt individual decisions. That power should under clearly specified conditions cover technical and regulatory issues which require regional coordination, notably concerning the implementation of network codes and guidelines, cooperation within regional operational centres, the regulatory decisions necessary to effectively monitor wholesale market integrity and transparency, decisions concerning electricity and natural gas infrastructure that connects or that might connect at least two Member States and, as a	AM 7 (13) The Agency provides an integrated framework which enables national regulatory authorities to participate and cooperate. That framework facilitates the uniform application of the legislation on the internal markets in electricity and natural gas throughout the Union. As regards situations concerning more than one Member State, the Agency has been granted the power to adopt individual decisions. That power should under clearly specified conditions cover technical and regulatory issues which require	(13) The Agency provides an integrated framework which enables national regulatory authorities to participate and cooperate. That framework facilitates the uniform application of the legislation on the internal markets in electricity and natural gas throughout the Union . As regards situations concerning more than one Member State, the Agency has been granted the power to adopt individual decisions. That power should under clearly specified conditions cover technical and regulatory issues which require regional coordination , notably	Council compromise text: (13) The Agency provides an integrated framework which enables national regulatory authorities to participate and cooperate. That framework facilitates the uniform application of the legislation on the internal markets in electricity and natural gas throughout the Union. As regards situations concerning more than one Member State, the Agency has been granted the power to adopt individual decisions. That power should under clearly specified conditions cover technical and regulatory

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			adoption of implementing acts pursuant to Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of the European Parliament and the Council is a prerequisite for granting these decisions rights to the national regulatory authorities or Agency.	involvement of Member States in the development of network codes and guidelines by the adoption of implementing acts pursuant to Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of the European Parliament and the Council is a prerequisite for granting these decisions rights to the national regulatory authorities or Agency.
18.	(14) The Agency has an important role in developing framework guidelines which are non-binding by nature ("framework guidelines"). Network codes should be in line with those framework guidelines. It is also considered appropriate for the Agency, and consistent with its purpose, to have a role in reviewing draft network codes to ensure that they are in line with the framework guidelines and provide for the necessary degree of harmonisation, before it submits them to the Commission for adoption.	AM 8 (14) The Agency has an important role in developing framework guidelines which are non-binding by nature ("framework guidelines"). Network codes should be in line with those framework guidelines. It is also considered appropriate for the Agency, and consistent with its purpose, to have a role in reviewing and amending draft network codes to ensure that they are in line with the framework guidelines and provide for the necessary degree of harmonisation, before it submits them to the Commission for adoption.	important role in developing framework guidelines which are non-binding by nature ("framework guidelines"). Network codes should be in line with those framework guidelines. It is also considered appropriate for the Agency, and consistent with its purpose, to have a role in reviewing draft network codes to ensure that they are in line with the framework guidelines and provide for the necessary degree of harmonisation, before it submits them to the Commission for adoption.	Maintain Council GA

19.	(15) With the adoption of a set of network codes and guidelines which provide for a stepwise implementation and a further refinement of common regional and Union-wide rules, the role of the Agency in monitoring the implementation of the network codes and guidelines has increased. Effective monitoring of network codes and guidelines is a key function of the Agency and crucial for the implementation of internal market rules.	AM 9 (15) With the adoption of a set of network codes and guidelines which provide for a stepwise implementation and a further refinement of common regional and Union-wide rules, the role of the Agency in monitoring and ensuring the implementation of the network codes and guidelines has increased. Effective monitoring of network codes and guidelines is a key function of the Agency and crucial for the implementation of internal market rules.	of network codes and guidelines which provide for a stepwise implementation and a further refinement of common regional and Union-wide rules, the role of the Agency in monitoring the implementation of the network codes and guidelines has increased. Effective monitoring of network codes and guidelines is a key function of the Agency and crucial for the implementation of internal market rules.	
20.	(16) From experience with the implementation of network codes and guidelines it has emerged that it is useful to streamline the procedure for the regulatory approval of regional or Union-wide terms and conditions or methodologies to be developed under the guidelines and network codes by submitting them directly to the Agency in order for national regulators, represented in the Board of Regulators, to be able to decide upon them.		(16) From experience with the implementation of network codes and guidelines it has emerged that it is useful to streamline the procedure for the regulatory approval of regional or Union-wide terms and conditions or methodologies to be developed under the guidelines and network codes by submitting them directly to the Agency in order for national regulators, represented in the Board of Regulators, to be able to decide upon them.	

21.	(17) Since the stepwise harmonisation of the Union energy markets involves finding regional solutions regularly as an interim step, it is appropriate to reflect the regional dimension of the internal market and to provide for appropriate governance mechanisms. Regulators responsible for coordinated regional approvals should be able to prepare Board of Regulators decisions on issues of regional relevance in a regional subcommittee of the Board of Regulators, unless those issues are of general importance for the Union.	AM 10 (17) Since the stepwise harmonisation of the Union energy markets involves finding regional solutions regularly as an interim step, it is appropriate to reflect the regional dimension of the internal market and to provide for appropriate governance mechanisms. Decisions on proposals for joint regional terms and conditions or methodologies should therefore be taken by the competent regulatory authorities of the region concerned unless those decisions have a tangible impact on the internal energy market. Decisions on issues which have significant relevance beyond the region concerned should be taken by the Agency.	(17) Since the stepwise harmonisation of the Union energy markets involves finding regional solutions regularly as an interim step and many methods are developed by a limited number of regulatory authorities for a specific region, it is appropriate to reflect the regional dimension of the internal market and to provide for appropriate governance mechanisms. []	Accept in part, already covered in Article 5.2a – line 85 – 90 17) Since the stepwise harmonisation of the Union energy markets involves finding regional solutions regularly as an interim step and many methods are developed by a limited number of regulatory authorities for a specific region, it is appropriate to reflect the regional dimension of the internal market and to provide for appropriate governance mechanisms. Decisions on proposals for joint regional terms and conditions or methodologies should therefore be taken by the competent regulatory authorities of the region concerned unless those decisions have a tangible impact on the internal energy market.
22.	(18) Since the Agency has an overview of the national regulatory authorities, it should have an advisory role towards the Commission, other Union institutions and national regulatory authorities as regards the issues relating to the purpose for which it was established. It should also be required to inform the Commission where it finds that the cooperation between transmission system operators		(18) Since the Agency has an overview of the national regulatory authorities, it should have an advisory role towards the Commission, other Union institutions and national regulatory authorities as regards the issues relating to the purpose	

	does not produce the results which are needed or that a national regulatory authority whose decision is not in compliance with the Guidelines does not implement the opinion, recommendation or decision of the Agency appropriately.	for which it was established. It should also be required to inform the Commission where it finds that the cooperation between transmission system operators does not produce the results which are needed or that a national regulatory authority whose decision is not in compliance with the Guidelines does not implement the opinion, recommendation or decision of the Agency appropriately.	
23.	(19) The Agency should also be able to make recommendations to assist regulatory authorities and market players in sharing good practices.	(19) The Agency should also be able to make recommendations to assist regulatory authorities and market players in sharing good practices.	
24.			Provisionally agreed: (19a) The ENTSO for Electricity, the ENTSO for Gas, the EU DSO entity, the transmission system operators, the [Regional Coordination Centres] and nominated electricity market operators should give utmost consideration to the Agency's opinions and recommendations addressed to them pursuant to this Regulation.

25.	(20) The Agency should consult interested parties, where appropriate, and provide them with a reasonable opportunity to comment on proposed measures, such as network codes and rules.	AM 11 (20) The Agency <i>must</i> consult interested parties, where appropriate, and provide them with a reasonable opportunity to comment on <i>all</i> proposed measures.	(20) The Agency should consult interested parties, where appropriate, and provide them with a reasonable opportunity to comment on proposed measures, such as network codes and rules.	Maintain Council GA
26.	(21) The Agency should contribute to the implementation of the guidelines on trans-European energy networks as laid down in Regulation (EU) No 347/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council ¹ , in particular when providing its opinion on the non-binding Union - wide ten-year network development plans (Union - wide network development plans) in accordance with Article 4 (3) of this Regulation.		(21) The Agency should contribute to the implementation of the guidelines on trans-European energy networks as laid down in Regulation (EU) No 347/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council ¹ , in particular when providing its opinion on the non-binding Union -wide ten-year network development plans (Union -wide network development plans) in accordance with Article 4 (3) of this Regulation	
27.	(22) The Agency should contribute to the efforts of enhancing energy security.	AM 12 (22) The Agency should contribute to the efforts of enhancing energy security and meeting the climate objectives of the Union. As an executive body, it should abide by the strategic energy and climate agenda determined by the Union's policy-making institutions.	(22) The Agency should contribute to the efforts of enhancing energy security.	Maintain Council GA, already covered in Article 1(2)

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28.		(22a) The Agency of specific clearly defined circumstances, ado individual decisions strictly related to the for which it has been established.	ned pt s on issues ne purpose
29.	(23) In order to ensure that the Agency's framework is efficient and coherent with other decentralised agencies, the rules governing the Agency should be aligned to the Common Approach agreed between the European Parliament, the Council of the EU and the European Commission on decentralised agencies¹. However, insofar as necessary, the structure of the Agency should be adapted to meet the specific needs of energy regulation. In particular, the specific role of the national regulatory authorities needs to be taken fully into account and their independence guaranteed.	(23) In order to enthe Agency's framewefficient and coherendecentralised agencing governing the Agency aligned to the Command Approach agreed be European Parliament Council of the EU at European Commissing decentralised agency However, insofar as the structure of the Ashould be adapted to specific needs of energulation. In particular, specific role of the noregulatory authorities be taken fully into act their independence generalised agency.	vork is at with other es, the rules by should be non tween the tat, the add the on on es¹. necessary, agency meet the ergy alar, the ational is needs to be count and guaranteed.
30.	(24) Additional changes to the present Regulation may be envisaged in the future in order to bring the Regulation fully in line with the Common Approach on decentralised agencies. Based on the	(24) Additional characteristics present Regulation renvisaged in the fututo bring the Regulation	nay be are in order

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	current needs of energy regulation, deviations from the Common Approach are necessary. This proposal therefore does not prejudge any further amendments to the Founding Regulation of the Agency which the Commission may wish to propose following further evaluation, as provided for in this act or on its own initiative.		line with the Common Approach on decentralised agencies. Based on the current needs of energy regulation, deviations from the Common Approach are necessary. This proposal therefore does not prejudge any further amendments to the Founding Regulation of the Agency which the Commission may wish to propose following further evaluation, as provided for in this act or on its own initiative.	
31.	(25) The Administrative Board should have the necessary powers to establish the budget, check its implementation, draw up internal rules, adopt financial regulations and appoint a Director. A rotation system should be used for the renewal of the members of the Administrative Board who are appointed by the Council so as to ensure a balanced participation of Member States over time. The Administrative Board should act independently and objectively in the public interest and should not seek or follow political instructions.		should have the necessary powers to establish the budget, check its implementation, draw up internal rules, adopt financial regulations and appoint a Director. A rotation system should be used for the renewal of the members of the Administrative Board who are appointed by the Council so as to ensure a balanced participation of Member States over time. The Administrative Board should act independently and objectively in the public interest and should not seek or follow political instructions.	

(26) The Agency should have the necessary 32. powers to perform its regulatory functions in an efficient, transparent, reasoned and, above all, independent manner. The independence of the Agency from electricity and gas producers and transmission and distribution system operators is not only a key principle of good governance but also a fundamental condition to ensure market confidence. Without prejudice to its members' acting on behalf of their respective national authorities, the Board of Regulators should therefore act independently from any market interest, should avoid conflicts of interests and should not seek or follow instructions or accept recommendations from a government of a Member State, from Union institutions or another public or private entity or person. The decisions of the Board of Regulators should, at the same time, comply with Union law concerning energy, such as the internal energy market, the environment and competition. The Board of Regulators should report its opinions, recommendations and decisions to the Union institutions

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		Regulators should report its opinions, recommendations and decisions to the Union institutions. The Agency's decisions should be binding, while its opinions and recommendations should be given the utmost consideration by the ENTSO for Gas, the EU DSO entity, the transmission system operators, the regional operational centres and nominated electricity market operators.	opinions, recommendations and decisions to the Union institutions.	
33.	(27) Where the Agency has decision-making powers, interested parties should, for reasons of procedural economy, be granted a right of appeal to a Board of Appeal, which should be part of the Agency, but independent from its administrative and regulatory structure. In order to guarantee its functioning and full independence, the Board of Appeal should have a separate budget line in the budget of the Agency. In the interest of continuity, the appointment or renewal of the members of the Board of Appeal should allow for partial replacement of the members of the Board of Appeal. The decisions of the Board of Appeal can be subject to appeal before the Court of Justice of the European Union.		decision-making powers, interested parties should, for reasons of procedural economy, be granted a right of appeal to a Board of Appeal, which should be part of the Agency, but independent from its administrative and regulatory structure. In order to guarantee its functioning and full independence, the Board of Appeal should have a separate budget line in the budget of the Agency. In the interest of continuity, the appointment or renewal of the members of the Board of Appeal should allow for partial replacement of the members of the Board of Appeal. The decisions of the	

34.	(28) The Agency should exercise its decision-making powers in line with the principles of fair, transparent and reasonable decision-making. All procedural rules of the Agency should be laid down in its rules of procedures.	AM 14 (28) The Agency should exercise its decision-making powers in line with the principles of fair, transparent and reasonable decision-making. All procedures of the Agency should follow adequate rules of procedure. All procedural rules of the Agency should be laid down in its rules of procedures.	Board of Appeal can be subject to appeal before the Court of Justice of the European Union. (28) The Agency should exercise its decision-making powers in line with the principles of fair, transparent and reasonable decision-making. All procedural rules of the Agency should be laid down in its rules of procedures.	Maintain Council GA
35.				Council compromise text: (28a) The Director is responsible for drafting and adopting documents containing opinions, recommendations and decisions. Opinions, recommendations and decisions referred to in Articles 23(5)(a) and 25(c) require the favourable opinion of the Board of Regulators to be adopted. The Board of Regulators can provide opinions, and, where appropriate, comments and amendments to the Director's text proposals which the Director should take into account. In case the Director

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deviates from or rejects the comments and amendments submitted by the Board of **Regulators, the Director** should also provide a duly justified written reasoning to facilitate a constructive dialogue. If the Board of Regulators does not give a favourable opinion on a resubmitted text, the Director may revise the text further in line with the amendments and comments proposed by the Board of Regulators in order to obtain their favourable opinion. The Director may withdraw the submitted draft opinions, recommendations and decisions in case of disagreement with the amendments submitted by the Board of Regulators and issue a new text following the procedure set out in Article 23(5)(a) and Article 25(c). The Director can seek the favourable opinion of the Board of Regulators on a new or revised draft text at any stage of the procedure.

(29) The Agency should be mainly financed from the general budget of the Union, by fees and by voluntary contributions. In particular, the resources currently pooled by regulatory authorities for their cooperation at Union level should continue to be available to the Agency. The Union budgetary procedure should remain applicable as far as any subsidies chargeable to the general budget of the Union are concerned. Moreover, the auditing of accounts should be undertaken by an independent external auditor in accordance with Article 107 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU)

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(29) The Agency should be properly resourced to carry out its tasks. The Agency should be mainly financed from the general budget of the Union, by fees and by voluntary contributions. In particular, there sources currently pooled by regulatory authorities for their cooperation at Union level should continue to be available to the Agency. *The Agency* should have the possibility to collect fees for certain of its activities. The Union budgetary procedure should remain applicable as far as any subsidies chargeable to the general budget of the Union are concerned. Moreover, the auditing of accounts should be undertaken by an independent external auditor in accordance with Article 107 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No1271/2013¹.

(29) The Agency should be mainly financed from the general budget of the Union, by fees and [] by voluntary contributions. In particular, fees should cover the costs of the Agency for services provided to market participants or entities acting on their behalf enabling them to report data pursuant to Article 8 of **Regulation (EU) 1227/2011 in** an efficient, effective and safe manner. The resources currently pooled by regulatory authorities for their cooperation at Union level should continue to be available to the Agency. The Union budgetary procedure should remain applicable as far as any subsidies chargeable to the general budget of the Union are concerned. Moreover, the auditing of accounts should be undertaken by an independent external auditor in accordance with Article 107 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No $1271/2013^{1}$.

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				with Article 107 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1271/2013 ¹ .
37.		AM 16 (29a) (new) The Agency's budget should be prepared in accordance with the principle of performance-based budgeting, taking into account its objectives and the expected results of its tasks.		Reject EP AM
38.	(30) The Agency's budget should be assessed by the budgetary authority on an ongoing basis, with reference to the Agency's workload and performance. The budgetary authority should ensure that the best standards of efficiency are met	AM 17 (30) The Agency's budget should be assessed by the budgetary authority on an ongoing basis, with reference to the Agency's workload, performance and the objective of working towards a internal energy market and contributing to energy security for the benefit of consumers in the Union. The budgetary authority should ensure that the best standards of efficiency are met.	(30) The Agency's budget should be assessed by the budgetary authority on an ongoing basis, with reference to the Agency's workload and performance. The budgetary authority should ensure that the best standards of efficiency are met.	Accept EP AM
39.	(31) The Agency should have highly professional staff. In particular, it should benefit from the competence and experience of staff seconded by the national regulatory authorities, the Commission and the Member States. The Staff Regulations of		(31) The Agency should have highly professional staff. In particular, it should benefit from the competence and experience of staff seconded by the national regulatory authorities, the	

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	Regulations") and the Conditions of employment of	States. The Staff Regulations of	
	other servants of the European Communities ("the	Officials of the European	
	Conditions of Employment"), laid down in	Communities ("the Staff	
	Regulation (EEC, Euratom, ECSC) No 259/68 ¹ and	Regulations") and the	
	the rules adopted jointly by the Union institutions	Conditions of employment of	
	for the purpose of applying those regulations	other servants of the European	
	should apply to the staff of the Agency. The	Communities ("the Conditions	
	Administrative Board, in agreement with the	of Employment"), laid down in	
	Commission, should adopt appropriate	Regulation (EEC, Euratom,	
	implementing rules.	ECSC) No 259/68 ¹ and the rules	
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		Agency. The Administrative	
		Board, in agreement with the	
		Commission, should adopt	
10		appropriate implementing rules	
40.	(32) The regulatory work of the Director and the	(32) The regulatory work of	
	Board of Regulators pursuant to this Regulation,	the Director and the Board of	
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Regulation (EEC, Euratom, ECSC) No 259/68 of the Council of 29 February 1968 laying down the Staff Regulations of Officials and the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Communities and instituting special measures temporarily applicable to officials of the Commission (OJ L 56, 4.3.1968, p. 1).

41.	(33) The Agency should apply the general rules regarding public access to documents held by Union bodies. The Administrative Board should establish the practical measures to protect commercially sensitive data and personal data.		(33) The Agency should apply the general rules regarding public access to documents held by Union bodies. The Administrative Board should establish the practical measures to protect commercially sensitive data and personal data.	
42.	(34) Through the cooperation of national regulators within the Agency it is evident that majority decisions are a key pre-requisite to achieve progress on matters concerning the internal energy market which have significant economic effects in various Member States. National regulators should therefore vote with simple majority within the Board of Regulators.	AM 18 (34) Through the cooperation of national regulators within the Agency it is evident that majority decisions are a key prerequisite to achieve progress on matters concerning the internal energy market which have significant economic effects in various Member States. National regulators should therefore vote by a two-thirds majority within the Board of Regulators. The Agency should be accountable to the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission, as appropriate.	of national regulators within the Agency it is evident that majority decisions are a key prerequisite to achieve progress on matters concerning the internal energy market which have significant economic effects in various Member States. National regulators should therefore continue to vote with two-thirds majority within the Board of Regulators. The Agency should be accountable to the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission.	Maintain Council GA

43.	(35) Countries which are not members of the Union should be able to participate in the work of the Agency in accordance with appropriate agreements to be concluded by the Union.	(35) Countries which are not members of the Union should be able to participate in the work of the Agency in accordance with appropriate agreements to be concluded by the Union.	
44.	(37) Since the objectives of this Regulation, namely the participation and cooperation of national regulatory authorities at Union level, cannot be sufficiently achieved by the Member States and can therefore be better achieved at Union level, the Union may adopt measures, in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity as set out in Article 5 of the Treaty on European Union. In accordance with the principle of proportionality, as set out in that Article, this Regulation does not go beyond what is necessary in order to achieve those objectives.	(37) Since the objectives of this Regulation, namely the participation and cooperation of national regulatory authorities at Union level, cannot be sufficiently achieved by the Member States and can therefore be better achieved at Union level, the Union may adopt measures, in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity as set out in Article 5 of the Treaty on European Union . In accordance with the principle of proportionality, as set out in that Article, this Regulation does not go beyond what is necessary in order to achieve those objectives.	

45.		AM 19 (37a) (new) Decision 2009/913/EU taken by common agreement between the representatives of the governments of Member States¹a provides that the Agency is to have its seat in Ljubljana, Slovenia. Agency's seat is the centre of its activities and its statutory functions. Thus, the meetings of the statutory organs should take place at the seat.	(37a) The seat of the Agency is situated in Ljubljana as provided by Decision 2009/913/EU taken by common agreement between the Representatives of the Governments of Member States on 7 December 2009.	Accepted EP AM in part (37a) The seat of the Agency is situated in Ljubljana as provided by Decision 2009/913/EU taken by common agreement between the Representatives of the Governments of Member States on 7 December 2009. The Agency's seat is the centre of its activities and its statutory functions.
46.	(38) The Agency's host Member State should provide the best possible conditions to ensure the smooth and efficient functioning of the Agency, including multilingual, European-oriented schooling and appropriate transport connections.	AM 20 (38) The Seat Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Slovenia and the Agency was concluded on 26 November 2010 and entered into force on 10 January 2011 and other specific arrangements fulfil the requirements of Regulations (EU) No 713/2009 and 863/2016.	(38) The Agency's host Member State should provide the best possible conditions to ensure the smooth and efficient functioning of the Agency, including multilingual, European-oriented schooling and appropriate transport connections as required by Regulations (EU) No 713/2009 and 863/2016. The Seat Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Slovenia and the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy	Maintain Council GA

Decision 2009/913/EU taken by common agreement between the representatives of the governments of Member States of 7 December 2009 on the location of the seat of the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (OJ L 322, 9.12.2009, p. 39).

			Regulators which fulfils these requirements together with its implementing arrangements, was concluded on 26 November 2010 and entered into force on 10 January 2011.	
47.		AM 21 (38a) (new) The Agency should encourage and facilitate cooperation between the national regulatory authorities across sectors, where relevant, especially in the field of data protection and privacy.		EP to explain
48.	HAVE ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:		HAVE ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:	

49.	CHAPTER I OBJECTIVES AND TASKS			
50.	Article 1			
	Establishment and objectives			
51.	1. This Regulation establishes a European Union Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators ("the Agency").		1. This Regulation establishes a European Union Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators ("the Agency").	
52.	2. The purpose of the Agency shall be to assist the regulatory authorities referred to in Article 57 of [the recast Electricity Directive as proposed by COM(2016) 864/2] and Article 39 of Directive 2009/73/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council in exercising, at Union level, the regulatory tasks performed in the Member States and, where necessary, to coordinate their action.	AM 22 2. The purpose of the Agency shall be to assist the regulatory authorities referred to in Article 57 of [the recast Electricity Directive as proposed by COM(2016) 864/2] and Article 39 of Directive 2009/73/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council in exercising, at Union level, the regulatory tasks performed in the Member States and, where necessary, to coordinate their action, mediate and settle disagreements between them as well as contribute to the establishment of high-quality common regulatory and supervisory practices, ensuring the consistent, efficient and effective application of Union legal acts in order to achieve	2. The purpose of the Agency shall be to assist the regulatory authorities referred to in Article 57 of [the recast Electricity Directive as proposed by COM(2016) 864/2] and Article 39 of Directive 2009/73/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council in exercising, at Union level, the regulatory tasks performed in the Member States and, where necessary, to coordinate their action.	Provisionally agreed: 2. The purpose of the Agency shall be to assist the regulatory authorities referred to in Article 57 of [the recast Electricity Directive as proposed by COM(2016) 864/2] and Article 39 of Directive 2009/73/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council in exercising, at Union level, the regulatory tasks performed in the Member States and, where necessary, to coordinate their action, and mediate and settle disagreements between them, in accordance with Art. 6(8). The Agency shall also contribute to the establishment of high-quality common regulatory and supervisory practices, thus

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	the Union's climate and energy goals.	contributing to the consistent, efficient and effective application of Union legal acts in order to achieve the Union's climate and
53.	AM 23 2a. (new) When carrying out its tasks, the Agency shall act independently and objectively and in the interest of the Union alone. The Agency shall take autonomous decisions, independently from private and corporate interests and have separate annual budget allocations, with autonomy in the implementation of the allocated budget, and adequate human and financial resources to carry out its duties effectively.	energy goals. Provisionally agreed: (part of EP AM 23 included in recital 29, line 36): 2a. When carrying out its tasks, the Agency shall act independently and objectively and in the interest of the Union. The Agency shall take autonomous decisions, independently from private and corporate interests.

54.	Article 2			
	Type of acts of the Agency			
55.	The Agency shall:		The Agency shall:	
56.	(a) issue opinions and recommendations addressed to transmission system operators, regional operational centres and nominated electricity market operators;	AM 24 (a) issue opinions and recommendations addressed to transmission system operators, the ENTSO for Electricity, the ENTSO for Gas, the EU DSO entity, the regional coordination centres and nominated electricity market operators;	(a) issue opinions and recommendations addressed to transmission system operators, ENTSO-E, ENTSO-G, the EU-DSO Entity, [[Regional Security Coordinators] and nominated electricity market operators;	Provisionally agreed: (a) issue opinions and recommendations addressed to transmission system operators, ENTSO-E, ENTSO-G, the EU-DSO Entity, [Regional Coordination Centres] and nominated electricity market operators;
57.	(b) issue opinions and recommendations addressed to regulatory authorities;		(b) issue opinions and recommendations addressed to regulatory authorities;	
58.	(c) issue opinions and recommendations addressed to the European Parliament, the Council, or the Commission;		(c) issue opinions and recommendations addressed to the European Parliament, the Council, or the Commission;	
59.	(d) take individual decisions in the specific cases referred to in Articles 6, 8, and 11 of this Regulation,	AM 25 (d) take decisions in the specific cases referred to in this Regulation;	(d) take individual decisions in the specific cases referred to in Articles [] 5(2), (2a) and (2b) on terms and conditions or methodologies regarding network codes and guidelines, Article 5(3) on bidding zones review, Article 6(8) on arbitration between	Maintain Council GA To be discussed in conjunction with Article 14, line 162.

regulators, Article 8(2)(a) on the configuration of system operation regions, Article 10(1) on proposals for methodologies, calculations and technical specifications related to the European resource adequacy assessment and cross-border participation in capacity mechanisms, 10(2) on methodologies related to the [Risk Preparedness Regulation as proposed by COM(2106 862], Article 11 on exemption decisions, Article 12 on tasks related to infrastructure pursuant to Regulation (EU) No 347/2013 and Article 13 on tasks related to market supervision pursuant to Regulations (EU) No 1227/2011 and Regulation (EU) No 1348/2014;

60.	(a) submit to the Commission non-binding framework guidelines ("framework guidelines") in accordance with Article 55 of [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2]] and Article 6 of Regulation (EC) No 715/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council ¹ .		(e) submit to the Commission non-binding framework guidelines ("framework guidelines") in accordance with Article 55 of [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2] and Article 6 of Regulation (EC) No 715/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council ¹ .	
61.		AM 26 1a. (new) The ENTSO for Electricity, the ENTSO for Gas, the EU DSO entity, the transmission system operators, the regional coordination centres and nominated electricity market operators shall give the utmost consideration to, and make every effort to comply with, the Agency's opinions and recommendations addressed to them pursuant to this Regulation.		Provisionally agreed (covered in Council new recital 19a, line 24)

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Regulation (EC) No 715/2009 of the European Parliament and the Council of 13 July 2009 on conditions for access to the natural gas transmission networks and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1775/2005 (OJ L 211, 14.8.2009, p. 36).

62.		Article 3	
		General tasks	
63.	The Agency may, upon a request of the European Parliament, the Council or the Commission, or on its own initiative, provide an opinion or a recommendation to the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on any of the issues relating to the purpose for which it has been established.	The Agency may, upon a request of the European Parliament, the Council or the Commission, or on its own initiative, provide an opinion or a recommendation to the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on any of the issues relating to the purpose for which it has been established.	Council compromise text: 1. The Agency may, upon a request of the European Parliament, the Council or the Commission, or on its own initiative, provide an opinion or a recommendation to the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on any of the issues relating to the purpose for which it has been established.
64.			2. At the request of the Agency, the national regulatory authorities, the ENTSO for Electricity, the ENTSO for Gas, the [Regional Coordination Centres], the EU DSO entity, transmission system operators and the nominated electricity market operators shall provide the information necessary for the purpose of carrying out its tasks under this Regulation, unless the Agency has already requested and received it. For that purpose the Agency shall have the power to issue

				decisions. In its decisions the Agency shall specify the purpose of the request, make a reference to the legal basis under which the information is requested, and state a time limit within which the information is to be provided which shall be proportionate to the request. The Agency shall use confidential information received pursuant to this Regulation only for the purpose of carrying out the tasks assigned to it in this Regulation. The Agency shall ensure appropriate data protection of all the information pursuant to Article 41.
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65.		Article 4		
66.	Tasks of the Agency as regards the cooperation of transmission system operators	AM 27 Tasks of the Agency as regards the cooperation of transmission and distribution system operators	Tasks of the Agency as regards the cooperation of transmission system operators and electricity distribution system operators	Provisionally agreed: Tasks of the Agency as regards the cooperation of transmission system operators and electricity distribution system operators
67.	1. The Agency shall provide an opinion to the Commission on the draft statutes, list of members and draft rules of procedure of the ENTSO for Electricity in accordance with Article 26(2) of [OP: recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2] and on those of the ENTSO for Gas in accordance with Article 5(2) of Regulation (EC) No 715/2009.	AM 28 1. The Agency shall provide an opinion to the Commission on the draft statutes, list of members and draft rules of procedure of the ENTSO for Electricity in accordance with Article 26(2) of [OP: recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016)861/2], on those of the EU DSO entity in accordance with Article 50(2) of Regulation (EU) [OP: recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2] and on those of the ENTSO for Gas in accordance with Article 5(2) of Regulation(EC) No 715/2009.	1. The Agency shall provide an opinion to the Commission on the draft statutes, list of members and draft rules of procedure of the ENTSO for Electricity in accordance with Article 26(2) of [OP: recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2] and on those of the ENTSO for Gas in accordance with Article 5(2) of Regulation (EC) No 715/2009 and on those of the EU DSO entity in accordance with Article 50(2) of [OP: recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2].	Provisionally agreed: 1. The Agency shall provide an opinion to the Commission on the draft statutes, list of members and draft rules of procedure of the ENTSO for Electricity in accordance with Article 26(2) of [OP: recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2] and on those of the ENTSO for Gas in accordance with Article 5(2) of Regulation (EC) No 715/2009 and on those of the EU DSO entity in accordance with Article 50(2) of [OP: recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2].
68.	2. The Agency shall monitor the execution of the tasks of the ENTSO for Electricity in accordance with Article 29 of [OP: recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2] and of the ENTSO for Gas in accordance		2. The Agency shall monitor the execution of the tasks of the ENTSO for Electricity in accordance with Article 29 of [OP: recast Electricity	Provisionally agreed: 2. The Agency shall monitor the execution of the tasks of the ENTSO for Electricity in accordance with Article 29 of [OP: recast

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	with Article 9 of Regulation (EC) No 715/2009.		Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2] and of the ENTSO for Gas in accordance with Article 9 of Regulation (EC) No 715/2009 and of the EUDSO entity in accordance with Article 51 of [OP: recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2].	Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2] and of the ENTSO for Gas in accordance with Article 9 of Regulation (EC) No 715/2009 and of the EUDSO entity in accordance with Article 51 of [OP: recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2].
69.	3. The Agency may provide an opinion:		3. The Agency provides an opinion:	Provisionally agreed: 3. The Agency may provide an opinion:
70.	(a) to the ENTSO for Gas in accordance with Article 8(2) of Regulation (EC) No 715/2009 on the network codes; and	AM 29 (a) to the ENTSO for Electricity in accordance with Article 27(1)(a) of [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2] and to the ENTSO for Gas in accordance with Article 8(2) of Regulation (EC) No 715/2009 on the network codes;	(a) to the ENTSO for Gas in accordance with Article 8(2) of Regulation (EC) No 715/2009 on the network codes; and	Provisionally agreed: (a) to the ENTSO for Electricity in accordance with Article 27(1)(a) of [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2] and to the ENTSO for Gas in accordance with Article 8(2) of Regulation (EC) No 715/2009 on the network codes;
71.	(b) to the ENTSO for Electricity in accordance with the first subparagraph of Article 29(2) of [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2], and to the ENTSO for Gas in accordance with the first subparagraph of Article 9(2) of Regulation (EC) No 715/2009 on the draft annual work programme, on the draft Union -wide network development plan and other relevant documents referred to in Article 27(1) of [recast]	AM 30 (b) to the ENTSO for Electricity in accordance with Article 27(1) (b) and (h) of [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2], and to the ENTSO for Gas in accordance with the first subparagraph of Article 9(2) of	(b) to the ENTSO for Electricity in accordance with the first subparagraph of Article 29(2) of [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2], and to the ENTSO for Gas in accordance with the first subparagraph of Article 9(2) of Regulation (EC)	Provisionally agreed: (b) to the ENTSO for Electricity in accordance with the first subparagraph of Article 29(2) of [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2], and to the ENTSO for Gas in accordance with the

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	Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2] and Article 8(3) of Regulation (EC) No 715/2009, taking into account the objectives of non-discrimination, effective competition and the efficient and secure functioning of the internal markets in electricity and natural gas.	Regulation (EC) No 715/2009 on the draft annual work programme, on the draft Union-wide network development plan and other relevant documents referred to in Article 27(1) of [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2] and Article 8(3) of Regulation (EC) No 715/2009, taking into account the objectives of non-discrimination, effective competition and the efficient and secure functioning of the internal markets in electricity and natural gas; and	No 715/2009 on the draft annual work programme, on the draft Union -wide network development plan and other relevant documents referred to in Article 27(1) of [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2] and Article 8(3) of Regulation (EC) No 715/2009, taking into account the objectives of non-discrimination, effective competition and the efficient and secure functioning of the internal markets in electricity and natural gas.	first subparagraph of Article 9(2) of Regulation (EC) No 715/2009 on the draft annual work programme, on the draft Union -wide network development plan and other relevant documents referred to in Article 27(1) of [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2] and Article 8(3) of Regulation (EC) No 715/2009, taking into account the objectives of non-discrimination, effective competition and the efficient and secure functioning of the internal markets in electricity and natural gas.
72.		AM 31 (ba) (new) to the EU DSO entity on the draft annual work programme and other relevant documents referred to in Article 51(1) and (2) of Regulation (EU) [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2], taking into account the objectives of non- discrimination, effective competition and the efficient and secure functioning of the internal markets in electricity and natural gas.	(c) to the EU DSO entity on the draft annual work program and other relevant documents referred to in Article 51(2) of [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2], taking into account the objectives of non-discrimination, effective competition and the efficient and secure functioning of the internal energy market.	Provisionally agreed: (c) to the EU DSO entity on the draft annual work program and other relevant documents referred to in Article 51(2) of [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2], taking into account the objectives of non-discrimination, effective competition and the efficient and secure functioning of the internal market in electricity.

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73.		Provisionally agreed in TM:
		3a (new) The Agency shall,
		where appropriate, after
		requesting updates to the
		<u>drafts submitted by</u>
		transmission system
		operators, approve the
		methodology regarding the
		use of revenues from
		congestion income pursuant
		to Article 17(3) of [recast of
		Electricity Regulation as
		proposed by COM(2016)
		861/2].

74. The Agency shall, based on matters of fact, provide a duly reasoned opinion as well as recommendations to the ENTSO for Electricity, the ENTSO for Gas, the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission, where it considers that the draft annual work programme or the draft Union -wide network development plan submitted to it in accordance with the second subparagraph of Article 29(2) of [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2] and the second subparagraph of Article 9(2) of Regulation (EC) No 715/2009 do not contribute to nondiscrimination, effective competition and the efficient functioning of the market or a sufficient level of cross-border interconnection open to thirdparty access, or do not comply with the relevant provisions of [OP: recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2 and recast Electricity Directive as proposed by COM(2016) 864/2] or Directive 2009/73/EC and Regulation (EC) No 715/2009.

The Agency shall, based on matters of fact, provide a duly reasoned opinion as well as recommendations to the ENTSO for Electricity, the ENTSO for Gas, the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission, where it considers that the draft annual work programme or the draft Union wide network development plan submitted to it in accordance with the second subparagraph of Article 29(2)) of [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2] and the second subparagraph of Article 9(2) of Regulation (EC) No 715/2009 do not contribute to non-discrimination, effective competition and the efficient functioning of the market or a sufficient level of cross-border interconnection open to thirdparty access, or do not comply with the relevant provisions of [OP: recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2 and recast Electricity Directive as proposed by COM(2016) 864/2] or Directive 2009/73/EC and Regulation (EC) No 715/2009.

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75.	AM 32	
13.	4 a. (new) The Agency may	Council compromise text
	issue decisions addressed to the	See Coreper discussion
		paper
	ENTSO for Electricity, the	рарсі
	ENTSO for Gas and the EU	
	DSO entity to require them to	
	comply with their obligations as	
	specified in	
	(a) this Regulation;	
	(b) Regulation (EC) No	
	715/2009 and Regulation (EU)	
	/ [proposed recast	
	Electricity Regulation, COD	
	(2016)0379];	
	(c) the network codes	
	adopted pursuant to Article 6 of	
	Regulation (EC) No 715/2009	
	and Articles 54 and 55 of	
	Regulation (EU)/	
	[proposed Electricity	
	Regulation, COD(2016)0379];	
	(d) the guidelines adopted	
	pursuant to Article 23 of	
	Regulation (EC) No 715/2009	
	and Article 57 of Regulation	
	(EU)/ [proposed Electricity	
	Regulation, COD(2016) 0379];	
	(e) Regulation (EU) No	
	347/2013 of the European	
	Parliament and of the Council;	
	(f) Regulation (EU) [Risk	
	Preparedness Regulation as	
	proposed by COM(2016) 862]	

77.		AM 33 4 b. (new) The Agency shall issue a decision pursuant to paragraph 4a only where: (a) the failure to comply affects the efficient functioning of the internal energy market; and (b) no competent authority has taken measures or the measures taken by one or more competent authorities have not been sufficient to ensure compliance. AM 34 4 c. (new) Upon the Agency's request, the ENTSO for Electricity, the ENTSO for Electricity, the ENTSO for Gas and the EU DSO entity shall provide the Agency with the information necessary for the fulfilment of its tasks.		Council compromise text See Coreper discussion paper Provisionally agreed (included in Article 3(2), line 64)
78.	Tasks of the Agency as rega	Article 5 ards the development and implem	entation of network codes and gu	idelines
79.	1. The Agency shall participate in the development of network codes in accordance with Article 55 of [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2] and Article 6 of Regulation (EC) No 715/2009. It shall in particular:		1. The Agency shall participate in the development of network codes in accordance with Article 55 of [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2] and Article 6 of Regulation (EC) No 715/2009 and of Guidelines in accordance with	Provisionally agreed in TM 1. The Agency shall participate in the development of network codes in accordance with Article 55 of [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2] and Article 6 of Regulation (EC) No 715/2009

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		Eld pre	rticle 57(7) of [OP: recast lectricity Regulation as roposed by COM(2016) 61/2]. It shall in particular:	and of Guidelines in accordance with Article 57(7) of [OP: recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2]. It shall in particular:
80.	(a) submit non-binding framework guidelines to the Commission where it is requested to do so under Article 55(3) of [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2] or Article 6(2) of Regulation (EC) No 715/2009. The Agency shall review the non-binding framework guidelines and re-submit it to the Commission where requested to do so under Article) 55(6) of [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2] or Article 6(4) of Regulation (EC) No 715/2009.;	Corecc 555. Re CC 6(2 71 rev fra sul wh Ar Ele pro or	submit non-binding ramework guidelines to the rommission where it is requested to do so under Article (5(3)) of [recast Electricity regulation as proposed by OM(2016) 861/2] or Article (2) of Regulation (EC) No 15/2009. The Agency shall review the non-binding ramework guidelines and resubmit it to the Commission where requested to do so under article (2) 55(6) of [recast rectricity Regulation as roposed by COM(2016) 861/2] or Article 6(4) of Regulation (EC) No 715/2009;	Provisionally agreed in TM (a) submit non-binding framework guidelines to the Commission where it is requested to do so under Article 55(3) of [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2] or Article 6(2) of Regulation (EC) No 715/2009. The Agency shall review the non-binding framework guidelines and resubmit it to the Commission where requested to do so under Article) 55(6) of [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2] or Article 6(4) of Regulation (EC) No 715/2009;
81.	(b) provide a reasoned opinion to the ENTSO for Gas on the network code in accordance with Article 6(7) of Regulation (EC) No 715/2009;	on acc	pinion to the ENTSO for Gas n the network code in ecordance with Article 6(7) of egulation (EC) No 715/2009;	Provisionally agreed in TM (b) provide a reasoned opinion to the ENTSO for Gas on the network code in accordance with Article 6(7) of Regulation (EC) No 715/2009;

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(c) submit the revised network code to the Commission in accordance with Article 55(10) of [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2] or pursuant to Article 6(9) of Regulation (EC) No 715/2009. The Agency shall prepare and submit a draft network code to the Commission where it is requested to do so under Article 55(11) of [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2] or Article 6(10) of Regulation (EC) No 715/2009:

revise the network code according to article 55(10) of [OP: recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2]. In the proposal submitted to the Commission, the Agency shall take into account the views provided by all involved parties during the drafting of the proposal led by the **ENTSO** for Electricity or the **EU DSO** entity and shall formally consult the relevant stakeholders on the version to be submitted to the Commission. To this extend the Agency may use the committee established under the network codes where appropriate. Subsequently, the Agency shall submit the revised network code to the Commission, and report the outcome of the consultations. in accordance with Article 55(10) of [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2]. The Agency shall submit the network code to the **Commission** [] pursuant to Article 6(9) of Regulation (EC) No 715/2009. Where the **ENTSO** for Electricity or Gas

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revise the network code according to article 55(10) of [*OP*: recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2]. In the proposal submitted to the Commission, the Agency shall take into account the views provided by all involved parties during the drafting of the proposal led by the ENTSO for **Electricity or the EU DSO** entity and shall formally consult the relevant stakeholders on the version to be submitted to the **Commission.** To this extend the Agency may use the committee established under the network codes where appropriate. Subsequently, the Agency shall submit the revised network code to the Commission, and report the outcome of the consultations, in accordance with Article 55(10) of [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2]. The Agency shall submit the network code to the Commission [] pursuant

		or the EU DSO entity have failed to develop a network code the Agency shall prepare and submit a draft network code to the Commission where it is requested to do so under Article 55(11) of [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2] or Article 6(10) of Regulation (EC) No 715/2009;	to Article 6(9) of Regulation (EC) No 715/2009. Where the ENTSO for Electricity or Gas or the EU DSO entity have failed to develop a network code the Agency shall prepare and submit a draft network code to the Commission where it is requested to do so under Article 55(11) of [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2] or Article 6(10) of Regulation (EC) No 715/2009;
83.	(d) provide a duly reasoned opinion to the Commission, in accordance with Article 29(1) of [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2] or Article 9(1) of Regulation (EC) No 715/2009, where the ENTSO for Electricity or the ENTSO for Gas has failed to implement a network code elaborated under Article 27(1)(a) of [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2] or Article 8(2) of Regulation (EC) No 715/2009 or a network code which has been established in accordance with Article 55(2) to (11) of [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2] and Article 6(1) to 10 of Regulation (EC) No 715/2009 but which has not been adopted by the Commission under Article 55(12) of [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2] and under Article 6(11) of Regulation (EC) No 715/2009.	(d) provide a duly reasoned opinion to the Commission, in accordance with Article 29(1) of [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2] or Article 9(1) of Regulation (EC) No 715/2009, where the ENTSO for Electricity or the ENTSO for Gas has failed to implement a network code elaborated under Article 27(1)(a) of [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2] or Article 8(2) of Regulation (EC) No 715/2009 or a network code which has been established in accordance with Article 55(2) to (11) of [recast Electricity	Provisionally agreed in TM (d) provide a duly reasoned opinion to the Commission, in accordance with Article 29(1) of [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2] or Article 9(1) of Regulation (EC) No 715/2009, where the ENTSO for Electricity or the ENTSO for Gas has failed to implement a network code elaborated under Article 27(1)(a) of [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2] or Article 8(2) of Regulation (EC) No 715/2009 or a network code which has been established in

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			Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2] and Article 6(1) to 10 of Regulation (EC) No 715/2009 but which has not been adopted by the Commission under Article 55(12) of [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2] and under Article 6(11) of Regulation (EC) No 715/2009.	accordance with Article 55(2) to (11) of [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2] and Article 6(1) to 10 of Regulation (EC) No 715/2009 but which has not been adopted by the Commission under Article 55(12) of [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2] and under Article 6(11) of Regulation (EC) No 715/2009.
84.	(e) monitor and analyse the implementation of the network codes and the guidelines adopted by the Commission in accordance with Article 55(12) of [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2] and Article 6(11) of Regulation (EC) No 715/2009, and their effect on the harmonisation of applicable rules aimed at facilitating market integration as well as on non-discrimination, effective competition and the efficient functioning of the market, and report to the Commission.	(e) monitor and analyse the implementation of the network codes and the Guidelines adopted by the Commission in accordance with Article 55(12) of [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2] and in Article 6(11) of Regulation (EC) No 715/2009, and their effect on the harmonisation of applicable rules aimed at facilitating market integration as well as on non-discrimination, effective competition and the efficient functioning of the market, and report to the Commission. The Agency may also issue decisions in accordance with Article 4(4a) of this Regulation.	(e) monitor and analyse the implementation of the network codes and the guidelines adopted by the Commission in accordance with Article 55(12) of [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2] and Article 6(11) of Regulation (EC) No 715/2009, and their effect on the harmonisation of applicable rules aimed at facilitating market integration as well as on non-discrimination, effective competition and the efficient functioning of the market, and report to the Commission.	Maintain Council GA

85. In cases where the network codes and guidelines developed pursuant to Chapter VII of [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2] provide for the development of proposals for terms and conditions or methodologies for the implementation of those network codes and guidelines which require regulatory approval by all regulatory authorities or by all regulators of the concerned region, the terms and conditions or methodologies shall be submitted for revision and approval to the Agency. Before approving the terms and conditions or methodologies, the Agency shall revise and change them where necessary in order to ensure that they are in line with the purpose of the network code or guidelines and contribute to market integration, non-discrimination and the efficient functioning of the market. The procedure for the coordination of regional tasks in accordance with Article 7 shall apply.

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In cases where the network codes and guidelines developed pursuant to Chapter VII of [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2] provide for the development of proposals for terms and conditions or methodologies for the implementation of those network codes and guidelines which require approval by *the* regulatory authorities of all Member States, the proposed terms and conditions or methodologies shall be submitted for revision and approval to the Agency.

In cases where a legislative act of the Union adopted in an ordinary legislative procedure or the network codes and guidelines adopted before the entry into force of this Regulation or adopted as implementing acts pursuant to Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of the European Parliament and the Council, [] provide for the development of proposals for common terms and conditions or methodologies for the implementation of those network codes and guidelines which require regulatory approval by all regulatory authorities [], the terms and conditions or methodologies shall be submitted for revision to the Agency and shall be approved by the Board of Regulators. []

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86. **AM 37** 2(a) In cases where a Council compromise text 2 a. (new) In cases where the legislative act of the Union network codes and guidelines adopted in an ordinary **See Coreper discussion** developed pursuant to Chapter legislative procedure or the paper VII of Regulation (EU) .../... network codes and guidelines [proposed recast Electricity adopted before the entry into Regulation, COD (2016)03791 force of this Regulation or provide for the development of adopted as implementing acts pursuant to Article 5 of proposals for joint regional terms and conditions or Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 methodologies for the of the European Parliament implementation of network and the Council, provide for codes and guidelines which the development of proposals require approval by all for terms and conditions or regulatory authorities of the methodologies for the region concerned, the proposed implementation of those terms and conditions or network codes and guidelines methodologies shall be notified which require regulatory approval by all competent to the Agency. regulatory authorities of the concerned region, the competent regulatory authorities of the concerned region shall reach an agreement by unanimity. The proposed terms and conditions or methodologies shall be notified to the Agency within one week of the submission of the proposal to the competent regulators. Regulators may refer the proposal to the Agency for approval pursuant to Article 6(8)(b) and shall do so pursuant to Article 6(8)(a) in case a unanimous decision cannot be reached.

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87.	Within one month of such notification, the Director may, on his or her own initiative after consulting the Board of Regulators, or at the request of the Board of Regulators, require the regulatory authorities of the region concerned to refer the proposal to the Agency for approval where the proposal has a tangible impact on the internal energy market.	2(b) The Director or the Board of Regulators, acting on its own initiative or on a proposal of one or more of its members, may require the regulators of the region concerned to refer the proposal to the Agency for approval. Such request shall be limited to cases where a regionally agreed proposal would have a tangible impact on the internal energy market or on security of supply beyond the region.	Maintain Council GA
88.	A proposal shall be considered to have a tangible impact on the internal energy market where it would:		
89.	(i) have a tangible impact on end-consumers beyond the region concerned, or		
90.	(ii) significantly affect the Union's energy interests beyond the region concerned.		

91.	In such cases, or in cases referred to in Article 6(8)(a) and (b) the Agency shall take a decision within the period specified in the relevant network codes and guidelines. That period shall begin on the day following that on which the proposal was notified.		
92.	Before approving the terms and conditions or methodologies, the Agency shall revise and change them where necessary in order to ensure that they are in line with the purpose of the network code or guideline and contribute to market integration, nondiscrimination, effective competition and the proper functioning of the market.	2(c) Before approving the terms and conditions or methodologies pursuant paragraph 2, 2a and 2b, the regulatory authorities or where competent the Agency shall revise and change them where necessary in consultation with the ENTSO for Electricity or the EU DSO entity, in order to ensure that they are in line with the purpose of the network code or guidelines and contribute to market integration, non-discrimination, effective competition and the proper functioning of the market. The Agency shall take a decision on the approval within the period specified in the relevant network codes and guidelines. That period shall begin on the day following that on which the proposal was notified.	Maintain Council GA

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93.	3. In the context of the bidding zone review, the Agency shall approve and may request amendments to the methodology and assumptions that will be used in the bidding zone review process pursuant to Article 13(3) of [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2].	AM 38 3. The bidding zone review process shall be effected pursuant to Article 13 paragraph 3 of [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2].	3. In the context of the bidding zone review, in case that the relevant national regulatory authorities do not come to an unanimous decision on the transmission system operator's proposal, the Agency shall [] decide the methodology and assumptions that will be used in the bidding zone review process pursuant to Article 13(3) of [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2] as well as issue an opinion pursuant to Article 14(2a) of that Regulation.	Provisionally agreed in TM 3. The Agency shall carry out its tasks as regards the bidding zone review pursuant to Article 13(3) of [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2].
94.	4. The Agency shall monitor the regional cooperation of transmission system operators referred to in Article 31 of [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2] and Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No 715/2009, and take into account the outcome of that cooperation when formulating its opinions, recommendations and decisions.		4. The Agency shall monitor the regional cooperation of transmission system operators referred to in Article 31 of [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2] and Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No 715/2009, and take into account the outcome of that cooperation when formulating its opinions, recommendations and decisions.	Provisionally agreed in TM 4. The Agency shall monitor the regional cooperation of transmission system operators referred to in Article 31 of [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2] and Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No 715/2009, and take into account the outcome of that cooperation when formulating its opinions, recommendations and decisions.

95.	Tasks of t	Article 6	al regulatory authorities	
96.	1. The Agency shall adopt individual decisions on technical issues where those decisions are provided for in [OP: recast Electricity Directive as proposed by COM(2016) 864/2], Directive 2009/73/EC, [OP: recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2] or Regulation (EC) No 715/2009. 2. The Agency may, in accordance with its work programme, at the request of the Commission or at its own initiative, make recommendations to assist regulatory authorities and market players in sharing good practices.	AM 39 2. The Agency may, in accordance with its work programme, at the request of the Commission or at its own initiative, make recommendations to assist regulatory authorities and market players in sharing good practices and ensuring full	1. The Agency shall adopt individual decisions on technical issues where those decisions are provided for in [OP: recast Electricity Directive as proposed by COM(2016) 864/2], Directive 2009/73/EC, [OP: recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2] or Regulation (EC) No 715/2009. 2. The Agency may, in accordance with its work programme, at the request of the Commission or at its own initiative, make recommendations to assist regulatory authorities and market players in sharing good practices.	Provisionally agreed in TM 1. The Agency shall adopt individual decisions on technical issues where those decisions are provided for in [OP: recast Electricity Directive as proposed by COM(2016) 864/2], Directive 2009/73/EC, [OP: recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2] or Regulation (EC) No 715/2009. Provisionally agreed in TM 2. The Agency may, in accordance with its work programme, at the request of the Commission or at its own initiative, make recommendations to assist regulatory authorities and market players in sharing good practices.
98.		compliance with existing regulation. AM 40 2a. (new) The Agency may provide the Commission with an opinion regarding a particular national regulatory		Council compromise text 2a. The Agency may provide an opinion regarding the independence of the national regulatory

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99.	3. The Agency shall provide a framework within which national regulatory authorities can cooperate. It shall promote cooperation between the national regulatory authorities and between regulatory authorities at regional and Union level to ensure interoperability, communication and monitoring of regional performance in those areas which are still not harmonised at Union level and shall take into account the outcome of such cooperation when formulating its opinions, recommendations and decisions. Where the Agency considers that binding rules on such cooperation are required, it shall make the appropriate recommendations to the Commission.	authority's independence or lack of resources and technical capabilities upon its own initiative. AM 41 3. The Agency shall provide a framework within which national regulatory authorities can cooperate in order to ensure efficient decision-making on issues with cross border relevance. It shall promote cooperation between the national regulatory authorities and between regulatory authorities and between regulatory authorities at regional and Union level to ensure interoperability, communication and monitoring of regional performance in those areas which are still not harmonised at Union level and shall take into account the outcome of such cooperation when formulating its opinions, recommendations and decisions. Where the Agency considers that binding rules on such cooperation are required, it shall make the appropriate recommendations to the Commission.	3. The Agency shall provide a framework within which national regulatory authorities can cooperate. It shall promote cooperation between the national regulatory authorities and between regulatory authorities at regional and Union level and shall take into account the outcome of such cooperation when formulating its opinions, recommendations and decisions. Where the Agency considers that binding rules on such cooperation are required, it shall make the appropriate recommendations to the Commission.	authorities or their resources and technical capabilities. Provisionally agreed in TM: 3. The Agency shall provide a framework within which national regulatory authorities can cooperate in order to ensure efficient decisionmaking on issues with cross border relevance. It shall promote cooperation between the national regulatory authorities and between regulatory authorities at regional and Union level and shall take into account the outcome of such cooperation when formulating its opinions, recommendations and decisions. Where the Agency considers that binding rules on such cooperation are required, it shall make the appropriate recommendations to the Commission.
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100.	4. The Agency shall provide a factual opinion at the request of a regulatory authority or of the Commission, on whether a decision taken by a regulatory authority complies with the guidelines referred to in [recast Electricity Directive as proposed by COM(2016) 864/2], Directive 2009/73/EC, [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2] or Regulation (EC) No 715/2009 or with other relevant provisions of those Directives or Regulations.	4. The Agency shall provide a factual opinion at the request of <i>one or more</i> regulatory <i>authorities</i> or of the Commission, on whether a decision taken by a regulatory authority complies with the guidelines referred to in [recast Electricity Directive as proposed by COM(2016) 864/2], Directive 2009/73/EC, [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2] or Regulation (EC) No 715/2009 or with other relevant provisions of those Directives or Regulations.	4. The Agency shall provide a factual opinion at the request of a regulatory authority or of the Commission, on whether a decision taken by a regulatory authority complies with the guidelines referred to in [recast Electricity Directive as proposed by COM(2016) 864/2], Directive 2009/73/EC, [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2] or Regulation (EC) No 715/2009 or with other relevant provisions of those Directives or Regulations.	Provisionally agreed: 4. The Agency shall provide a factual opinion at the request of <i>one or more</i> regulatory <i>authorities</i> or of the Commission, on whether a decision taken by a regulatory authority complies with the guidelines referred to in [recast Electricity Directive as proposed by COM(2016) 864/2], Directive 2009/73/EC, [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2] or Regulation (EC) No 715/2009 or with other relevant provisions of those Directives or Regulations.
101.			4a. The Agency shall provide an opinion to the relevant regulatory authority pursuant to Article 14(2a) of [OP: recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2].	Maintain Council GA
102.	5. Where a national regulatory authority does not comply with the opinion of the Agency referred to in paragraph 4 within four months from the day of receipt, the Agency shall inform the Commission and the Member State concerned accordingly.		5. Where a national regulatory authority does not comply with the opinion of the Agency referred to in paragraph 4 within four months from the day of receipt, the Agency shall	Provisionally agreed in TM: 5. Where a national regulatory authority does not comply with the opinion of the Agency referred to in paragraph 4 within four

103.	6. When a national regulatory authority encounters, in a specific case, difficulties with the application of the guidelines referred to in [recast Electricity Directive as proposed by COM(2016) 864/2], Directive 2009/73/EC, [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2] or Regulation (EC) No 715/2009, it may request the Agency for an opinion. The Agency shall deliver its opinion, after consulting the Commission, within three months of receiving such request.		inform the Commission and the Member State concerned accordingly. 6. When a national regulatory authority encounters, in a specific case, difficulties with the application of the guidelines referred to in [recast Electricity Directive as proposed by COM(2016) 864/2], Directive 2009/73/EC, [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2] or Regulation (EC) No 715/2009, it may request the Agency for an opinion. The Agency shall deliver its opinion, after consulting the Commission, within three months of receiving such request.	months from the day of receipt, the Agency shall inform the Commission and the Member State concerned accordingly. Provisionally agreed in TM: 6. When a national regulatory authority encounters, in a specific case, difficulties with the application of the guidelines referred to in [recast Electricity Directive as proposed by COM(2016) 864/2], Directive 2009/73/EC, [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2] or Regulation (EC) No 715/2009, it may request the Agency for an opinion. The Agency shall deliver its opinion, after consulting the Commission, within three months of receiving such request.
104.		AM 43 6 a. (new) Upon the request of a national regulatory authority, the Agency may decide to provide operational assistance to the national regulatory authority concerned in the investigation, including for the purpose of enforcement with regard to non-compliance with		Provisionally agreed in TM: 6 a. Upon the request of a national regulatory authority, the Agency may provide operational assistance to that national regulatory authority regarding investigations pursuant to Regulation (EU) No 1227/2011 of the European Parliament and of

105		rules relating to market abuse, market manipulation and insider trading, pursuant to Regulation (EU) No 1227/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council ^{1a} . 1a Regulation (EU) No 1227/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2011 on wholesale energy market integrity and transparency (OJ L 326, 8.12.2011, p. 1).		the Council ^{1a} . Regulation (EU) No 1227/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2011 on wholesale energy market integrity and transparency (OJ L 326, 8.12.2011, p. 1).
105.	7. The Agency shall decide on the terms and conditions for access to and operational security of electricity and gas infrastructure connecting or that might connect at least two Member States ("crossborder infrastructure"), in accordance with paragraph 8 and following.	AM 44 7. The Agency shall decide on the terms and conditions for access to and operational security of electricity and gas infrastructure connecting or that might connect at least two Member States ("cross-border infrastructure"), in accordance with <i>paragraphs 8, 9 and 10</i> .	7. []	Maintain Council GA
106.	8. As regards regulatory issues with cross-border relevance, the Agency shall decide upon those regulatory issues that fall within the competence of national regulatory authorities, which may include the terms and conditions for access and operational security, or methodologies with relevance for cross-border trade or operational security, or other regulatory issues with cross-border relevance,:		8. [] The Agency shall be competent to adopt individual decisions on regulatory issues [] having effect on cross-border [] trade or cross-border system security which require a joint decision by at least two [] national regulatory authorities, and such competences have been conferred under a	See Coreper discussion paper

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		legislative act of the Union adopted in an ordinary legislative procedure or the Network Codes and Guidelines adopted before the entry into force of this Regulation or adopted as implementing acts pursuant to Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of the European Parliament and the Council [],	
107.	(a) where the competent national regulatory authorities have not been able to reach an agreement within a period of six months after referral of the case to the last of those regulatory authorities; or	(a) where the competent national regulatory authorities have not been able to reach an agreement within a period of six months after referral of the case to the last of those regulatory authorities; or	Maintain Council GA
108.	(b) upon a joint request from the competent national regulatory authorities. The competent national regulatory authorities may jointly request that the period referred to in point (a) be extended by a period of up to six months. When preparing its decision, the Agency shall consult the national regulatory authorities and the transmission system operators concerned and shall be informed of the proposals and observations of all the transmission system operators concerned.	(b) upon a joint request from the competent national regulatory authorities. The competent national regulatory authorities may jointly request that the period referred to in point (a) be extended by a period of up to six months.	Maintain Council GA

109.		8a. When preparing its decision pursuant to paragraph 8, the Agency shall consult the national regulatory authorities and the transmission system operators concerned and shall be informed of the proposals and observations of all the transmission system operators concerned.	Provisionally agreed in TM: 8a. When preparing its decision pursuant to paragraph 8, the Agency shall consult the national regulatory authorities and the transmission system operators concerned and shall be informed of the proposals and observations of all the transmission system operators concerned.
110.	9. Where a case has been referred to the Agency under paragraph 8, the Agency:	9. Where a case has been referred to the Agency under paragraph 8, the Agency:	Provisionally agreed in TM: 9. Where a case has been referred to the Agency under paragraph 8, the Agency:
111.	(a) shall issue a decision within a period of six months from the day of referral; and	(a) shall issue a decision within a period of six months from the day of referral; and	Provisionally agreed in TM: (a) shall issue a decision within a period of six months from the day of referral; and
112.	(b) may, if necessary, provide an interim decision to ensure that security of supply or operational security of the infrastructure in question is protected.	(b) may, if necessary, provide an interim decision to ensure that security of supply or operational security of the infrastructure in question is protected.	Provisionally agreed in TM: (b) may, if necessary, provide an interim decision to ensure that security of supply or operational security of the infrastructure in question is protected.

113.	10. Where the regulatory issues referred to in paragraph 8 include exemptions within the meaning of Article 59 of [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2] or Article 36 of Directive 2009/73/EC, the deadlines provided for in this Regulation shall not be cumulative with the deadlines provided for in those provisions.		10. Where the regulatory issues referred to in paragraph 8 include exemptions within the meaning of Article 59 of [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2] or Article 36 of Directive 2009/73/EC, the deadlines provided for in this Regulation shall not be cumulative with the deadlines provided for in those provisions.	Provisionally agreed in TM: 10. Where the regulatory issues referred to in paragraph 8 include exemptions within the meaning of Article 59 of [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2] or Article 36 of Directive 2009/73/EC, the deadlines provided for in this Regulation shall not be cumulative with the deadlines provided for in those provisions.
114.		AM 45 10 a. (new) The national regulatory authorities shall ensure enforcement of the		Maintain Council GA
		Agency's decisions.		

<i>115.</i>	Article 7	AM 46	Article 7	Provisionally agreed in TM
	Coordination of regional tasks within the Agency	deleted	Article /	1 rovisionally agreed in 11v1
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116.	1. For decisions pursuant to Article 5(2) of the			Provisionally agreed in TM
110.	present Regulation, on joint regional terms and			Provisionally agreed in 1M
	conditions or methodologies to be developed under			
	network codes and guidelines pursuant to Chapter			
	VII of the [recast Electricity Regulation as			
	proposed by COM(2016) 861/2] which regularly			
	concern a limited number of Member States and			
	require a joint regulatory decision at regional level,			
	the Agency may be assisted by a subset of the			
	Board of Regulators, consisting only of the			
	regulatory authorities of the concerned region,			
	following the procedure in paragraphs 2 to 4 of this			
	Article.			
117.	2. The Director shall assess the possible impact			Provisionally agreed in TM
	of the joint proposal on the internal market and			, 0
	issue an opinion if the joint proposal is mainly of			
	regional relevance or if it has a tangible impact on			
	the internal market, notably in cases where the			
	issue at stake has a significant relevance beyond			
	the concerned region.			
118.	3. The Board of Regulators shall, if			Provisionally agreed in TM
	appropriate, and notably taking into account the			
	opinion of the Director, establish a regional			
	subgroup consisting of the concerned members of			
	the Board of Regulators to revise the proposal and			
	make a recommendation to the Board of Regulators			
	on the approval, including possible amendments.			

119.	4. When the Board of Regulators decides on its opinion on the proposal, it shall take due account of the recommendation of the regional subgroup.		Provisionally agreed in TM
120.	5. The regulatory authorities of the region shall jointly designate a single coordinating national regulatory authority responsible for the coordination of the regional subgroups of the national regulatory authorities. The function of the coordinating national regulatory authority shall rotate every two years. The coordinating national regulatory authority shall act as contact point for all concerned parties, including for the Agency. It may request information relevant for the implementation of regulatory functions at regional level from all concerned parties on its own initiative or at the request of another national regulatory authority or authorities of the region and shall provide the Agency with information concerning the regional activities of the national regulatory authorities of the region. Regulatory authorities acting in regional subgroups of the Board of Regulators shall make sufficient resources available to enable the group to carry out its functions.		Provisionally agreed in TM

121.	Article 8 Tasks of the Agency as regards regional operational centres	AM 47 Tasks of the Agency as regards regional <i>coordination</i> centres	Article 8 Tasks of the Agency as regards [[Regional Security Coordinators	Provisionally agreed: Article 8 Tasks of the Agency as regards [Regional Coordination Centres]
122.	1. The Agency, in close cooperation with the national regulatory authorities and the ENTSO for Electricity, shall monitor and analyse the performance of regional operational centres, taking into account the reports provided for in [Article 43(4) recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2].	AM 48 1. The Agency, in close cooperation with the national regulatory authorities and the ENTSO for Electricity, shall monitor and analyse the performance and compliance of regional coordination centres, taking into account the reports provided for in [Article 43(4)] of Regulation [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2] and their compliance with obligations under Regulation (EU)/ [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2], the network codes adopted pursuant to Articles 54 and 55 thereof and the guidelines adopted pursuant to Article 57 thereof.	1. The Agency, in close cooperation with the national regulatory authorities and the ENTSO for Electricity, shall monitor and analyse the performance of [] Regional Security Coordinators, taking into account the reports provided for in [Article 43(4) recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2].	Council compromise text: 1. The Agency, in close cooperation with the national regulatory authorities and the ENTSO for Electricity, shall monitor and analyse the performance of [Regional Coordination Centres], taking into account the reports provided for in [Article 43(4) recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2].

123.	2. To carry out the tasks referred to in paragraph 1 in an efficient and expeditious manner, the Agency shall in particular:		2. To carry out the tasks referred to in paragraph 1 in an efficient and expeditious manner, the Agency shall in particular:	
124.	(a) decide on the configuration of system operation regions pursuant to Article 33(1) of [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2]		(a) decide on the configuration of system operation regions pursuant to Article 33[] (2) of [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2];	
125.	(b) request information from regional operational centres where appropriate pursuant to Article 43 of [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2];	AM 49 (b) request information from regional <i>coordination</i> centres where appropriate pursuant to Article 43 of [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2];	(b) request information from [] Regional Security Coordinators where appropriate pursuant to Article 43 of [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2];	Provisionally agreed: (b) request information from [Regional Coordination Centres] where appropriate pursuant to Article 43 of [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2];
126.	(c) issue opinions and recommendations to the European Commission, the Council and the European Parliament;		(c) issue opinions and recommendations to the European Commission, the Council and the European Parliament;	
127.	(d) issue opinions and recommendations to regional operational centres.	AM 50 (d) issue opinions and recommendations to regional <i>coordination</i> centres.	(d) issue opinions and recommendations to [] Regional Security Coordinators.	Provisionally agreed: (d) issue opinions and recommendations to [Regional Coordination Centres].

128.	AM 51 2 a. (new) The Agency may	Maintain Council GA, AM 51 covered in new Article 4(5)
	issue decisions addressed to the	and 4(6). See Coreper
	regional coordination centres	discussion paper (7/12/18)
	to require them to comply with	
	their obligations as specified in	
129.	(a) Regulation (EU)/	
	[proposed recast Electricity	
	Regulation, COD (2016)0379];	
130.	(b) the network codes	
	adopted pursuant to Articles 54	
	and 55 of Regulation (EU)/	
	[proposed Electricity	
	Regulation, COD(2016)0379];	
131.	(c) the guidelines adopted	
	pursuant to Article 57 of	
	Regulation (EU)/	
	[proposed Electricity	
	Regulation, COD(2016) 0379].	
132.	AM 52	Maintain Council GA, AM 51
	2 b. (new) The Agency shall	covered in new Article 4(5)
	take a decision pursuant to	and 4(6). See Coreper
	paragraph 2a only where:	discussion paper (7/12/18)
133.	(a) the failure to comply	
	affects the efficient functioning	
	of the internal energy market;	
	and	
134.	(b) no competent authority	
	has taken measures or the	
	measures taken by one or more	
	competent authorities have not	
	been sufficient to ensure	
	compliance.	

135.		Article 9	
	Tasks of the Agency as regards Nominated Electricity Market Operators		
136.	In order to ensure that Nominated Electricity Market Operators carry out their functions under the [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2] and Commission Regulation 1222/2015 of 24 July 2015 ¹ , the Agency shall:	In order to ensure that Nominated Electricity Market Operators carry out their functions under the [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2] and Commission Regulation 1222/2015 of 24 July 2015 ¹ , the Agency shall:	Provisionally agreed in TM
137.	(a) monitor the Nominated Electricity Market Operators' progress in establishing the functions under Regulation 1222/2015;	(a) monitor the Nominated Electricity Market Operators' progress in establishing the functions under Regulation 1222/2015;	
138.	(b) issue recommendations to the Commission in accordance with Article 7(5) of Regulation 1222/2015	(b) issue recommendations to the Commission in accordance with Article 7(5) of Regulation 1222/2015	
139.	(c) request information from Nominated Electricity Market Operators where appropriate.	(c) request information from Nominated Electricity Market Operators where appropriate.	

¹ Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/1222 of 24 July 2015 establishing a guideline on capacity allocation and congestion management, OJ L 197, 25.7.2015, p. 24–72

140.	Article 10			
	Tasks of the Agency as regards generation adequacy and risk preparedness			
141.	The Agency shall approve and amend where necessary		1. The Agency shall approve and amend where necessary	
142.	(a) the proposals for methodologies and calculations related to the European resource adequacy assessment pursuant to Article 19(2), (3) and (5) of [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2].	AM 53 (a) the proposals for methodologies and calculations related to the European resource adequacy assessment pursuant to Article 19(2), (3) and (5) of [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2] as well as the results of the European resource adequacy assessment pursuant to Article 19(6) of Regulation (EU) [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2].	(a) the proposals for methodologies and calculations related to the European resource adequacy assessment pursuant to Article 19(2), (3) and (5) of [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2].	Maintain Council GA
143.	(b) the proposals for technical specifications for cross-border participation in capacity mechanisms pursuant to Article 21(10) of [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2].		(b) the proposals for technical specifications for cross-border participation in capacity mechanisms pursuant to Article 21(10) of [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2].	

144.		1a. The Agency, at the request of the Commission, shall issue an opinion on the ENTSO for Electricity's evaluation of national adequacy assessment pursuant to Article 18(3a) of [OP: recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2]	Maintain Council GA
145.	2. The Agency shall approve and amend where necessary the methodologies	2. The Agency shall approve and amend where necessary the methodologies	
146.	(a) for identifying electricity crisis scenarios at a regional level as described in Article 5 of [Risk Preparedness Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 862];	(a) for identifying electricity crisis scenarios at a regional level as described in Article 5 of [Risk Preparedness Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 862];	
147.	(b) for short-term adequacy assessments as described in Article 8 of [Risk Preparedness Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 862].	(b) for short-term adequacy assessments as described in Article 8 of [Risk Preparedness Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 862].	

148.	Article 11		
149.	Tasks of the Agency as reg The Agency may decide on exemptions, as provided for in Article 59(5) of [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2]. The Agency may also decide on exemptions as provided for in Article 36(4) of Directive 2009/73/EC where the infrastructure concerned is located in the territory of more than one Member State.	The Agency may decide on exemptions, as provided for in Article 59(5) of [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2]. The Agency may also decide on exemptions as provided for in Article 36(4) of Directive 2009/73/EC where the infrastructure concerned is located in the territory of more than one Member State.	
150.	Article 12 Tasks of the Agency as regards infrastructure		
151.	With respect to trans-European energy infrastructure, the Agency, in close cooperation with the regulatory authorities and the ENTSOs, shall:	With respect to trans-European energy infrastructure, the Agency, in close cooperation with the regulatory authorities and the ENTSOs, shall:	
152.	(a) monitor progress as regards the implementation of projects to create new interconnector capacity;	(a) monitor progress as regards the implementation of projects to create new interconnector capacity;	

153.	(b) monitor the implementation of the Union-wide network-development plans. If it identifies inconsistencies between those plans and their implementation, it shall investigate the reasons for those inconsistencies and make recommendations to the transmission system operators, national regulatory authorities or other competent bodies concerned with a view to implementing the investments in accordance with the Union-wide network-development plans.	implementar wide networ plans. If it is inconsistence plans and th it shall invest for those inc make recom transmissior national reg or other con concerned w implementir accordance	itor the tion of the Union - rk-development dentifies cies between those heir implementation, stigate the reasons consistencies and hamendations to the n system operators, gulatory authorities impetent bodies with a view to ng the investments in with the Union - rk-development	
154.	(c) carry out the obligations laid out in Article 5, 11, 12 and 13 of Regulation (EU) No 347/2013.	laid out in A	out the obligations Article 5, 11, [] and ation (EU) No	
155.			decisions pursuant 2(6) of Regulation 7/2013.	Provisionally agreed: (d) take decisions pursuant to Article 12(6) of Regulation (EU) No 347/2013.

<i>156.</i>	Article 13				
	Tasks of the Ag	gency as regards wholesale marke	et integrity and transparency		
157.	In order to effectively monitor wholesale market integrity and transparency, the Agency, in close cooperation with the regulatory authorities and other national authorities, shall		In order to effectively monitor wholesale market integrity and transparency, the Agency, in close cooperation with the regulatory authorities and other national authorities, shall	Provisionally agreed	
158.	(a) monitor wholesale markets, collect data and establish a European register of market participants in accordance with Article 7 to 9 of Regulation (EU) 1227/2011 ¹ ;	(a) monitor wholesale markets, <i>including regional markets</i> , collect <i>and share</i> data and <i>establish a European</i> register <i>of</i> market participants in accordance with Article 7 to <i>12</i> of Regulation (EU)1227/2011 ¹ ;	(a) monitor wholesale markets, collect data and establish a European register of market participants in accordance with Article 7 to 9 of Regulation (EU) 1227/2011 ¹ ;	Provisionally agreed: (a) monitor wholesale markets, collect and share data and establish a European register of market participants in accordance with Article 7 to 12 of Regulation (EU)1227/2011 ¹ ;	
159.	(b) issue recommendations to the Commission in accordance with Article 7 of Regulation (EU) 1227/2011;		(b) issue recommendations to the Commission in accordance with Article 7 of Regulation (EU) 1227/2011;		

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Regulation (EU) No 1227/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2011 on wholesale energy market integrity and transparency OJ L 326, 8.12.2011, p. 1–16.

160.	(c) coordinate investigations pursuant to Article 16(4) of Regulation (EU) 1227/2011.		(c) coordinate investigations pursuant to Article 16(4) of Regulation (EU) 1227/2011;	
161.			(ca) establish mechanisms to share information it receives and give access to these mechanisms in accordance with Article 10 of Regulation (EU) 1227/2011.	Provisionally agreed: (ca) establish mechanisms to share information it receives and give access to these mechanisms in accordance with Article 10 of Regulation (EU) 1227/2011. []
162.		Article 14		
		Commissioning of new tasks to	the Agency	
163.	The Agency may, in circumstances clearly defined		The Agency may, in	Council compromise text
	by the Commission in guidelines adopted pursuant		circumstances clearly defined	
	to Article 57 of [recast Electricity Regulation as		by the Commission in	See Coreper discussion
	proposed by COM(2016) 861/2] or Article 23 of		guidelines adopted pursuant to	paper (7/12/18)
	Regulation (EC) No 715/2009 and on issues related		Article <u>57</u> of [recast Electricity	
	to the purpose for which it has been established, be		Regulation as proposed by	
	commissioned with additional tasks respecting the		COM(2016) 861/2] or Article	
	limits of transfer of executive powers to Union		23 of Regulation (EC) No	
	agencies.		715/2009 and on issues related	
			to the purpose for which it has	
			been established, be	
			commissioned with additional	
			tasks [] which do not involve	
			decision making powers.	

164.		Article 15
165.	In carrying out its tasks, in particular in the process of developing framework guidelines in accordance with Article 55 of [recast Electricity]	1. In carrying out its tasks, in particular in the process of developing framework Provisionally agreed: 1. In carrying out its tasks, in particular in the process of developing framework
166	Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2] or Article 6 of Regulation (EC) No 715/2009, and in the process of proposing amendments of network codes under Article 56 of [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2] or Article 7 of Regulation (EC) No 715/2009 the Agency shall consult extensively and at an early stage with market participants, transmission system operators, consumers, end-users and, where relevant, competition authorities, without prejudice to their respective competence, in an open and transparent manner, in particular when its tasks concern transmission system operators.	guidelines in accordance with Article 55 of [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2] or Article 6 of Regulation (EC) No 715/2009, and in the process of proposing amendments of network codes under Article 56 of [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2] or Article 7 of Regulation (EC) No 715/2009 the Agency shall consult extensively and at an early stage with market participants, transmission system operators, consumers, end-users and, where relevant, competition authorities, without prejudice to their respective competence, in an open and transparent manner, in particular when its tasks concern transmission system operators. developing framework guidelines in accordance with Article 55 of [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2] or Article 6 of Regulation (EC) No 715/2009, and in the process of proposing amendments of network codes under Article 56 of [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2] or Article 7 of Regulation (EC) No 715/2009 the Agency shall consult extensively and at an early stage with market participants, transmission system operators, consumers, end-users and, where relevant, competition authorities, without prejudice to their respective competence, in an open and transparent manner, in particular when its tasks concern transmission system operators.
166.	2. The Agency shall ensure that the public and any interested parties are, where appropriate, given objective, reliable and easily accessible	2. The Agency shall ensure that the public and any interested parties are, where appropriate, given objective, Provisionally agreed: 2. The Agency shall ensure that the public and any interested parties are, where

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	information, in particular with regard to the results of its work.	reliable and easily accessible information, in particular with regard to the results of its work	appropriate, given objective, reliable and easily accessible information, in particular with regard to the results of its work.
167.	All documents and minutes of consultation meetings conducted during the development of framework guidelines in accordance with Article 55 of [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2] or Article 6 of Regulation (EC) No 715/2009, or during the amendment of network codes referred to in paragraph 1 shall be made public.	All documents and minutes of consultation meetings conducted during the development of framework guidelines in accordance with Article 55 of [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2] or Article 6 of Regulation (EC) No 715/2009, or during the amendment of network codes referred to in paragraph 1 shall be made public.	All documents and minutes of consultation meetings conducted during the development of framework guidelines in accordance with Article 55 of [recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2] or Article 6 of Regulation (EC) No 715/2009, or during the amendment of network codes referred to in paragraph 1 shall be made public.
168.	3. Before adopting framework guidelines, or proposing amendments to network codes as referred to in paragraph 1, the Agency shall indicate how the observations received during the consultation have been taken into account and shall provide reasons where those observations have not been followed.	3. Before adopting framework guidelines, or proposing amendments to network codes as referred to in paragraph 1, the Agency shall indicate how the observations received during the consultation have been taken into account and shall provide reasons where those observations have not been followed.	Provisionally agreed: 3. Before adopting framework guidelines, or proposing amendments to network codes as referred to in paragraph 1, the Agency shall indicate how the observations received during the consultation have been taken into account and shall provide reasons where those observations have not been followed.

169.	4. The Agency shall make public, on its own website, at least the agenda, the background documents and, where appropriate, the minutes of the meetings of the Administrative Board, of the Board of Regulators and of the Board of Appeal.	4. The Agency shall make public, on its own website, at least the agenda, the background documents and, where appropriate, the minutes of the meetings of the Administrative Board, of the Board of Regulators and of the Board of Appeal.	Provisionally agreed: 4. The Agency shall make public, on its own website, at least the agenda, the background documents and, where appropriate, the minutes of the meetings of the Administrative Board, of the Board of Regulators and of the Board of Appeal.
170.			Text of Article 15a merged with Article 15: Provisionally agreed: 5. The Agency shall adopt and publish adequate and proportionate rules of procedure following the process set out in Article 20 (1)(t). These rules shall at least include provisions which ensure a transparent and reasonable decision-making process guaranteeing fundamental procedural rights based on the rule of law, including the right to be heard, rules on access to files and the standards specified in paragraphs 6 to 8.

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171.	6. Before taking individual decisions provided for in this Regulation, the Agency shall inform any party concerned of its intention to adopt a decision, and set a time limit within which the party concerned may express its views on the matter, taking full account of the urgency, complexity and potential consequences of the matter.
172.	Provisionally agreed: 7. Individual decisions of the Agency shall state the reasons on which they are based for the purpose of allowing an appeal on the merits.
173.	Provisionally agreed: 8. The parties concerned of individual decisions shall be informed of the legal remedies available under this Regulation.

174.	AM 55 Article 15 a (new)	Article 15a	(Merged with Article 15)
175.	Procedural safeguards for addressees of the Agency's decisions		
176.	1. Before taking the decisions provided for in this Regulation, the Agency shall inform the parties concerned of the decisions and shall invite them to submit observations by a particular time-limit, taking full account of the urgency, complexity and potential consequences of the matter.	1. Before taking the decisions provided for in this Regulation, the Agency shall inform any named addressee of its intention to adopt a decision, setting a time limit within which the addressee may express its views on the matter, taking full account of the urgency, complexity and potential consequences of the matter.	

177.	2. Decisions taken by the Agency shall be fully reasoned for the purpose of allowing an appeal on the merits.	2. The decisions of the Agency shall state the reasons on which they are based for the purpose of allowing an appeal on the merits.	
178.	3. The parties concerned shall be informed of the legal remedies available to challenge decisions pursuant to this Regulation.	3. The addressees of decisions of the Agency shall be informed of the legal remedies available under this Regulation.	
179.	4. The Agency shall adopt and publish adequate and proportionate rules of procedure relating to the Agency's tasks under Chapter I. For all Agency decisions, the rules of procedure shall at least set the standards specified in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of this Article and shall ensure a transparent and reasonable decision-making process, guaranteeing fundamental procedural rights based on the rule of law. For all other Agency tasks under Chapter I, the rules of procedure shall at least ensure that fundamental procedural rights are guaranteed.	4. The Agency shall adopt and publish adequate and proportionate rules of procedure for all Agency tasks set out under Chapter 1. These rules shall at least set out the standards specified in paragraphs 1 to 3 to ensure a transparent and reasonable decision-making process guaranteeing fundamental procedural rights based on the rule of law.	

180. Article 16 Monitoring and reporting on the electricity and natural gas sectors

181.

The Agency, in close cooperation with the Commission, the Member States and the relevant national authorities including the national regulatory authorities and without prejudice to the competences of competition authorities, shall monitor the wholesale and retail markets in electricity and natural gas, in particular the retail prices of electricity and natural gas, compliance with the consumer rights laid down in [recast Electricity Directive as proposed by COM(2016) 864/2] and Directive 2009/73/EC, access to the networks including access of electricity produced from renewable energy sources, potential barriers to cross-border trade, state interventions preventing prices from reflecting actual scarcity, the performance of the Member States in the area of electricity security of supply based on the results of the European resource adequacy assessment as referred to in Article 19 of [recast Electricity Regulation], in particular taking into account the ex-post evaluation referred to in Article 16 of [Risk Preparedness Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 862].

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The Agency, in close cooperation with the Commission, the Member States and the relevant national authorities including the national regulatory authorities and without prejudice to the competences of competition authorities, shall monitor the wholesale and retail markets in electricity and natural gas, in particular the retail prices of electricity and natural gas, compliance with the consumer rights laid down in [recast Electricity Directive as proposed by COM(2016) 864/2] and Directive 2009/73/EC, the impact of market developments on household customers access to the networks including access of electricity produced from renewable energy sources, the progress made with regard to interconnections, potential barriers to cross-border trade, regulatory barriers for new market entrants and smaller actors, including energy communities, state interventions preventing prices from reflecting actual scarcity, the

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Commission, the Member States

national regulatory authorities

and without prejudice to the

competences of competition

authorities, shall monitor the

electricity and natural gas, in

particular the retail prices of

compliance with the consumer

proposed by COM(2016) 864/2]

access to the networks including

access of electricity produced

reflecting actual scarcity such

in Article 9 of [OP: recast

Electricity Regulation as

proposed by COM (2016)

as price restrictions as laid out

861/2)], the performance of the

Member States in the area of

electricity security of supply

based on the results of the

from renewable energy sources,

potential barriers to cross-border

electricity and natural gas,

rights laid down in [recast

and Directive 2009/73/EC.

trade, state interventions

preventing prices from

Electricity Directive as

wholesale and retail markets in

and the relevant national

authorities including the

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		performance of the Member States in the area of electricity security of supply based on the results of the European resource adequacy assessment as referred to in Article 19 of [recast Electricity Regulation], in particular taking into account the ex-post evaluation referred to in Article 16 of [Risk Preparedness Regulation as proposed by COM(2016)862].	European resource adequacy assessment as referred to in Article 19 of [recast Electricity Regulation], in particular taking into account the ex-post evaluation referred to in Article 16 of [Risk Preparedness Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 862].	actors, including energy communities, state interventions preventing prices from reflecting actual scarcity such as laid out in Article 9 (4) of [OP: recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM (2016) 861/2)], the performance of the Member States in the area of electricity security of supply based on the results of the European resource adequacy assessment as referred to in Article 19 of [recast Electricity Regulation], in particular taking into account the expost evaluation referred to in Article 16 of [Risk Preparedness Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 862]
182.	2. The Agency shall publish annually a report on the results of the monitoring referred to r in paragraph 1. In that report, it shall identify any barriers to the completion of the internal markets in electricity and natural gas.		2. The Agency shall publish annually a report on the results of the monitoring referred to r in paragraph 1. In that report, it shall identify any barriers to the completion of the internal markets in electricity and natural gas.	

183.	3. When publishing its annual report, the Agency may submit to the European Parliament and to the Commission an opinion on the possible measures to remove the barriers referred to in paragraph 2.		3. When publishing its annual report, the Agency may submit to the European Parliament and to the Commission an opinion on the possible measures to remove the barriers referred to in paragraph 2.	
184.			3a. The Agency may issue a best practice report on tariffs pursuant to Article 16 (9) of [OP: recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2];	Council compromise text The Agency may issue a best practice report on transmission and distribution tariffs methodologies pursuant to Article 16 (9) of [OP: recast Electricity Regulation as proposed by COM(2016) 861/2];
185.		AM 57 3 a. (new) The Agency may request the national regulatory authorities, the ENTSO for Electricity, the ENTSO for Gas, the regional coordination centres, the EU DSO entity and the nominated electricity market operators to make available any information necessary for the purpose of carrying out of monitoring pursuant to this Article. For that purpose the Agency shall have the power to issue	3b. The Agency may request national regulatory authorities, the ENTSO for Electricity, the ENTSO for Gas, the Regional Security Coordinators, the EU DSO entity and the Nominated Electricity Market Operators to provide any relevant information necessary for the purpose of carrying out of monitoring pursuant to this Article.	Provisionally agreed (merged with Article 3(2), line 64)

decisions. In its decisions the Agency shall make a reference to the legal basis under which the information is requested, the time limit within which the information is to be provided, and the purpose of the request. The Agency shall use confidential information received pursuant to this Article only for the purposes of carrying out the tasks assigned to it in this Regulation. The Agency shall ensure appropriate data protection of all the information pursuant to Article 41.

186.	CHAPTER II ORGANISATION OF THE AGENCY					
187.		Article 17 Legal status				
188.	1. The Agency shall be a Union body with legal personality.		1. The Agency shall be a Union body with legal personality.			
189.	2. In each Member State, the Agency shall enjoy the most extensive legal capacity accorded to legal persons under national law. It shall, in particular, be able to acquire or dispose of movable and immovable property and be a party to legal proceedings.		2. In each Member State, the Agency shall enjoy the most extensive legal capacity accorded to legal persons under national law. It shall, in particular, be able to acquire or dispose of movable and immovable property and be a party to legal proceedings.			
190.	3. The Agency shall be represented by its Director.		3. The Agency shall be represented by its Director.			
191.	4. The seat of the Agency shall be Ljubljana, Slovenia.		4. The seat of the Agency shall be Ljubljana, Slovenia.			
192.	The Agency may establish local offices in the Member States, subject to their consent and in accordance with Article 25(j).	AM 58 The Agency may establish local offices in the Member States, in accordance with Article 25(k).	П	Provisionally agreed: (covered in Article 25(j), AM 74, line 287)		

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193.	Article 18			
		dministrative and Management Structure		
194.	The Agency shall be composed of:	The Agency shall be composed of:		
195.	(a) an Administrative Board, which shall exercise the tasks set out in Article 20;	(a) an Administrative Board, which shall exercise the tasks set out in Article 20;		
196.	(b) a Board of Regulators, which shall exercise the tasks set out in Article 23;	(b) a Board of Regulators, which shall exercise the tasks set out in Article 23;		
197.	(c) a Director, who shall exercise the tasks set out in Article 25; and	(c) a Director, who shall exercise the tasks set out in Article 25; and		
198.	(d) a Board of Appeal, which shall exercise the tasks set out in Article 29.	(d) a Board of Appeal, which shall exercise the tasks set out in Article 29.		
199.	C	Article 19 Composition of the Administrative Board		
200.	1. The Administrative Board shall be composed of nine members. Each member shall have an alternate. Two members and their alternates shall be appointed by the Commission, two members and their alternates shall be appointed by the European Parliament and five members and their alternates shall be appointed by the Council. No Member of the European Parliament shall be a member of the Administrative Board.	1. The Administrative Board shall be composed of nine members. Each member shall have an alternate. Two members and their alternates shall be appointed by the Commission, two members and their alternates shall be appointed by the European Parliament and five members and their alternates shall be appointed by the Council. No Member of the European Parliament shall be a member of the Administrative Board.		

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201.	2. The term of office of the members of the Administrative Board and their alternates shall be four years, renewable once. For the first mandate, the term of office of half of the members of the Administrative Board and their alternates shall be six years.	2. The term of office of the members of the Administration Board and their alternates shall be four years, renewable one For the first mandate, the term of office of half of the member of the Administrative Board their alternates shall be six years.	ve all ee. m ers
202.	3. The Administrative Board shall elect by a two-thirds majority its Chairman and its Vice-Chairman from among its members. The Vice-Chairman shall automatically replace the Chairman if the latter is not in a position to perform his duties. The term of office of the Chairman and of the Vice-Chairman shall be two years, renewable once. The term of office of the Chairman and that of the Vice-Chairman shall expire when they cease to be members of the Administrative Board.	3. The Administrative Board shall elect by a two-th majority its Chairman and its Vice-Chairman from among members. The Vice-Chairma shall automatically replace the Chairman if the latter is not it position to perform his dutie The term of office of the Chairman and of the Vice- Chairman shall be two years renewable once. The term of office of the Chairman and the of the Vice-Chairman shall expire when they cease to be members of the Administration Board.	its n e n a s.

203. The meetings of the Administrative Board shall be convened by its Chairman. The Chairman of the Board of Regulators or the nominee of the Board of Regulators, and the Director shall participate, without the right to vote, in the deliberations unless the Administrative Board decides otherwise as regards the Director. The Administrative Board shall meet at least twice a vear in ordinary session. It shall also meet at the initiative of its Chairman, at the request of the Commission or at the request of at least a third of its members. The Administrative Board may invite any person who may have a relevant opinion to attend its meetings in the capacity of an observer. The members of the Administrative Board may, subject to its rules of procedure, be assisted by advisers or experts. The Administrative Board's secretarial services shall be provided by the Agency.

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204.	5. Decisions of the Administrative Board shall be adopted on the basis of a simple majority of the members present, unless provided otherwise in this Regulation. Each member of the Administrative Board or alternate shall have one vote.	AM 59 5. Decisions of the Administrative Board shall be adopted on the basis of a <i>two thirds</i> majority <i>of the</i> members present, unless provided otherwise in this Regulation. Each member of the Administrative Board or, <i>in his or her absence, an</i> alternate shall have one vote.	5. Decisions of the Administrative Board shall be adopted on the basis of a simple majority of the members present, unless provided otherwise in this Regulation. Each member of the Administrative Board or alternate shall have one vote.	Provisionally agreed: Decisions of the Administrative Board shall be adopted on the basis of a two thirds majority of the members present, unless provided otherwise in this Regulation. Each member of the Administrative Board or alternate shall have one vote.
205.	6. The rules of procedure shall set out in greater detail:		6. The rules of procedure shall set out in greater detail:	
206.	(a) the arrangements governing voting, in particular the conditions on the basis of which one member may act on behalf of another and also, where appropriate, the rules governing quorums; and		(a) the arrangements governing voting, in particular the conditions on the basis of which one member may act on behalf of another and also, where appropriate, the rules governing quorums; and	
207.	(b) the arrangements governing the rotation applicable to the renewal of the members of the Administrative Board who are appointed by the Council so as to ensure a balanced participation of Member States over time.		(b) the arrangements governing the rotation applicable to the renewal of the members of the Administrative Board who are appointed by the Council so as to ensure a balanced participation of Member States over time.	
208.	7. A member of the Administrative Board shall not be a member of the Board of Regulators.		7. A member of the Administrative Board shall not be a member of the Board of Regulators.	

8. The members of the Administrative Board shall undertake to act independently and objectively in the public interest For that purpose, each member shall make a written declaration of commitments and a written declaration of interests indicating either the absence of any interest which may be considered prejudicial to his independence or any direct or indirect interest which might be considered prejudicial to his independence. Those declarations shall be made public annually.

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The members of the Administrative Board shall undertake to act independently and objectively in the interest of the Union as a whole and shall neither seek nor follow instructions from the Union institutions or bodies, from any government of a Member State or from any other public or private body. For that purpose, each member shall make a written declaration of commitments and a written declaration of interests indicating either the absence of any interest which may be considered prejudicial to his independence or any direct or indirect interest which might be considered prejudicial to his independence. Those declarations shall be made public annually.

Without prejudice to the role of the members appointed by the European **Commission**, the members of the Administrative Board shall undertake to act independently and objectively in the public interest without seeking or following any political **instruction**. For that purpose, each member shall make a written declaration of commitments and a written declaration of interests indicating either the absence of any interest which may be considered prejudicial to his independence or any direct or indirect interest which might be considered prejudicial to his independence. Those declarations shall be made public annually.

Provisionally agreed:

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210.	Article 20				
	Functions of the Administrative Board				
211.	1. The Administrative Board shall: (a) after having consulted the Board of Regulators and obtained its favourable opinion in accordance with Article 23(5)(b), appoint the Director in accordance with Article 24(2) and where relevant extend his term of office or remove him from office;		1. The Administrative Board shall: (a) after having consulted the Board of Regulators and obtained its favourable opinion in accordance with Article 23(5)(b), appoint the Director in accordance with Article 24(2) and where relevant extend his term of office or remove him from office;		
212.	(b) formally appoint the members of the Board of Regulators in accordance with Article 22(1);		(b) formally appoint the members of the Board of Regulators in accordance with Article 22(1);		
213.	(c) formally appoint the members of the Board of Appeal in accordance with Article 26(2);		(c) formally appoint the members of the Board of Appeal in accordance with Article 26(2);		
214.	(d) ensure that the Agency carries out its mission and performs the tasks assigned to it in accordance with this Regulation;		(d) ensure that the Agency carries out its mission and performs the tasks assigned to it in accordance with this Regulation;		
215.	(e) adopt, each year the draft programming document referred to in Article 21 before its submission to the Commission for its opinion, and shall, following the opinion of the Commission and	AM 61 (e) adopt, each year by 31January the draft programming document referred	(e) adopt, each year by 31 January the draft programming document referred to in Article 21 and submit it to the	Provisionally agreed: (e) adopt the programming document in accordance with Article	

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after having received approval by the Board of Regulators in accordance with Article 23(5)(c), adopt the programming document of the Agency by a two thirds majority its members and shall transmit it to the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission. The programming document shall be adopted without prejudice to the annual budgetary procedure and shall be made public;

to in Article 21 and submit it to the Commission, the European Parliament and the Council. It shall, following the opinion of the Commission, and in relation to the multiannual programming after presenting it to the European Parliament and after having received approval by the Board of Regulators in accordance with Article 23(5)(c), adopt the programming document of the Agency by a two thirds majority of its members and shall transmit it to the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission by 31 October. The programming document shall be adopted without prejudice to the annual budgetary procedure and shall be made public.

Commission, the European Parliament and the Council. It shall, [] following the opinion of the Commission and in relation to the multiannual programming after consulting the European Parliament, and after having received approval by the Board of Regulators in accordance with Article 23(5)(c), adopt the programming document of the Agency by a two thirds majority its members and shall transmit it to the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission by 31 October. The programming document [] shall be made public;

21(1) by a two thirds majority of its members and, if applicable, amend it in accordance with Article 21(3).

216.	(f) adopt by a two thirds majority, the annual budget of the Agency and exercise its other budgetary functions in accordance with Articles 31 to 35;	(f) adopt by a two thirds majority, the annual budget of the Agency and exercise its other budgetary functions in accordance with Articles 31 to	
		35;	
217.	(g) decide, after having obtained the agreement of the Commission, whether to accept any legacies, donations or grants from other Union sources or any voluntary contribution from the Member States or from the regulatory authorities. The opinion of the Administrative Board delivered pursuant to Article 35(5) shall address the sources of funding set out in this paragraph;	(g) decide, after having obtained the agreement of the Commission, whether to accept any legacies, donations or grants from other Union sources or any voluntary contribution from the Member States or from the regulatory authorities. The opinion of the Administrative Board delivered pursuant to Article 35(5) shall address the sources of funding set out in this paragraph;	
218.	(h) in consultation with the Board of Regulators, exercise disciplinary authority over the Director. In addition, in accordance with paragraph 2, it shall exercise, with respect to the staff of the Agency, the powers conferred by the Staff Regulations on the Appointing Authority and by the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants on the Authority Empowered to conclude a Contract of Employment;	(h) in consultation with the Board of Regulators, exercise disciplinary authority over the Director. In addition, in accordance with paragraph 2, it shall exercise, with respect to the staff of the Agency, the powers conferred by the Staff Regulations on the Appointing Authority and by the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants on the Authority Empowered to conclude a Contract of Employment;	

219.	(i) draw up the Agency's implementing rules for giving effect to the Staff Regulations and the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants in accordance with Article 110 of the Staff Regulations pursuant to Article 39(2);	(i) draw up the Agency's implementing rules for giving effect to the Staff Regulations and the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants in accordance with Article 110 of the Staff Regulations pursuant to Article 39(2);	
220.	(j) adopt practical measures regarding the right of access to the documents of the Agency, in accordance with Article 41;	(j) adopt practical measures regarding the right of access to the documents of the Agency, in accordance with Article 41;	
221.	(k) adopt and publish the annual report on the activities of the Agency, on the basis of the draft annual report referred to in Article 25(h), and shall transmit that report to the European Parliament, the Council, the Commission, and the Court of Auditors by 1 July of each year. The annual report on the activities of the Agency shall contain an independent section, approved by the Board of Regulators, concerning the regulatory activities of the Agency during that year;	(k) adopt and publish the annual report on the activities of the Agency, on the basis of the draft annual report referred to in Article 25(h), and shall transmit that report to the European Parliament, the Council, the Commission, and the Court of Auditors by 1 July of each year. The annual report on the activities of the Agency shall contain an independent section, approved by the Board of Regulators, concerning the regulatory activities of the Agency during that year;	

222.	(l) adopt and publish its own rules of procedure;	(l) adopt a own rules of p	and publish its procedure;
223.	(m) adopt the financial rules applicable to the Agency in accordance with Article 36;	(m) adopt the applicable to accordance w	
224.	(n) adopt an anti-fraud strategy, proportionate to the risk of fraud, taking into account the costs and benefits of the measures to be implemented;	strategy, proprisk of fraud,	osts and benefits of to be
225.	(o) adopt rules for the prevention and management of conflicts of interest in respect of its members as well as members of the Board of Appeal;	prevention an conflicts of in	ules for the d management of terest in respect of s well as members of Appeal;
226.	(p) adopt and regularly update the communication and dissemination plans referred to in Article 41;	update the co	nd regularly mmunication and plans referred to
227.	(q) appoint an Accounting Officer, subject to the Staff Regulations and the Conditions of Employment of other servants, who shall be totally independent in the performance of his duties;	Officer, subje Regulations a of Employme servants, who	an Accounting ct to the Staff nd the Conditions nt of other shall be totally n the performance

228.	(r) ensure appropriate follow-up to findings and recommendations stemming from the internal or external audit reports and evaluations, as well as from investigations of the European Anti-Fraud Office ("OLAF");	(r) ensure appropriate follow- up to findings and recommendations stemming from the internal or external audit reports and evaluations, as well as from investigations of the European Anti-Fraud Office ("OLAF");	
229.	(s) authorise the conclusion of working arrangements in accordance with Article 43.	(s) authorise the conclusion of working arrangements in accordance with Article 43;	
230.		(t) after having considered the Director's opinion in accordance with Article 25(b) and after having consulted the Board of Regulators and obtained its favourable opinion in accordance with Article 23(5)(da), adopt and publish adequate and proportionate rules of procedure for all Agency tasks under Chapter I which are not covered by the rules of procedure under Article 20(1)(l), Article 23(2), Article 26(3) or Article 30(3). The rules of procedure shall notably ensure a transparent and reasonable decision—making process guaranteeing fundamental procedural rights based on the rule of law, in particular the right to be heard, the right to access file and the duty to give reasons.	Provisionally agreed: (t) on the basis of a proposal from the Director in accordance with Article 25(b) and after having consulted the Board of Regulators and obtained its favourable opinion in accordance with Article 23(5)(da), adopt and publish the rules of procedure pursuant to Article 15 (5).

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231.	2. The Administrative Board shall adopt, in accordance with Article 110 of the Staff Regulations, a decision based on Article 2(1) of the Staff Regulations and on Article 6 of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants, delegating relevant appointing authority powers to the Director and defining the conditions under which that delegation of powers can be suspended. The Director shall be authorised to sub-delegate those powers.	AM 62 2. The Administrative Board shall adopt, in accordance with Article 110 of the Staff Regulations, a decision based on Article 2(1) of the Staff Regulations and on Article 6 of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants, delegating relevant appointing authority powers to the Director. The Director shall be authorised to sub-delegate those powers.	2. The Administrative Board shall adopt, in accordance with Article 110 of the Staff Regulations, a decision based on Article 2(1) of the Staff Regulations and on Article 6 of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants, delegating relevant appointing authority powers to the Director and defining the conditions under which that delegation of powers can be suspended. The Director shall be authorised to subdelegate those powers.	Provisionally agreed: 2. The Administrative Board shall adopt, in accordance with Article 110 of the Staff Regulations, a decision based on Article 2(1) of the Staff Regulations and on Article 6 of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants, delegating relevant appointing authority powers to the Director and defining the conditions under which that delegation of powers can be suspended. The Director shall be authorised to sub- delegate those powers.
232.	3. Where exceptional circumstances so require, the Administrative Board may by way of a decision temporarily suspend the delegation of the appointing authority powers to the Director and those sub-delegated by the latter and in favour of itself or delegate them to one of its members or to a staff member other than the Director.	AM 63 deleted	3. Where exceptional circumstances so require, the Administrative Board may by way of a decision temporarily suspend the delegation of the appointing authority powers to the Director and those subdelegated by the latter and in favour of itself or delegate them to one of its members or to a staff member other than the Director.	Provisionally agreed in TM: 3. Where exceptional circumstances so require, the Administrative Board may by way of a decision temporarily suspend the delegation of the appointing authority powers to the Director and those subdelegated by the latter and in favour of itself or delegate them to one of its members or to a staff member other than the Director. The exceptional circumstances shall be strictly limited to administrative, budgetary or managerial matters and without prejudice to the Director's full independence concerning her or his tasks pursuant to Article 25 (c).

233.		Article 21		
		Annual and multi-annual pro	gramming	
234.	1. Each year, the Administrative Board shall adopt a programming document containing multiannual and annual programming, based on a draft put forward by the Director, taking into account the opinion of the Commission and in relation to multiannual programming after consulting the European Parliament. It shall forward it to the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission no later than 31 January each year.	AM 64 Each year, the Administrative Board shall adopt a draft programming document containing annual and multi- annual programming in accordance with Article 32 of Commission Delegation Regulation (EU) No 1271/2013, based on a draft put forward by the Director. The Administrative Board shall adopt the programming document taking into account the opinion of the Commission, after approval of the Board of Regulators for the annual work programme of the Agency and in relation to multiannual programming after presenting it to the European Parliament. It shall forward it to the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission no later than 31 October each year.	I. Each year, the Administrative Board shall adopt a draft programming document containing multi- annual and annual programming ("single programming document") in line with Article 32 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1271/2013, based on a draft put forward by the Director. The Administrative Board shall adopt the programming document, taking into account the opinion of the Commission, after having received the approval of the Board of Regulators for the annual work programme, and in relation to multiannual programming after consulting the European Parliament. It shall forward it to the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission no later than 31 [] October each year.	Provisionally agreed: 1. Each year, the Director shall prepare a draft programming document, containing annual and multiannual programming, and submit it to the Administrative Board and to the Board of Regulators. The Administrative Board shall adopt the draft programming document after having received the favourable opinion of the Board of Regulators and forward it to the Commission, the European Parliament and the Council no later than 31 January. The draft programming document shall be in line with the provisional draft estimate established in accordance with Article 33(1) to 33(3). Taking into account the opinion of the Commission

			the favourable opinion of the Board of Regulators and after the Director presented it to the European Parliament, the Administrative Board shall adopt the programming document and forward it to the Commission, the European Parliament and the Council no later than 31 December. The programming document shall be adopted without prejudice to the annual budgetary procedure and shall be made public.
235.	The programming document shall become definitive after final adoption of the general budget and if necessary shall be adjusted accordingly.	The programming document shall become definitive after final adoption of the general budget and if necessary shall be adjusted accordingly.	

236. The annual work programme shall comprise detailed objectives and expected results including performance indicators. It shall also contain a description of the actions to be financed and an indication of the financial and human resources allocated to each action in accordance with the principles of activity-based budgeting and management. The annual work programme shall be coherent with the multi-annual work programme referred to in paragraph 4. It shall clearly indicate tasks that have been added, changed or deleted in comparison with the previous financial year. Annual and multi- annual programming shall include the strategy for relations with third countries or international organisations referred to in Article 43 and the actions linked to that strategy.

The annual work programme shall comprise detailed objectives and expected results including performance indicators. It shall also contain a description of the actions to be financed and an indication of the financial and human resources allocated to each action, including reference to the Agency working groups tasked with contributing to the drafting the respective **documents** in accordance with the principles of activity-based budgeting and management. The annual work programme shall be coherent with the multiannual work programme referred to in paragraph 4. It shall clearly indicate tasks that have been added, changed or deleted in comparison with the previous financial year. []

Provisionally agreed:

2. The annual programming in the programming document shall comprise detailed objectives and expected results including performance indicators. It shall also contain a description of the actions to be financed and an indication of the financial and human resources allocated to each action, including reference to the Agency working groups tasked with contributing to the drafting the respective documents, in accordance with the principles of activitybased budgeting and management. The annual **programming** shall be coherent with the multiannual **programming** referred to in paragraph 4. It shall clearly indicate tasks that have been added, changed or deleted in comparison with the previous financial year. []

237.	3. The Administrative Board shall amend the adopted annual work programme when a new task is given to the Agency.	3. The Administrative Board shall amend the adopted annual work programme when a new task is given to the Agency.	Provisionally agreed: 3. The Administrative Board shall amend the adopted programming document when a new task is given to the Agency.
238.	Any substantial amendment to the annual work programme shall be adopted by the same procedure set out for the initial annual work programme. The Administrative Board may delegate the power to make non-substantial amendments to the annual work programme to the Director.	Any substantial amendment to the annual work programme shall be adopted by the same procedure set out for the initial annual work programme. The Administrative Board may delegate the power to make nonsubstantial amendments to the annual work programme to the Director.	Provisionally agreed: Any substantial amendment to the programming document shall be adopted by the same procedure set out for the initial programming document. The Administrative Board may delegate the power to make non-substantial amendments to the programming document to the Director.
239.	4. The multi-annual work programme shall set out overall strategic programming including objectives, expected results and performance indicators. It shall also set out resource programming including multi-annual budget and staff.	4. The multi-annual work programme shall set out overall strategic programming including objectives, expected results and performance indicators. It shall also set out resource programming including multi-annual budget and staff.	Provisionally agreed: 4. The multi-annual programming in the programming document shall set out overall strategic programming including objectives, expected results and performance indicators. It shall also set out resource programming including multi- annual budget and staff.
240.	The resource programming shall be updated annually. The strategic programming shall be updated where appropriate, and in particular to address the outcome of the evaluation referred to in Article 45.	The resource programming shall be updated annually. The strategic programming shall be updated where appropriate, and in particular to address the outcome of the evaluation referred to in Article 45.	

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241.	Article 22 Composition of the Board of Regulators			
242.	1. The Board of Regulators shall be composed of :		The Board of Regulators shall be composed of :	
243.	(a) senior representatives of the regulatory authorities, in accordance with Article 57(1) of [Recast Electricity Directive] and Article 39(1) of Directive 2009/73/EC, and one alternate per Member State from the current senior staff of those authorities, both nominated by the national regulatory authority;		(a) senior representatives of the regulatory authorities, in accordance with Article 57(1) of [Recast Electricity Directive] and Article 39(1) of Directive 2009/73/EC, and one alternate per Member State from the current senior staff of those authorities, both nominated by the national regulatory authority;	
244.	(b) one non-voting representative of the Commission.		(b) one non-voting representative of the Commission.	
245.		AM 65 (b a) (new) one non-voting representative of the European Parliament;		Maintain Council GA

246.	Only one representative per Member State from the national regulatory authority may be admitted to the Board of Regulators.	Only one representative per Member State from the national regulatory authority may be admitted to the Board of Regulators.	
247.	Each national regulatory authority shall be responsible for nominating the alternate member from current staff of the national regulatory authority.	Each national regulatory authority shall be responsible for nominating the alternate member from current staff of the national regulatory authority.	
248.	2. The Board of Regulators shall elect a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman from among its members. The Vice-Chairman shall replace the Chairman if the latter is not in a position to perform his duties. The term of office of the Chairman and of the Vice-Chairman shall be two-and-a-half years and shall be renewable. In any event, however, the term of office of the Chairman and that of the Vice-Chairman shall expire when they cease to be members of the Board of Regulators.	2. The Board of Regulators shall elect a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman from among its members. The Vice-Chairman shall replace the Chairman if the latter is not in a position to perform his duties. The term of office of the Chairman and of the Vice-Chairman shall be two-and-a-half years and shall be renewable. In any event, however, the term of office of the Chairman and that of the Vice-Chairman shall expire when they cease to be members of the Board of Regulators.	

249.	Article 23			
250.	1. The Board of Regulators and its sub-committees pursuant to Article 7 shall act by a simple majority of the members present, with one vote for each member, except for the opinion pursuant to paragraph 5(b) which shall be delivered on the basis of a two-thirds majority of members present.	Functions of the Board of Ro AM 66 1. The Board of Regulators shall act by a <i>two-thirds</i> majority of the members present, with one vote for each member.	1. The Board of Regulators shall act by a two thirds majority of the members present, with one vote for each member including in all cases referred to in paragraph 5 .	Provisionally agreed 1. The Board of Regulators shall act by a <i>two-thirds</i> majority of the members present, with one vote for each member.
251.	2. The Board of Regulators shall adopt and publish its rules of procedure, which shall set out in greater detail the arrangements governing voting, in particular the conditions on the basis of which one member may act on behalf of another and also, where appropriate, the rules governing quorums. The rules of procedure may provide for specific working methods for the consideration of issues arising in the context of regional cooperation initiatives.		2. The Board of Regulators shall adopt and publish its rules of procedure, which shall set out in greater detail the arrangements governing voting, in particular the conditions on the basis of which one member may act on behalf of another and also, where appropriate, the rules governing quorums. The rules of procedure may provide for specific working methods for the consideration of issues arising in the context of regional cooperation initiatives.	
252.	3. When carrying out the tasks conferred upon it by this Regulation and without prejudice to its members acting on behalf of their respective regulatory authority, the Board of Regulators shall act independently and shall not seek or follow instructions from any government of a Member State, from the Commission, or from another public or private entity.		3. When carrying out the tasks conferred upon it by this Regulation and without prejudice to its members acting on behalf of their respective regulatory authority, the Board of Regulators shall act independently and shall not seek or follow instructions from any government of a Member State, from the Commission, or from another public or private entity.	

253.	4. The secretarial services of the Board of Regulators shall be provided by the Agency		4. The secretarial services of the Board of Regulators shall be provided by the Agency	
254.	5. The Board of Regulators shall:		5. The Board of Regulators shall:	
255.		AM 67 (-a) (new) where it considers it to be appropriate, provide comments, including proposals for amendments to the Director on draft opinions, recommendations and decisions referred to in Articles 3 to 11 and Article 14. The Director shall consider those comments before submitting the opinions, recommendations and decisions to the Board of Regulators for opinion and shall issue a written justification if he or she does not follow the position issued by the Board of Regulators.		(the first part of AM 67 is included in para.5(a), line 255) (the second part of AM 67 is covered in Council text under Article 25(c), line 277)

256.	(a) provide opinions to the Director on the opinions, recommendations and decisions referred to in Articles 3 to 11 and 14, which are considered for adoption. In addition, the Board of Regulators, within its field of competence, shall provide guidance to the Director in the execution of his tasks, with the exception of tasks pursuant to Regulation 1227/2011 ² .	AM 68 1. (a) provide opinions to the Director on opinions, recommendations and decisions referred to in Articles 3 to 11 and Article 14, which are considered for adoption. In addition, the Board of Regulators, within its field of competence, shall provide guidance to the Director in the execution of his or her tasks, with the exception of the Agency's activities under Regulation 1227/2011² and provide guidance to the Agency's working groups established pursuant to Article 30.	(a) provide opinions¹ and amendments to text proposals to the Director on all documents containing [] opinions, recommendations and decisions referred to in Articles 3 to 11, 12(c), 13(a)-(c), [] 14, 16(3a), 30 and 43 which are considered for adoption. In addition, the Board of Regulators, within its field of competence, shall provide [] opinions and guidance to the Director and the Agency's working groups in the execution of [] tasks, with the exception of tasks pursuant to Regulation 1227/2011².	Council compromise text: (a) provide opinions and, where appropriate, comments and amendments to text proposals to the Director on draft opinions, recommendations and decisions referred to in Articles 3(1), 4 to 11, 12(c), 14, 16(3a), 30 and 43 which are considered for adoption. In addition, the Board of Regulators, within its field of competence, shall provide guidance to the Director in the execution of his or her tasks, with the exception of the Agency's activities under Regulation 1227/2011², and provide guidance to the Agency's working groups established pursuant to Article 30.
257.	(b) deliver an opinion to the Administrative Board on the candidate to be appointed as Director in accordance with Article 20(1)(a) and Article 24(2).		(b) deliver an opinion to the Administrative Board on the candidate to be appointed as Director in accordance with Article 20(1)(a) and Article 24(2).	

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In order to reassure the national regulatory authorities and provide sufficient time for preparing their opinions, it is proposed that the revised Article 25 includes a task of the Director to consult the BoR on his drafts several weeks in advance.

Regulation (EU) 1227/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October on wholesale energy market integrity and transparency, OJ L 326, 8.12.2011, p. 1.

258.	(c) in accordance with Article 20(1)(e) and Article 25(f) and in line with the provisional draft estimate established in accordance with Article 33(1) to 33(3)(1), approve the work programme of the Agency for the coming year and present it by 1 September of each year for adoption by the Administrative Board.	(c) in accordance with Article 20(1)(e) and Article 25(f) and in line with the <i>provisional</i> draft <i>estimate</i> established in accordance with Article 33 (1) to (3), approve the <i>draft programming document including the annual</i> work programme of the Agency and present it by 30 September of each year for adoption by the Administrative Board.	(c) in accordance with Article 20(1)(e) and Article 25(f) and in line with the provisional draft estimate established in accordance with Article 33(1) to 33(3)(1), approve the draft of multiannual and annual programming of the Agency proposed by the Director and the work programme of the Agency for the coming year and present it by [] 30 September of each year for adoption by the Administrative Board.	Provisionally agreed in TM c) approve the programming document in accordance with Article 21(1).
259.	(d) approve the independent section on regulatory activities of the annual report, in accordance with Article 20(1)(k) and Article 25(h).		(d) approve the independent section on regulatory activities of the annual report, in accordance with Article 20(1)(k) and Article 25(h).	
260.			(da) provide an opinion to the Administrative Board on the rules of procedure under Article 20(1)(t).	Provisionally agreed (da) provide an opinion to the Administrative Board on the rules of procedure under Article 15(5) and Article 30(3).
261.			(db) provide an opinion to the Administrative Board on the communication and dissemination plans referred to in Article 41 and on the rules of procedure for relations with third countries or international organisations referred to in Article 43.	

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262. 263.	6. The European Parliament may invite, while fully respecting his independence, the chairman of the Board of Regulators or his deputy to make a statement before its competent committee and answer questions put by the members of that committee.	Article 24 Director	6. The European Parliament may invite, while fully respecting his independence, the chairman of the Board of Regulators or his deputy to make a statement before its competent committee and answer questions put by the members of that committee.	Council compromise text: 6. The European Parliament shall be informed about the draft agenda of upcoming meetings of the Board of Regulators at least two weeks in advance of a meeting. The European Parliament may invite, while fully respecting his independence, the chairman of the Board of Regulators or his deputy to make a statement before its competent committee and answer questions put by the members of that committee.
264.	1. The Agency shall be managed by its Director, who shall act in accordance with the guidance referred to in Article 23(5)(a) and, where provided for in this Regulation, the opinions of the Board of Regulators. Without prejudice to the respective roles of the Administrative Board and the Board of Regulators in relation to the tasks of the Director, the Director shall neither seek nor follow any instruction from any government, from the Union institutions, or from any other public or private entity or person. The Director shall be accountable to the Administrative Board. The Director may attend the meetings of the Board of Regulators as an observer.	AM 70 1. The Agency shall be managed by its Director, who shall act in accordance with the guidance referred to in <i>the second sentence of</i> Article 23(5)(a) and, where provided for in this Regulation, the opinions of the Board of Regulators. Without prejudice to the respective roles of the Administrative Board and the Board of Regulators in relation to the tasks of the Director, the Director shall neither seek nor follow any instruction from any	1. The Agency shall be managed by its Director, who shall act in accordance with the guidance referred to in Article 23(5)(a) and, where provided for in this Regulation, the opinions of the Board of Regulators. Without prejudice to the respective roles of the Administrative Board and the Board of Regulators in relation to the tasks of the Director, the Director shall neither seek nor follow any instruction from any government, from the Union institutions, or from any other	Provisionally agreed: 1. The Agency shall be managed by its Director, who shall act in accordance with the guidance referred to in the second sentence of Article 23(5)(a) and, where provided for in this Regulation, the opinions of the Board of Regulators. Without prejudice to the respective roles of the Administrative Board and the Board of Regulators in relation to the tasks of the Director, the Director shall neither seek nor follow any

government, from the Union institutions, or from any other public or private entity or person. The Director shall *report* to the Administrative Board. The Director may attend the meetings of the Board of Regulators as an observer.

public or private entity or person. The Director shall be accountable to the Administrative Board. The Director may attend the meetings of the Board of Regulators as an observer.

instruction from any government, from the Union institutions, or from any other public or private entity or person. The Director shall be accountable to the Administrative Board on administrative, budgetary and managerial matters, but remain fully independent concerning her or his tasks pursuant to Article 25 (c). The Director may attend the meetings of the Board of Regulators as an observer.

265. The Director shall be appointed by the Administrative Board following a favourable opinion of the Board of Regulators, on the basis of merit as well as skills and experience relevant to the energy sector, from a list of at least three candidates proposed by the Commission, following an open and transparent selection procedure. Before appointment, the candidate selected by the Administrative Board may be invited to make a statement before the competent committee of the European Parliament and to answer questions put by its members. For the purpose of concluding the contract with the Director, the Agency shall be represented by the Chairman of the Administrative Board.

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The Director shall be appointed by the Administrative Board following a favourable opinion of the Board of Regulators and after approval of the European Parliament, on the basis of merit as well as skills and experience relevant to the energy sector, from a list of at least three candidates proposed by the Commission. following an open and transparent selection procedure. Before appointment, the candidate selected by the Administrative Board shall be invited to make a statement before the competent committee of the European Parliament and

The Director shall be appointed by the Administrative Board following a favourable opinion of the Board of Regulators, on the basis of merit as well as skills and experience relevant to the energy sector. from a list of at least three candidates proposed by the Commission, following an open and transparent selection procedure. Before appointment, the candidate selected by the Administrative Board may be invited to make a statement before the competent committee of the European Parliament and to answer questions put by its members. For the purpose of

Council compromise text:

2. The Director shall be appointed by the Administrative Board following a favourable opinion of the Board of Regulators, on the basis of merit as well as skills and experience relevant to the energy sector, from a list of at least three candidates proposed by the Commission, following an open and transparent selection procedure. Before appointment, the candidate selected by the Administrative Board *shall* make a statement before the competent

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		to answer questions put by its members. For the purpose of concluding the contract with the Director, the Agency shall be represented by the Chairman of the Administrative Board.	concluding the contract with the Director, the Agency shall be represented by the Chairman of the Administrative Board.	committee of the European Parliament and answer questions put by its members. For the purpose of concluding the contract with the Director, the Agency shall be represented by the Chairman of the Administrative Board.
266.	3. The Director's term of office shall be five years. In the course of the nine months preceding the end of that period, the Commission shall undertake an assessment. In the assessment, the Commission shall examine in particular:		3. The Director's term of office shall be five years. In the course of the nine months preceding the end of that period, the Commission shall undertake an assessment. In the assessment, the Commission shall examine in particular:	
267.	(a) the performance of the Director;		(a) the performance of the Director;	
268.	(b) the Agency's duties and requirements in the following years.		(b) the Agency's duties and requirements in the following years.	
269.	4. The Administrative Board, acting on a proposal from the Commission, after having consulted and given the utmost consideration to the assessment and the opinion of the Board of Regulators on that assessment and only in those cases where it can be justified by the duties and requirements of the Agency, may extend once the term of office of the Director by no more than five years. A Director whose term of office has been extended may not participate in another selection		4. The Administrative Board, acting on a proposal from the Commission, after having consulted and given the utmost consideration to the assessment and the opinion of the Board of Regulators on that assessment and only in those cases where it can be justified	

	procedure for the same post at the end of the extended period.	by the duties and requirements of the Agency, may extend once the term of office of the Director by no more than five years. A Director whose term of office has been extended may not participate in another selection procedure for the same post at the end of the extended period.	
270.	5. The Administrative Board shall inform the European Parliament of its intention to extend the Director's term of office. Within one month before the extension of his term of office, the Director may be invited to make a statement before the competent committee of the Parliament and to answer questions put by the members of that committee.	5. The Administrative Board shall inform the European Parliament of its intention to extend the Director's term of office. Within one month before the extension of his term of office, the Director may be invited to make a statement before the competent committee of the Parliament and to answer questions put by the members of that committee.	
271.	6. If his term of office is not extended, the Director shall remain in office until the appointment of his successor.	6. If his term of office is not extended, the Director shall remain in office until the appointment of his successor.	

272.	7. The Director may be removed from office only upon a decision of the Administrative Board, after having obtained a favourable opinion of the Board of Regulators. The Administrative Board shall reach that decision on the basis of a two-thirds majority of its members.	7. The Director may be removed from office only upon a decision of the Administrative Board, after having obtained a favourable opinion of the Board of Regulators. The Administrative Board shall reach that decision on the basis of a two-thirds majority of its members.	
273.	8. The European Parliament and the Council may call upon the Director to submit a report on the performance of his duties. The European Parliament may also invite the Director to make a statement before its competent committee and answer questions put by the members of that committee.	8. The European Parliament and the Council may call upon the Director to submit a report on the performance of his duties. The European Parliament may also invite the Director to make a statement before its competent committee and answer questions put by the members of that committee.	

274.		Article 25 Tasks of the Directo	r	
275.	The Director shall:	- 112222 02 020 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	The Director shall:	
276.	(a) be the legal representative of the Agency and shall be in charge of its day-to-day management;		(a) be the legal representative of the Agency and shall be in charge of its day-to-day management;	
277.	(b) prepare the work of the Administrative Board. He shall participate, without having the right to vote, in the work of the Administrative Board. The Director shall be responsible for implementing the decisions adopted by the Administrative Board;		(b) prepare the work of the Administrative Board. He shall participate, without having the right to vote, in the work of the Administrative Board. The Director shall be responsible for implementing the decisions adopted by the Administrative Board;	
278.	(c) draft, adopt and publish opinions, recommendations and decisions. Opinions, recommendations and decisions referred to in Articles 3 to 11 and 14, shall only be adopted if they, have received a favourable opinion of the Board of Regulators;	AM 72 (c) draft, adopt and publish opinions, recommendations and decisions. Opinions, recommendations and decisions referred to in Articles 3 to 11 and <i>Article</i> 14 shall only be adopted if they have received a favourable opinion of the Board of Regulators;	(c) draft, consult upon, adopt and publish opinions, recommendations and decisions. Opinions, recommendations and decisions referred to in Articles 3 to 11, 12(c), 13(a)-(c), [] 14, 16(3a), 30 and 43 shall only be adopted [] with a favourable opinion of the Board of Regulators. Before submitting draft recommendations, opinions or decisions to a vote by the Board of Regulators, the Director shall send the draft recommendations, opinions or decisions to the	Council compromise text: (c) draft, consult upon, adopt and publish opinions, recommendations and decisions. Opinions, recommendations and decisions referred to in Articles 3(1), 4 to 11, 12(c), 14, 16(3a), 30 and 43 shall only be adopted with a favourable opinion of the Board of Regulators. Before submitting draft recommendations, opinions or decisions to a vote by the Board of Regulators, the Director shall send the draft

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	relevant working group. The Director:	recommendations, opinions or decisions to the relevant working group for consultation in due time.
		The Director:
279.	i. shall take the comments and amendments of the Board of Regulators into account;	
		provide additional written reasoning.

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280.		ii. may withdraw the submitted draft opinions, recommendations and decisions subject to a duly justified written reasoning in case of disagreement with the amendments submitted by the Board of Regulators;	ii. may withdraw the submitted draft opinions, recommendations and decisions subject to a duly justified written reasoning in case of disagreement with the amendments submitted by the Board of Regulators;
281.			iii. in case of a withdrawal of a draft opinion, recommendation or decision, may issue a new draft opinion, recommendation or decision following the procedure set out in Article 23(5)(a) and Article 25(c).
282.	(d) be responsible for implementing the annual work programme of the Agency under the guidance of the Board of Regulators and under the administrative control of the Administrative Board;	(d) be responsible for implementing the annual work programme of the Agency under the guidance of the Board of Regulators and under the administrative control of the Administrative Board:	
283.	(e) take the necessary measures, in particular as regards adopting internal administrative instructions and publishing notices, to ensure the functioning of the Agency in accordance with this Regulation;	(e) take the necessary measures, in particular as regards adopting internal administrative instructions and publishing notices, to ensure the functioning of the Agency in accordance with this Regulation;	

284.	(f) each year prepare a draft work programme of		(f) <u>e</u> ach year prepare a draft	Provisionally agreed
	the Agency for the following year, and shall, after	(f) each year prepare a draft	work programme document of	(f) prepare and publish
	the adoption of the draft by the Administrative	<i>programming document</i> of the	the Agency containing multi-	the programming document
	Board submit it to the Board of Regulators, to the	Agency, containing multi-	annual programming and the	in accordance with Article
	European Parliament and to the Commission by 31	annual programming and the	annual work programme for	21(1).
	January every year. The Director shall be	annual work programme for	the following year in	,
	responsible for implementing the programming	the following year <i>in</i>	accordance with Article 21.	The Director shall be
	document and reporting to the Administrative	accordance with Article 21. The	The Director [] shall, after the	responsible for
	Board of its implementation;	Director shall be responsible for	adoption of the draft by the	implementing the
		implementing the programming	Administrative Board submit it	programming document and
		document and reporting to the	to the Board of Regulators, to	report to the Administrative
		Administrative Board of its	the Council, to the European	Board on its
		implementation;	Parliament and to the	implementation.
		implementation,	Commission by 31 [] October	implementation.
			every year. The Director shall	
			be responsible for implementing	
			the programming document and	
			reporting to the Administrative	
20#			Board of its implementation;	
285.	(g) draw up a provisional draft estimate of the		(g) draw up a provisional	
	Agency pursuant to Article 33(1) and shall		draft estimate of the Agency	
	implement the budget of the Agency in accordance		pursuant to Article 33(1) and	
	with Article 34 and 35.;		shall implement the budget of	
			the Agency in accordance with	
			Article 34 and 35.;	

286.	(h) prepare each year and submit to the Administrative Board a draft annual report including an independent section on the regulatory activities of the Agency and a section on financial and administrative matters;	(h) prepare each year and submit to the Administrative Board a draft annual report including an independent section on the regulatory activities of the Agency and a section on financial and administrative matters;	
287.	(i) prepare an action plan following-up conclusions of internal or external audit reports and evaluations, as well as investigations by the European Anti-fraud Office (OLAF) and report on progress twice a year to the Commission and regularly to the Administrative Board;	(i) prepare an action plan following-up conclusions of internal or external audit reports and evaluations, as well as investigations by the European Anti-fraud Office (OLAF) and report on progress twice a year to the Commission and regularly to the Administrative Board;	

(j) be responsible for deciding whether it is necessary for the purpose of carrying out the Agency's tasks in an efficient and effective manner to locate one or more staff in one or more Member States. The decision to establish a local office requires the prior consent of the Commission, the Administrative Board and the Member State or Member States concerned. The decision shall specify the scope of the activities to be carried out at that local office in a manner that avoids unnecessary costs and duplication of administrative functions of the Agency.

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be responsible for (k) deciding whether it is necessary for the purpose of carrying out the Agency's tasks in an efficient and effective manner to locate one or more staff in one or more Member States for the purpose of carrying out the Agency's tasks in an efficient and effective manner. The decision to establish a local office requires the prior consent of the Administrative Board. The decision shall specify the scope of the activities to be carried out at that local office in a manner that avoids unnecessary costs and duplication of administrative functions of the Agency;

be responsible for deciding whether it is necessary for the purpose of carrying out the Agency's tasks in an efficient and effective manner to locate one or more staff in one or more Member States. Before deciding to establish a local office the Director shall seek the opinion of the Member States concerned, including the Member State where the seat of the Agency is located, and obtain the prior consent of the Commission and the Administrative Board. In cases of disagreement during the consultation process between the Director and the **Member States concerned the** issue shall be brought to the Council for discussion. [] The decision, based on an appropriate cost-benefit analysis, shall specify the scope of the activities to be carried out at that local office in a manner that avoids unnecessary costs and duplication of administrative functions of the Agency.

Provisionally agreed:

(i) be responsible for deciding whether it is necessary for the purpose of carrying out the Agency's tasks in an efficient and effective manner to locate one or more staff in one or more Member States **Before** deciding to establish a local office the Director shall seek the opinion of the Member States concerned, including the Member State where the seat of the Agency is located, and obtain the prior consent of the Commission and the **Administrative Board.** The decision, based on an appropriate cost-benefit analysis, shall specify the scope of the activities to be carried out at that local office in a manner that avoids unnecessary costs and duplication of administrative functions of the Agency.

289. 290.		AM 75 (ka) (new) with respect to the staff of the Agency, exercise the powers referred to in Article 39(3). Article 26		Provisionally agreed:
		reation and composition of the B	oard of Appeal	
291.	1. The Agency shall establish a Board of Appeal.		1. The Agency shall establish a Board of Appeal.	
292.	2. The Board of Appeal shall be composed of six members and six alternates selected from among current or former senior staff of the national regulatory authorities, competition authorities or other national or Union institutions with relevant experience in the energy sector. The Board of Appeal shall designate its Chairman.		2. The Board of Appeal shall be composed of six members and six alternates selected from among current or former senior staff of the national regulatory authorities, competition authorities or other national or Union institutions with relevant experience in the energy sector. The Board of Appeal shall designate its Chairman.	
293.	The members of the Board of Appeal shall be formally appointed by the Administrative Board, on a proposal from the Commission, following a public call for expression of interest, and after consulting the Board of Regulators.		The members of the Board of Appeal shall be formally appointed by the Administrative Board, on a proposal from the Commission, following a public call for expression of interest, and after consulting the Board of Regulators.	

294.	3. The Board of Appeal shall adopt and publish its rules of procedure. Those rules shall set out in detail the arrangements governing the organisation and functioning of the Board of Appeal and the rules applicable to appeals before the Board, pursuant to Article 29. The Board of Appeal shall submit to the Commission its draft rules of procedure. The Commission shall deliver an opinion on the draft rules of procedure within three months from the date of receipt of the rules. The Board of Appeal shall adopt and publish its rules of procedure within two months after receipt of the Commission's opinion. Any subsequent substantial changes to the rules of procedure shall be notified to the Commission. The Commission shall subsequently deliver an opinion on those changes.	shall adopt and publish its rules of procedure. Those rules shall set out in detail the arrangements governing the organisation and functioning of the Board of Appeal and the rules applicable to appeals before the Board, pursuant to Article 29. [] The Board of Appeal shall adopt and publish its rules of procedure within [] six months after its first meeting []	Provisionally agreed: 3. The Board of Appeal shall adopt and publish its rules of procedure. Those rules shall set out in detail the arrangements governing the organisation and functioning of the Board of Appeal and the rules applicable to appeals before the Board, pursuant to Article 29. [] The Board of Appeal shall notify its draft rules of procedure to the Commission as well as any significant change to the rules. The Commission may provide an opinion on these rules within three months from the date of having received the notification.
295.	The budget of the Agency shall comprise a separate budget line for the financing of the functioning of the registry for the Board of Appeal.	The budget of the Agency shall comprise a separate budget line for the financing of the functioning of the registry for the Board of Appeal.	
296.	4. The decisions of the Board of Appeal shall be adopted on the basis of a qualified majority of at least four of its six members. The Board of Appeal shall be convened when necessary.	4. The decisions of the Board of Appeal shall be adopted on the basis of a qualified majority of at least four of its six members. The Board of Appeal shall be convened when necessary.	

297.		Article 27
		Members of the Board of Appeal
298.	1. The term of office of the members of the	1. The term of office of the
	Board of Appeal shall be five years. That term shall	members of the Board of
	be renewable once.	Appeal shall be five years. That
		term shall be renewable once.
299.	2. The members of the Board of Appeal shall	2. The members of the
	be independent in making their decisions. They	Board of Appeal shall be
	shall not be bound by any instructions. They shall	independent in making their
	not perform any other duties in the Agency, in its	decisions. They shall not be
	Administrative Board or in its Board of Regulators	bound by any instructions. They
	or in any of its Working Groups. A member of the	shall not perform any other
	Board of Appeal shall not be removed during his	duties in the Agency, in its
	term of office, unless he has been found guilty of	Administrative Board or in its
	serious misconduct, and the Administrative Board,	Board of Regulators or in any of
	after consulting the Board of Regulators, takes a	its Working Groups. A member
	decision to that effect.	of the Board of Appeal shall not
		be removed during his term of
		office, unless he has been found
		guilty of serious misconduct,
		and the Administrative Board,
		after consulting the Board of
		Regulators, takes a decision to
		that effect.
<i>300</i> .		Article 28
	E	Exclusion and objection in the Board of Appeal
301.	1. Members of the Board of Appeal shall not	1. Members of the Board of
	take part in any appeal proceedings if they have	Appeal shall not take part in any
	any personal interest therein, or if they have	appeal proceedings if they have
	previously been involved as representatives of one	any personal interest therein, or
	of the parties to the proceedings, or if they	if they have previously been
	participated in the decision under appeal.	involved as representatives of
	participated in the decision under appear.	one of the parties to the
		proceedings, or if they
		participated in the decision
		under appeal.

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302.	2. A member of the Board of Appeal shall inform the Board in the event that , for one of the reasons referred to in paragraph 1 or for any other reason, he considers that a fellow member should not take part in any appeal proceedings. Any party to the appeal proceedings may object to the participation of a member of the Board of Appeal on any of the grounds referred to in paragraph 1 , or in case of suspected bias. Such an objection shall be inadmissible if it is based on the nationality of a member or if, while being aware of a reason for objecting, the objecting party to the appeal proceedings has taken a procedural step in the appeal proceedings other than objecting to the composition of the Board of Appeal.	2. A member of the Board of Appeal shall inform the Board in the event that , for one of the reasons referred to in paragraph 1 or for any other reason, he considers that a fellow member should not take part in any appeal proceedings. Any party to the appeal proceedings may object to the participation of a member of the Board of Appeal on any of the grounds referred to in paragraph 1 , or in case of suspected bias. Such an objection shall be inadmissible if it is based on the nationality of a member or if, while being aware of a reason for objecting, the objecting party to the appeal proceedings has taken a procedural step in the appeal proceedings other than objecting to the composition of the Board of Appeal.
303.	3. The Board of Appeal shall decide on the action to be taken in the cases specified in paragraphs 1 and 2 without the participation of the member concerned. For the purpose of taking that decision, the member concerned shall be replaced on the Board of Appeal by his alternate. If the alternate finds himself in a similar situation to that of the member, the Chairman shall designate a replacement from among the available alternates.	3. The Board of Appeal shall decide on the action to be taken in the cases specified in paragraphs 1 and 2 without the participation of the member concerned. For the purpose of taking that decision, the member concerned shall be replaced on the Board of Appeal by his

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		alternate. If the alternate finds himself in a similar situation to that of the member, the Chairman shall designate a replacement from among the available alternates.	
304.	4. The members of the Board of Appeal shall undertake to act independently and in the public interest. For that purpose, they shall make a written declaration of commitments and a written declaration of interests indicating either the absence of any interest which may be considered prejudicial to their independence or any direct or indirect interest which might be considered prejudicial to their independence. Those declarations shall be made public annually.	4. The members of the Board of Appeal shall undertake to act independently and in the public interest. For that purpose, they shall make a written declaration of commitments and a written declaration of interests indicating either the absence of any interest which may be considered prejudicial to their independence or any direct or indirect interest which might be considered prejudicial to their independence. Those declarations shall be made public annually.	
305.		Article 29	
		Decisions subject to appeal	
306.	1. Any natural or legal person, including national regulatory authorities, may appeal against a decision referred to in Articles 4 to 14 of this Regulation and in Article 12(6) of Regulation (EU) No 347/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council as well as in Article 9(11) of Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/1222 which is addressed to that person, or against a decision which, although in the form of a decision addressed to another person, is of direct and individual concern to that person.	1. Any natural or legal person, including national regulatory authorities, may appeal against a decision referred to in Articles 4 to 14 of this Regulation and in Article 12(6) of Regulation (EU) No 347/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council as well as in Article 9(11) of	Provisionally agreed 1. Any natural or legal person, including national regulatory authorities, may appeal against a decision referred to in Article 2(d) which is addressed to that person, or against a decision which, although in the form of a decision addressed to

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		Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/1222 which is addressed to that person, or against a decision which, although in the form of a decision addressed to another person, is of direct and individual concern to that person.	another person, is of direct and individual concern to that person.
307.	2. The appeal, including the statement of the grounds for appeal, shall be filed in writing at the Agency within two months from the notification of the decision to the person concerned, or, in the absence thereof, within two months from the day on which the Agency published its decision. The Board of Appeal shall decide upon the appeal within four months of the lodging of the appeal.	2. The appeal, including the statement of the grounds for appeal, shall be filed in writing at the Agency within two months from the notification of the decision to the person concerned, or, in the absence thereof, within two months from the day on which the Agency published its decision. The Board of Appeal shall decide upon the appeal within four months of the lodging of the appeal.	
308.	3. An appeal lodged pursuant to paragraph 1 shall not have suspensory effect. The Board of Appeal may, however, if it considers that circumstances so require, suspend the application of the contested decision.	3. An appeal lodged pursuant to paragraph 1 shall not have suspensory effect. The Board of Appeal may, however, if it considers that circumstances so require, suspend the application of the contested decision.	

309.	4. If the appeal is admissible, the Board of Appeal shall examine whether it is well-founded. It shall invite the parties as often as necessary to the appeal proceedings to file observations on notifications issued by itself or on communications from the other parties to the appeal proceedings, within specified time limits. Parties to the appeal proceedings shall be entitled to make an oral presentation.		4. If the appeal is admissible, the Board of Appeal shall examine whether it is well-founded. It shall invite the parties as often as necessary to the appeal proceedings to file observations on notifications issued by itself or on communications from the other parties to the appeal proceedings, within specified time limits. Parties to the appeal proceedings shall be entitled to make an oral presentation.	
310.	5. The Board of Appeal may exercise any power which lies within the competence of the Agency, or it may remit the case to the competent body of the Agency. The latter shall be bound by the decision of the Board of Appeal.	AM 76 5. The Board of Appeal may confirm the decision, or it may remit the case to the competent body of the Agency. The latter shall be bound by the decision of the Board of Appeal.	5. The Board of Appeal may exercise any power which lies within the competence of the Agency, or it may remit the case to the competent body of the Agency. The latter shall be bound by the decision of the Board of Appeal.	Provisionally agreed: 5. The Board of Appeal may confirm the decision, or it may remit the case to the competent body of the Agency. The latter shall be bound by the decision of the Board of Appeal.

311.	6. The decisions taken by the Board of Appeal shall be published by the Agency.		6. The decisions taken by the Board of Appeal shall be published by the Agency.	
312.		AM 77 Article 29 a (new)		Provisionally agreed: Article 29 a (new)
313.		Actions before the Court of Justice		Actions before the Court of Justice
314.		Actions for the annulment of a decision issued by the Agency pursuant to this Regulation and for failure to act within the applicable time limits, may be brought before the Court of Justice of the European Union only after exhaustion of the appeal procedure referred to in Article 29. The Agency shall take all necessary measures to comply with the judgment of the Court of Justice of the European Union.		Actions for the annulment of a decision issued by the Agency pursuant to this Regulation and for failure to act within the applicable time limits, may be brought before the Court of Justice of the European Union only after exhaustion of the appeal procedure referred to in Article 29. The Agency shall take all necessary measures to comply with the judgment of the Court of Justice of the European Union.

315.		Article 30 Working groups		
316.	1. Where justified and in particular to support the regulatory work of the Director and of the Board of Regulators on regulatory issues, the Administrative Board may establish working groups.	AM 78 1. Where justified and in particular to support the regulatory work of the Director and of the Board of Regulators on regulatory issues, the Director and the Board of Regulators may, jointly, establish working groups.	1. [] The Administrative Board shall establish working groups for the tasks referred to in Articles 5, 6, 8(2a), 10 and 43. For all other tasks the Administrative Board [] shall establish working groups following a favourable opinion by the Board of Regulators. The removal of a working group shall be subject to a favourable opinion of the Board of Regulators.	1. Where justified and in particular to support the regulatory work of the Director and of the Board of Regulators on regulatory issues and to prepare opinions, recommendations and decisions referred to in [list of Articles as in 25(c)], the Administrative Board shall establish or remove working groups on the basis of a proposal from the Director or the Board of Regulators. The establishment and the removal of a working group require a favourable opinion of the Board of Regulators.

317.	2. The working groups shall be composed of experts from the staff of the Agency, from national regulatory authorities and from the Commission, as necessary. The Agency shall not be responsible for the costs of the participation of experts from the staff of national regulatory authorities in the Agency working groups.	AM 79 2. The working groups shall be composed of experts from the staff of the Agency and from national regulatory authorities. Experts from the Commission shall participate as observers, if necessary. The Agency shall not be responsible for the costs of the participation of experts from the staff of national regulatory authorities in the Agency working groups.	2. The working groups shall be composed of experts from the staff of the Agency, from national regulatory authorities and, as necessary, from the Commission []. The Agency shall not be responsible for the costs of the participation of experts from the staff of national regulatory authorities in the Agency working groups. Working groups which are set up to carry out the activities according to this Regulation shall take into consideration the views from experts from other relevant national authorities where these authorities are competent.	2. The working groups shall be composed of experts from the staff of the Agency and from national regulatory authorities. Experts from the Commission may participate in working groups. The Agency shall not be responsible for the costs of the participation of experts from the staff of national regulatory authorities in the Agency working groups. Working groups shall take into consideration the views from experts from other relevant national authorities where these authorities are competent.
318.	3. The Administrative Board shall adopt and publish internal rules of procedure for the functioning of the working groups.	AM 80 3. The <i>Director, after consulting the</i> Board <i>of Regulators,</i> shall adopt and publish internal rules of procedure for the functioning of the working groups.	3. The Administrative Board, following a favourable opinion by the Board of Regulators, shall adopt and publish internal rules of procedure for the functioning of the working groups. The Director, following a favourable opinion by the Board of Regulators, shall appoint working group chairs.	Council compromise text 3. The Administrative Board shall adopt and publish internal rules of procedure for the functioning of the working groups on the basis of a proposal from the Director and after having consulted the Board of Regulators and obtained its favourable opinion.

319.		AM 81 3 a. (new) The working groups shall carry out the activities assigned to them in the programming document adopted pursuant Article 21.	3a. The Agency Working Groups shall carry out the activities assigned to them in the programming document adopted pursuant to Article 20(1)(e) and any activities assigned to them by the Board of Regulators and the Director.	Council compromise text 4. The Agency Working Groups shall carry out the activities assigned to them in the programming document adopted pursuant to Article 21 and any activities under this Regulation assigned to them by the Board of Regulators and the Director.
320.	ESTA	CHAPTER III BLISHMENT AND STRUCTURI	E OF THE BUDGET	
321.		Article 31		
		Structure of the budg	2	
322.	1. Without prejudice to other resources the revenues of the Agency shall be made up of:		1. Without prejudice to other resources the revenues of the Agency shall be made up of:	Maintain Council GA
323.	(a) a contribution from the Union;		(a) a contribution from the Union;	
324.	(b) fees paid to the Agency pursuant to Article 32;		(b) fees paid to the Agency pursuant to Article 32;	
325.	(c) any voluntary contributions from the Member States or from the regulatory authorities, under Article 20(1)(g);	AM 82 (c) any voluntary contributions from the Member States or from the regulatory authorities, under Article 20(1)(g), without compromising the Agency's neutrality or independence;	(c) any voluntary contributions from the Member States or from the regulatory authorities, under Article 20(1)(g);	Provisionally agreed: (EP AM 83 accepted, line 329) (c) any voluntary contributions from the Member States or from the regulatory authorities, under Article 20(1)(g);
326.	(d) legacies, donations or grants under Article 20(1)(g).		(d) legacies, donations or grants under Article 20(1)(g).	

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327.	2. The expenditure of the Agency shall include staff, administrative, infrastructure, and operational expenses.		2. The expenditure of the Agency shall include staff, administrative, infrastructure, and operational expenses.	Maintain Council GA
328.	3. The revenue and expenditure of the Agency shall be in balance.		3. The revenue and expenditure of the Agency shall be in balance.	Maintain Council GA
329.	4. All revenue and expenditure of the Agency shall be the subject of forecasts for each financial year, coinciding with the calendar year, and shall be entered in its budget.		4. All revenue and expenditure of the Agency shall be the subject of forecasts for each financial year, coinciding with the calendar year, and shall be entered in its budget.	Maintain Council GA
330.		AM 83 4a. (new) The revenue received by the Agency shall not compromise its independence or objectivity.		Provisionally agreed: 4a. The revenue received by the Agency shall not compromise its neutrality, independence or objectivity.
331.		Article 32 Fees		
332.	1. Fees shall be due to the Agency for requesting an exemption decision pursuant to Article 11 and for decisions on cross border cost allocation provided by the Agency pursuant to Article 12 of Regulation (EU) No 347/2013 ¹ .	AM 84 1. Fees shall be due to the Agency for <i>the following:</i>	1. Fees shall be due to the Agency for the following:	Maintain Council GA

333.		(a) exemption decisions pursuant to Article 11(1) and decisions on cross border cost allocation provided by the Agency pursuant to Article 12 of Regulation (EU) No 347/2013 ¹ ;	(a) requesting an exemption decision pursuant to Article 11 and for decisions on cross border cost allocation provided by the Agency pursuant to Article 12 of Regulation (EU) No 347/2013 ¹	Maintain Council GA
334.		(b) registrations as reporting party pursuant to Article 8 of Regulation (EU) 1227/2011;	(b) registration of market participants or entities acting on their behalf pursuant to Article 8 of Regulation (EU) 1227/2011 including ongoing costs of collecting, handling, processing and analysing of information pursuant to this registration.	Council compromise text: (b) collecting, handling, processing and analysing of information reported by market participants or entities reporting acting on their behalf pursuant to Article 8 of Regulation (EU) 1227/2011.
335.		(c) the oversight of activities and of the cooperation of transmission and distribution system operators, including through the ENTSO for Electricity, the ENTSO for Gas, and the EU DSO entity.		Maintain Council GA
336.	2. The fees referred to in paragraph 1 shall be set by the Commission.	AM 85 2. The fees referred to in paragraph 1 shall be set by the Commission after consulting the Administrative Board. The Commission shall determine the level of the fees and charges and the manner in	2. The fees referred to in paragraph 1, and the way in which they are to be paid, shall be set by the Commission after a public consultation and after consulting the Administrative Board and the Board of Regulators. The fees	Council compromise text 2. The fees referred to in paragraph 1, and the way in which they are to be paid, shall be set by the Commission after a public consultation and after consulting the

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which they are to be paid. The level of the fees and charges shall be fixed such as to ensure that the revenue in respect thereof is sufficient to cover the full cost of the services delivered. The Commission shall evaluate, when necessary, the level of the fees and charges in light of the need to impose such fees and charges.

shall be proportionate to the costs of the respective services provided in a cost-effective way. They shall be fixed at such a level as to ensure that they are non-discriminatory and that undue financial or administrative burden on market participants or entities acting on their behalf is avoided.

The Commission shall

The Commission shall regularly re-examine the level of fees on the basis of an evaluation and, if necessary, adapt the level of fees and the way in which they are to be paid.

Administrative Board and the Board of Regulators. The fees shall be proportionate to the costs of the respective services provided in a cost-effective way and sufficient to cover these costs. They shall be fixed at such a level as to ensure that they are nondiscriminatory and that undue financial or administrative burden on market participants or entities acting on their behalf is avoided. The Commission shall regularly re-examine the level of fees on the basis of an evaluation and, if necessary, adapt the level of fees and the way in which they are to be paid.

337.		Article 33		
		Establishment of the bu	dget	
338.	1. Each year, the Director shall draw up a provisional draft estimate covering the operational expenditure and the programme of work anticipated for the following financial year, and shall forward that provisional draft estimate to the Administrative Board, together with a list of provisional posts.		1. Each year, the Director shall draw up a provisional draft estimate covering the operational expenditure and the programme of work anticipated for the following financial year, and shall forward that provisional draft estimate to the Administrative Board, together with a list of provisional posts.	
339.		AM 86 1a. (new) The provisional draft estimate shall be based on the objectives and expected results of the annual programming document referred to in Article 21(1) and shall take into account the financial resources necessary to achieve those objectives and expected results, in accordance with the principle of performance-based budgeting.	with a list of provisional posts.	Provisionally agreed: 1a. The provisional draft estimate shall be based on the objectives and expected results of the programming document referred to in Article 21(1) and shall take into account the financial resources necessary to achieve those objectives and expected results.
340.	2. Each year, the Administrative Board shall, on the basis of the provisional draft estimate prepared by the Director, adopt a provisional draft estimate of revenue and expenditure of the Agency for the following financial year.		2. Each year, the Administrative Board shall, on the basis of the provisional draft estimate prepared by the Director, adopt a provisional draft estimate of revenue and expenditure of the Agency for the following financial year.	

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341.	3. The provisional draft estimate, including a	3. The provisional draft	
	draft establishment plan, shall be transmitted by the	estimate, including a draft	
	Administrative Board to the Commission by 31	establishment plan, shall be	
	January each year. Prior to adoption of the	transmitted by the	
	estimate, the draft prepared by the Director shall be	Administrative Board to the	
	transmitted to the Board of Regulators, which may	Commission by 31 January each	
	deliver a reasoned opinion on the draft.	year. Prior to adoption of the	
	*	estimate, the draft prepared by	
		the Director shall be transmitted	
		to the Board of Regulators,	
		which may deliver a reasoned	
		opinion on the draft.	
342.	4. The estimate referred to in paragraph 2 shall	4. The estimate referred to	
342.	be transmitted by the Commission to the European		
		in paragraph 2 shall be	
	Parliament and to the Council, together with the	transmitted by the Commission	
	draft general budget of the Union.	to the European Parliament and	
		to the Council, together with	
		the draft general budget of the	
		Union.	
343.	5. On the basis of the draft estimate, the	5. On the basis of the draft	
	Commission shall enter into the draft general	estimate, the Commission shall	
	budget of the Union the estimates it considers	enter into the draft general	
	necessary in respect of the establishment plan and	budget of the Union the	
	the amount of the grant to be charged to the general	estimates it considers necessary	
	budget of the Union in accordance with Article 313	in respect of the establishment	
	and following of the Treaty.	plan and the amount of the grant	
		to be charged to the general	
		budget of the Union in	
		accordance with Article 313 and	
		following of the Treaty.	
344.	6. The Council in its budgetary authority role	6. The Council in its	
	shall adopt the establishment plan for the Agency.	budgetary authority role shall	
	i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i	adopt the establishment plan for	
		the Agency.	

345.	7. The budget of the Agency shall be adopted by the Administrative Board. It shall become final after the final adoption of the general budget of the Union. Where necessary, it shall be adjusted accordingly.		7. The budget of the Agency shall be adopted by the Administrative Board. It shall become final after the final adoption of the general budget of the Union. Where necessary, it shall be adjusted accordingly.	
346.	8. Any modification to the budget, including the establishment plan, shall follow the same procedure.		8. Any modification to the budget, including the establishment plan, shall follow the same procedure.	
347.		AM 87 8a. (new) By [12 months after the date of entry into force of this Regulation], the Commission shall evaluate the Agency's assigned budget with the aim of securing adequate funding and human resources allowing the Agency to fulfil its role of working towards an internal energy market and contributing to energy security to the benefit of consumers in the Union. The Commission shall, if appropriate, submit proposals to amend the Agency's budget.		8a. (new) By [12 months after the date of entry into force of this Regulation], the Commission shall evaluate if the financial and human resources available to the Agency allow it to fulfil its role pursuant to this Regulation of working towards an internal energy market and contributing to energy security to the benefit of consumers in the Union and how fees pursuant to Article 32 could contribute to improving the funding of the Agency.

348.	9. The Administrative Board shall, without delay, notify the budgetary authority of its intention to implement any project which may have significant financial implications for the funding of the budget of the Agency, in particular any project relating to property. The Administrative Board shall also inform the Commission of its intention. If either branch of the budgetary authority intends to issue an opinion, it shall, within two weeks of receipt of the information on the project, notify the Agency of its intention thereof. In the absence of a reply, the Agency may proceed with the planned project.		9. The Administrative Board shall, without delay, notify the budgetary authority of its intention to implement any project which may have significant financial implications for the funding of the budget of the Agency, in particular any project relating to property. The Administrative Board shall also inform the Commission of its intention. If either branch of the budgetary authority intends to issue an opinion, it shall, within two weeks of receipt of the information on the project, notify the Agency of its intention thereof. In the absence of a reply, the Agency may proceed with the planned project.	
349.		Article 34		
350.	The Director shall act as authorising officer and shall implement the Agency's budget.	Implementation and control of	1. The Director shall act as authorising officer and shall implement the Agency's budget.	
351.	2. By 1 March following the completion of each financial year, the Agency accounting officer shall forward to the Commission's accounting officer and the Court of Auditors the provisional accounts, accompanied by the report on budgetary and financial management over the financial year.		2. By 1 March following the completion of each financial year, the Agency accounting officer shall forward to the Commission's accounting officer and the Court of	

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	The Agency's accounting officer shall also send the	Auditors the provisional	
	report on budgetary and financial management to	accounts, accompanied by the	
	the European Parliament and the Council by 31	report on budgetary and	
	March of the following year. The Commission's	financial management over the	
	accounting officer shall then consolidate the	financial year. The Agency's	
	provisional accounts of the institutions and	accounting officer shall also	
	decentralised bodies in accordance with Article 147	send the report on budgetary	
	of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the	and financial management to the	
	European Parliament and of the Council ¹ ("the	European Parliament and the	
	Financial Regulation").	Council by 31 March of the	
		following year. The	
		Commission's accounting	
		officer shall then consolidate the	
		provisional accounts of the	
		institutions and decentralised	
		bodies in accordance with	
		Article 147 of Regulation (EU,	
		Euratom) No 966/2012 of the	
		European Parliament and of the	
		Council ¹ ("the Financial	
		Regulation").	
352.		Article 35	
		Presentation of accounts and discharge	
353.	1. The Agency's accounting officer shall send	1. The Agency's accounting	
	the provisional accounts for the financial year (year	officer shall send the	
	N) to the Commission's Accounting Officer and to	provisional accounts for the	
	the Court of Auditors by 1 March of the following	financial year (year N) to the	
	financial year (year N+1)	Commission's Accounting	
		Officer and to the Court of	
		Auditors by 1 March of the	
		following financial year (year	
		N+1)	
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Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

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354.	2. The Agency shall send a report on the budgetary and financial management for year N to the European Parliament, the Council, the Commission and the Court of Auditors by 31 March of year N+1.	2. The Agency shall send a report on the budgetary and financial management for year N to the European Parliament, the Council, the Commission and the Court of Auditors by 31 March of year N+1.	
355.	By 31 March of year N+1, the Commission's accounting officer shall forward the provisional accounts of the Agency, to the Court of Auditors. The report on budgetary and financial management over the financial year shall also be forwarded to the European Parliament and the Council.	By 31 March of year N+1, the Commission's accounting officer shall forward the provisional accounts of the Agency, to the Court of Auditors. The report on budgetary and financial management over the financial year shall also be forwarded to the European Parliament and the Council.	
356.	4. After receiving the observations of the Court of Auditors on the provisional accounts of the Agency for year N in accordance with the provisions of Article 148 of the Financial Regulation, the accounting officer, acting on his own responsibility, shall draw up the final accounts of the Agency for that year. The Director shall transmit them, for opinion, to the Administrative Board.	4. After receiving the observations of the Court of Auditors on the provisional accounts of the Agency for year N in accordance with the provisions of Article 148 of the Financial Regulation, the accounting officer, acting on his own responsibility, shall draw up the final accounts of the Agency for that year. The Director shall transmit them, for opinion, to the Administrative Board.	

357.	5. The Administrative Board shall deliver an opinion on the final accounts of the Agency for year N.	5. The Administrative Board shall deliver an opinion on the final accounts of the Agency for year N.	
358.	6. The Agency's accounting officer shall transmit the final accounts for year N, accompanied by the opinion of the Administrative Board, by 1 July of year N+1, to the European Parliament, the Council, the Commission and the Court of Auditors.	6. The Agency's accounting officer shall transmit the final accounts for year N, accompanied by the opinion of the Administrative Board, by 1 July of year N+1, to the European Parliament, the Council, the Commission and the Court of Auditors.	
359.	7. The final accounts shall be published in the <i>Official Journal of the European Union</i> by 15 November of year N+1.	7. The final accounts shall be published in the <i>Official Journal of the European Union</i> by 15 November of year N+1.	
360.	8. The Director shall send to the Court of Auditors a reply to the latter's observations by 30 September of year N+1. He shall also send a copy of that reply to the Administrative Board and the Commission.	8. The Director shall send to the Court of Auditors a reply to the latter's observations by 30 September of year N+1. He shall also send a copy of that reply to the Administrative Board and the Commission.	
361.	9. The Director shall submit to the European Parliament, at the latter's request, any information necessary for the smooth application of the discharge procedure for year Nin accordance with Article 109(3) of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1271/2013.	9. The Director shall submit to the European Parliament, at the latter's request, any information necessary for the smooth application of the discharge procedure for year N in accordance with Article 109(3) of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1271/2013.	

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362.	10. The European Parliament, following a recommendation by the Council, acting by qualified majority, shall, before 15 May of the year N + 2, grant a discharge to the Director for the implementation of the budget for the financial year N.	10. The European Parliament, following a recommendation by the Council, acting by qualified majority, shall, before 15 May of the year N + 2, grant a discharge to the Director for the implementation of the budget for the financial year N.	
363.	Article 36		
		Financial rules	
364.	The financial rules applicable to the Agency shall be adopted by the Administrative Board after consulting the Commission. Those rules may deviate from Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1271/2013 if the specific operational needs for the functioning of the Agency so require and only with the prior agreement of the Commission.	The financial rules applicable to the Agency shall be adopted by the Administrative Board after consulting the Commission. Those rules may deviate from Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1271/2013 if the specific operational needs for the functioning of the Agency so require and only with the prior agreement of the Commission.	

365.	Article 37	
		Combating fraud
366.	1. In order to facilitate combating fraud, corruption and other unlawful activities under Regulation (EC) No 883/2013, within six months from the day the Agency becomes operational, it shall accede to the Interinstitutional Agreement of 25 May 1999 concerning internal investigations by OLAF and adopt appropriate provisions applicable to all employees of the Agency using the template set out in the Annex to that Agreement.	1. In order to facilitate combating fraud, corruption and other unlawful activities under Regulation (EC) No 883/2013, within six months from the day the Agency becomes operational, it shall accede to the Interinstitutional Agreement of 25 May 1999 concerning internal investigations by OLAF and adopt appropriate provisions applicable to all employees of the Agency using the template set out in the Annex to that Agreement.
367.	2. The European Court of Auditors shall have the power to carry out an on-the-spot audit, as well as auditing on the basis of documents, over all grant beneficiaries, contractors and subcontractors who have received Union funds from the Agency.	2. The European Court of Auditors shall have the power to carry out an on-the-spot audit, as well as auditing on the basis of documents, over all grant beneficiaries, contractors and subcontractors who have received Union funds from the Agency.

368.	3. OLAF may carry out investigations, including on-the-spot checks and inspections with a view to establishing whether there has been fraud, corruption or any other illegal activity affecting the financial interests of the Union in connection with a grant or a contract funded by the Agency, in accordance with the provisions and procedures laid down in Regulation (EC) No 1073/1999 and Regulation (Euratom, EC) No 2185/96.	3. OLAF may carry out investigations, including on-the spot checks and inspections with a view to establishing whether there has been fraud, corruption or any other illegal activity affecting the financial interests of the Union in connection with a grant or a contract funded by the Agency in accordance with the provisions and procedures laid down in Regulation (EC) No 1073/1999 and Regulation (Euratom, EC) No 2185/96.	
369.	4. Without prejudice to paragraphs 1, 2 and 3, cooperation agreements with third countries and international organisations, contracts, grant agreements and grant decisions of the Agency shall contain provisions expressly empowering the European Court of Auditors and OLAF to conduct the audits and investigations referred to in this Article, according to their respective competences.	4. Without prejudice to paragraphs 1, 2 and 3, cooperation agreements with third countries and internation organisations, contracts, grant agreements and grant decision of the Agency shall contain provisions expressly empowering the European Co of Auditors and OLAF to conduct the audits and investigations referred to in the Article, according to their respective competences.	surt

370.	CHAPTER V GENERAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS	
371.	Article 38 Privileges and immunities and Headquarters' Agreement	
372.	The Protocol on Privileges and Immunities of the European Communities shall apply to the Agency.	1. The Protocol on Privileges and Immunities of the European Communities shall apply to the Agency.
373.	2. The necessary arrangements concerning the accommodation to be provided for the Agency in the host Member State and the facilities to be made available by that Member State together with the specific rules applicable in the host Member State to the Director, members of the Administrative Board, Agency staff and members of their families shall be laid down in a Headquarters' Agreement between the Agency and the Member State where the seat is located. That agreement shall be concluded after obtaining the approval of the Administrative Board.	2. The necessary arrangements concerning the accommodation to be provided for the Agency in the host Member State and the facilities to be made available by that Member State together with the specific rules applicable in the host Member State to the Director, members of the Administrative Board, Agency staff and members of their families shall be laid down in a Headquarters' Agreement between the Agency and the Member State where the seat is located. That agreement shall be concluded after obtaining the approval of the Administrative Board.

374.		Article 39
275	1 The Staff Decemberious of Officials of the	Staff 1 The Staff Regulations of
375.	1. The Staff Regulations of Officials of the European Union ("the Staff Regulations") and, the	1. The Staff Regulations of Officials of the European Union
	Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the	("the Staff Regulations") and ,
	European Union ("the Conditions of Employment")	the Conditions of Employment
	and the rules adopted jointly by the Union	of Other Servants of the
	institutions for the purpose of applying the Staff	European Union ("the
	Regulations and the Conditions of Employment	Conditions of Employment")
	shall apply to all the staff of the Agency, including	and the rules adopted jointly by
	its Director.	the Union institutions for the
	its Director.	purpose of applying the Staff
		Regulations and the Conditions
		of Employment shall apply to
		all the staff of the Agency,
		including its Director.
376.	2. The Administrative Board, in agreement	2. The Administrative
570.	with the Commission, shall adopt appropriate	Board, in agreement with the
	implementing rules, in accordance with Article 110	Commission, shall adopt
	of the Staff Regulations.	appropriate implementing rules,
	of the Staff Regulations.	in accordance with Article 110
		of the Staff Regulations.
377.	3. In respect of its staff, the Agency shall	3. In respect of its staff, the
	exercise the powers conferred on the appointing	Agency shall exercise the
	authority by the Staff Regulations and on the	powers conferred on the
	authority entitled to conclude contracts by the	appointing authority by the Staff
	Conditions of Employment.	Regulations and on the authority
		entitled to conclude contracts by
		the Conditions of Employment.
378.	4. The Administrative Board may adopt	4. The Administrative Board
	provisions to allow national experts from Member	may adopt provisions to allow
	States to be employed on secondment at the	national experts from Member
	Agency.	States to be employed on
1		secondment at the Agency.

<i>379</i> .	Article 40		
		Liability of the Agency	
380.	1. The Agency's contractual liability shall be governed by the law applicable to the contract in questions.	1. The Agency's contractual liability shall be governed by the law applicable to the contract in questions.	
381.	Any arbitration clause contained in a contract concluded by the Agency shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the Court of Justice of the European Union.	Any arbitration clause contained in a contract concluded by the Agency shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the Court of Justice of the European Union.	
382.	2. In the case of non-contractual liability, the Agency shall, in accordance with the general principles common to the laws of the Member States, make good any damage caused by it or by its staff in the performance of their duties.	2. In the case of non-contractual liability, the Agency shall, in accordance with the general principles common to the laws of the Member States, make good any damage caused by it or by its staff in the performance of their duties.	
383.	3. The Court of Justice of the European Union shall have jurisdiction in disputes over compensation for damages referred to in paragraph 2.	3. The Court of Justice of the European Union shall have jurisdiction in disputes over compensation for damages referred to in paragraph 2.	
384.	4. The personal financial liability and disciplinary liability of Agency staff towards the Agency shall be governed by the relevant provisions applying to the staff of the Agency.	4. The personal financial liability and disciplinary liability of Agency staff towards the Agency shall be governed by the relevant provisions applying to the staff of the Agency.	

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385.	Article 41		
		Fransparency and communication	
386.	1. Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council ¹ shall apply to documents held by the Agency.	1. Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council ¹ shall apply to documents held by the Agency.	
387.	2. The Administrative Board shall adopt practical measures for applying Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001.	2. The Administrative Board shall adopt practical measures for applying Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001.	
388.	3. Decisions taken by the Agency pursuant to Article 8 of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 may be the subject of a complaint to the Ombudsman or of proceedings before the Court of Justice, in accordance with the conditions laid down in Articles 228 and 263 of the Treaty respectively.	3. Decisions taken by the Agency pursuant to Article 8 of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 may be the subject of a complaint to the Ombudsman or of proceedings before the Court of Justice, in accordance with the conditions laid down in Articles 228 and 263 of the Treaty respectively.	
389.	4. The processing of personal data by the Agency shall be subject to the Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 ² . The Administrative Board shall establish measures for the application of Regulation (EC) No.45/2001 by the Agency, including those concerning the appointment of the Data Protection	4. The processing of personal data by the Agency shall be subject to the Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 ² . The Administrative Board shall	

Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents (OJ L 145, 31.5.2001, p. 43).

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Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2000 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data (OJ L 8, 12.1.2001, p. 1).

	Officer of the Agency. Those measures shall be established after consultation of the European Data Protection Supervisor.	establish measures for the application of Regulation (EC) No.45/2001 by the Agency, including those concerning the appointment of the Data Protection Officer of the Agency. Those measures shall be established after consultation of the European Data Protection Supervisor.	
390.	5. The Agency may engage in communication activities on its own initiative within its field of competence. The allocation of resources to communication activities shall not be detrimental to the effective exercise of the tasks referred to in Article 3 to 14. Communication activities shall be carried out in accordance with relevant communication and dissemination plans adopted by the Administrative Board.	5. The Agency may engage in communication activities on its own initiative within its field of competence. The allocation of resources to communication activities shall not be detrimental to the effective exercise of the tasks referred to in Article 3 to 14. Communication activities shall be carried out in accordance with relevant communication and dissemination plans adopted by the Administrative Board.	

391.		Article 42
	Protection of c	classified and sensitive non-classified information
392.	1. The Agency shall adopt its own security rules equivalent to the Commission's security rules for protecting European Union Classified Information ("EUCI") and sensitive non-classified information, inter alia, provisions for the exchange, processing and storage of such information, as set out in the Commission Decisions (EU, Euratom) 2015/443¹ and 2015/444².	1. The Agency shall adopt its own security rules equivalent to the Commission's security rules for protecting European Union Classified Information ("EUCI") and sensitive nonclassified information, inter alia, provisions for the exchange, processing and storage of such information, as set out in the Commission Decisions (EU, Euratom) 2015/443¹ and 2015/444².
393.	2. The Agency may also decide to apply mutatis mutandis the Commission's decisions referred to in paragraph 1. The security rules of the Agency shall cover, inter alia, provisions for the exchange, processing and storage of EUCI and sensitive non-classified information.	2. The Agency may also decide to apply mutatis mutandis the Commission's decisions referred to in paragraph 1. The security rules of the Agency shall cover, inter alia, provisions for the exchange, processing and storage of EUCI and sensitive non-classified information.

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Commission Decision (EU, Euratom) 2015/443 of 13 March 2015 on Security in the Commission (OJ L 72, 17.3.2015, p. 41) Commission Decision (EU, Euratom) 2015/444 of 13 March 2015 on the security rules for protecting EU classified information (OJ L 72, 17.3.2015, p. 53).

394.		Article 43	
395.	1. The Agency shall be open to the participation of third countries which have concluded agreements with the Union and which have adopted and are applying Union law in the field of energy and in the fields of environment and competition.	1. The Agency shall be open to the participation of third countries which have concluded agreements with the Union and which have adopted and are applying the relevant rules of Union law in the field of energy, including notably the rules on independent national regulators, third party access to infrastructure and unbundling, energy trading and system operation and consumer participation and protection, as well as the relevant rules [] in the fields of environment and competition.	Provisionally agreed: 1. The Agency shall be open to the participation of third countries which have concluded agreements with the Union and which have adopted and are applying the relevant rules of Union law in the field of energy, including notably the rules on independent national regulators, third party access to infrastructure and unbundling, energy trading and system operation and consumer participation and protection, as well as the relevant rules [] in the fields of environment and competition.

396.		1a. Subject to conclusion of an agreement to this effect between the Union and third countries referred to in paragraph 1, the Agency may exercise its tasks pursuant to Article 3 to 14 also with regard to third countries if these countries have adopted and are applying the relevant rules pursuant to paragraph 1 and mandated the Agency to coordinate the activities of their domestic regulator with regulators from Member States. Only in such cases the references to issues of crossborder character concern borders with third countries, and not borders as between two Member States.	Provisionally agreed in TM 1a. Subject to conclusion of an agreement to this effect between the Union and third countries referred to in paragraph 1, the Agency may exercise its tasks pursuant to Article 3 to 14 also with regard to third countries if these countries have adopted and are applying the relevant rules pursuant to paragraph 1 and mandated the Agency to coordinate the activities of their domestic regulator with regulators from Member States. Only in such cases the references to issues of cross-border character concern borders with third countries, and not borders as between two Member States.
397.	2. Under the relevant provisions of those agreements, arrangements shall be made specifying, in particular, the nature, scope and procedural aspects of the involvement of those countries in the work of the Agency, including provisions relating to financial contributions and to staff.	2. Under the relevant provisions of those agreements, arrangements shall be made specifying, in particular, the nature, scope and procedural aspects of the involvement of those countries in the work of the Agency, including provisions relating to financial contributions and to staff.	

398.	3. The Administrative Board shall adopt a strategy for relations with third countries or international organisations for which the Agency is competent. The Commission shall ensure that the Agency operates within its mandate and the existing institutional framework by concluding an appropriate working arrangement with the Agency's Director.	3. The Administrative Board shall adopt, after having received an positive opinion by the Board of Regulators, [] rules of procedures for relations with third countries referred to in paragraph 1 []. The Commission shall ensure that the Agency operates within its mandate and the existing institutional framework by concluding an appropriate working arrangement with the Agency's Director.	Board shall adopt, after having received an positive opinion by the Board of Regulators, rules of procedures for relations with third countries referred to in paragraph 1. The
399.		Article 44	rigency's Director.
377.		Language arrangements	
400.	1. The provisions of Council Regulation No 1 ¹ shall apply to the Agency.	1. The provisions of Counci Regulation No 1 ² shall apply to the Agency.	
401.	2. The Administrative Board shall decide on the internal language arrangements for the Agency.	2. The Administrative Board shall decide on the internal language arrangements for the Agency.	1

Council Regulation No 1 of 15 April 1958 determining the languages to be used by the European Economic Community (OJ 17, 6.10.1958, p. 385). Council Regulation No 1 of 15 April 1958 determining the languages to be used by the European Economic Community (OJ 17, 6.10.1958, p. 385).

402.	3. The translation services required for the functioning of the Agency shall be provided by the Translation Centre for the Bodies of the European Union.	AM 88 3. The translation services required for the functioning of the Agency shall be provided by the Translation Centre for the Bodies of the European Union or other translation service providers in accordance with the procurement rules and in accordance with the relevant financial rules.	3. The translation services required for the functioning of the Agency shall be provided by the Translation Centre for the Bodies of the European Union.	Council compromise text 3. The translation services required for the functioning of the Agency shall be provided by the Translation Centre for the Bodies of the European Union. In the exceptional case where the Translation Centre cannot provide translation in a timely manner other translation service providers can be used.
403.		Article 45		
404.	1. No later than five years after the entry into	Evaluation AM 89	1. No later than five years	Provisionally agreed:
	force of the present Regulation, and every five years thereafter, the Commission, with the assistance of an independent external expert, shall carry out an evaluation to assess the Agency's performance in relation to its objectives, mandate and tasks. The evaluation shall in particular address the possible need to modify the mandate of the	1. No later than five years after the entry into force of the present regulation, and every five years thereafter, the Commission, with the assistance of an independent external expert, shall carry out an	after the entry into force of the present Regulation, and every five years thereafter, the Commission, with the assistance of an independent external expert, shall carry out an evaluation to assess the	1. No later than five years after the entry into force of the present Regulation, and every five years thereafter, the Commission, with the assistance of an independent external expert, shall carry out
	Agency, and the financial implications of any such modification.	evaluation to assess the Agency's performance in relation to its objectives, mandate and tasks. The evaluation shall in particular address the possible need to modify the mandate of the Agency, and the financial implications of any such modification, in accordance with the principle of performance-based budgeting.	Agency's performance in relation to its objectives, mandate and tasks. The evaluation shall in particular address the possible need to modify the mandate of the Agency, and the financial implications of any such modification.	an evaluation to assess the Agency's performance in relation to its objectives, mandate and tasks. The evaluation shall in particular address the possible need to modify the mandate of the Agency, and the financial implications of any such modification .

405.	2. Where the Commission considers that the continuation of the Agency is no longer justified with regard to its assigned objectives, mandate and tasks, it may propose that this Regulation be amended accordingly or repealed.	AM 90 2. Where the Commission considers that the continuation of the Agency is no longer justified with regard to its assigned objectives, mandate and tasks, it shall consult the Board of Regulators. The Board of Regulators shall issue an opinion on the future role of the Agency within 12 months of receiving the Commission request. The Commission, while taking duly into account the opinion of the Board of Regulators, may propose that this Regulation is amended accordingly or repealed.	2. Where the Commission considers that the continuation of the Agency is no longer justified with regard to its assigned objectives, mandate and tasks, it may propose that this Regulation be amended accordingly or repealed.	Provisionally agreed: 2. Where the Commission considers that the continuation of the Agency is no longer justified with regard to its assigned objectives, mandate and tasks, it may propose that this Regulation be amended accordingly or repealed, following appropriate consultation of stakeholders and the Board of Regulators.
406.	3. The Commission shall submit the evaluation findings referred to in paragraph 1 together with its conclusions to the European Parliament, the Council and to the Agency's Board of Regulators. The findings of the evaluation should be made public.		3. The Commission shall submit the evaluation findings referred to in paragraph 1 together with its conclusions to the European Parliament, the Council and to the Agency's Board of Regulators. The findings of the evaluation should be made public.	

407.	4. The Commission shall present to the European Parliament and the Council an evaluation at least every five years.		4. The Commission shall present to the European Parliament and the Council an evaluation at least every five years. The Commission shall, as appropriate, accompany that evaluation by a legislative proposal and shall, as appropriate, take into account the opportunity to confirm and review the tasks involving individual decisions which have been conferred on the Agency in particular through Network Codes and Guidelines and incorporate them in the Regulation.	Maintain Council GA
408.		Article 46		
		Repeal		
409.	Regulation (EC) No 713/2009 is repealed.		Regulation (EC) No 713/2009 is repealed.	
410.	References to the repealed Regulation shall be construed as references to this Regulation and shall be read in accordance with the correlation table in Annex II.		References to the repealed Regulation shall be construed as references to this Regulation and shall be read in accordance with the correlation table in Annex II.	

411.		Article 47 Entry into force
412.	This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union. This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States Done at Brussels, For the European Parliament The President For the Council The President	This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union. This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States. Done at Brussels, For the European Parliament The President For the Council The President