

TYNDP2020 SUBMISSION WINDOW FOR FUTURE PROJECTS

ADDENDUM TO THE GUIDANCE FOR APPLICANTS – TRANSMISSION AND STORAGE PROJECT PROMOTERS - CRITERIA FOR APPLICATIONS AND THEIR TREATMENT IN THE TYNDP2020

1. Introduction

For the first time in the history of TYNDPs, ENTSO-E is in the context of TYNDP2020 opening a submission window dedicated to so-called Future projects. The purpose of this second submission window is to collect applications of projects addressing a system need identified in the 2020 Identification of System Needs study (IoSN).

'Future projects' are transmission or storage projects that meet the criteria described in section 4 'Criteria for admission of a future project in the TYNDP2020' of this Addendum, namely regarding their planned year of commissioning, their status and their relevance with regard to the needs identified in the TYNDP2020 IoSN. Projects submitted during the main submission window and that were not accepted in the TYNDP2020 may be submitted as Future projects, provided they fulfil the criteria.

Scope of this document

This addendum to the '[Guidance for applicants – transmission and storage project promoters](#)' (hereinafter, the Guidance) sets the specific criteria and process applying to the submission window for Future projects, by exception to the general rules and criteria set in the Guidance. All other provisions of the Guidance remain valid and applicable unless explicitly stipulated otherwise in this Addendum.

Project promoters are advised to read this addendum and the Guidance so that they understand:

- the procedure and timeline;
- the technical and administrative criteria their projects will be required to meet;
- the documents and information they will be required to submit to fulfil these criteria;
- the use and circulation of the information submitted, and;
- other information regarding their application, including useful contact details.

For the legislation and guidelines governing the TYNDP procedure, please refer to the Guidance page 4.

2. How to apply - TYNDP2020 Application procedure and timeline for Future projects

The second submission window begins following the publication of ENTSO-E's IoSN study. The opening of this window will be announced on entsoe.eu and via email to ENTSO-E's contact database of project promoters.¹ TSOs will have to submit their project applications in a period of one month starting on the day of the release of the IoSN 2020 study (August 10th), that is until **10 September at 13.00 CEST**. Non-TSOs project promoters will have until the **30 September at 13.00 CEST** to submit their project applications.

After the closure of the submission window, ENTSO-E will review the compliance of the applications received with the criteria set in the Guidance and in this Addendum. Failure to comply with the criteria or to provide the requested information to prove compliance with the criteria in line with the timelines set out by ENTSO-E will result in the project not being included nor assessed in the TYNDP 2020.

The assessment and approval period is tentatively expected to last 20 working days. ENTSO-E will then notify project promoters about their acceptance or rejection (and reasons for it). The provisional list of Future projects approved by ENTSO-E, and any rejected project with the reasons for the rejection, will be made public on the ENTSO-E website.

In Autumn 2020, the TYNDP 2020 Future projects list will be submitted to public consultation within the TYNDP 2020 package. The TYNDP 2020 package – including both Future projects and projects accepted in the main submission window (22 October – 22 November 2019) - may be then modified in the final TYNDP 2020 if decided by ENTSO-E following either a reassessment or new information on the eligibility of projects, advice from the review process or recommendation of ACER included in their opinion.

¹ To subscribe to ENTSO-E's mailing list of project promoters, register here <http://eepurl.com/gJPTKz>

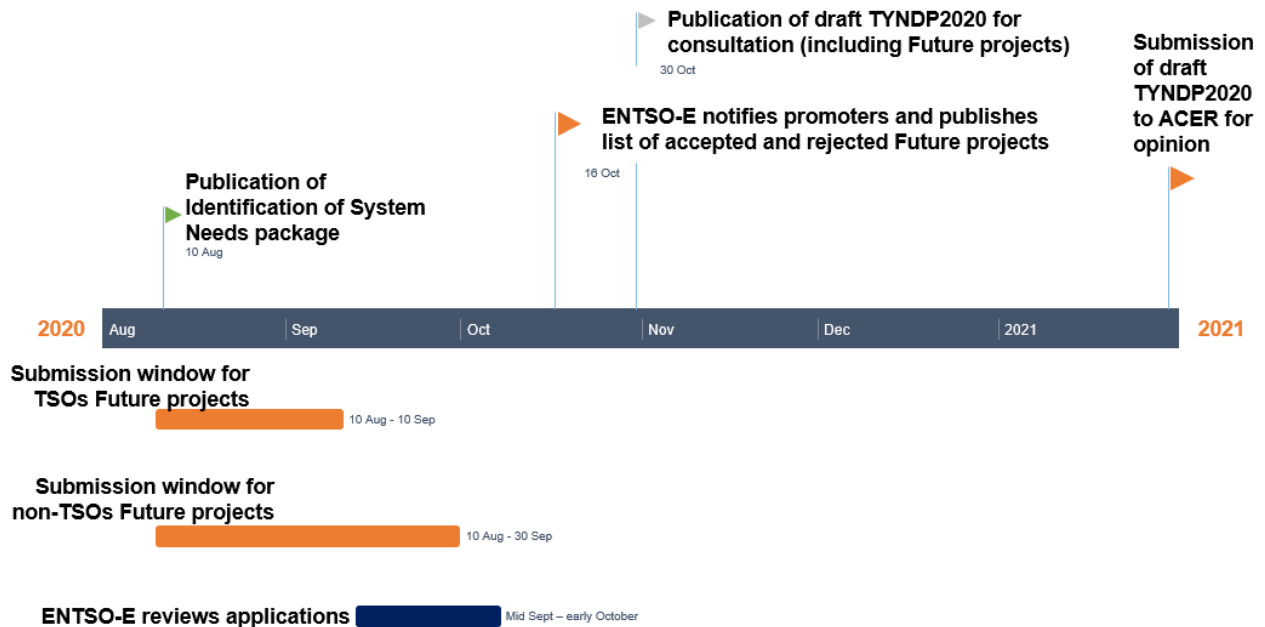


Figure 1 – Tentative timeline for the submission, application review and publication of the assessment of Future projects

Submission of applications

Applications are made via the TYNDP project platform at <https://tyndp2020-project-platform.azurewebsites.net/>. Promoters who need login details should contact the single point of contact (SPOC) specified in Annex 1 of this document.

Assessment of Future projects admitted for the TYNDP2020

Future projects will only be assessed with a limited subset of indicators, for only the National Trends 2030 scenario.

In case of submission of complex projects (for example, hybrid projects) it is possible that the available time before the opening of the public consultation does not allow for a cost-benefit analysis to be performed. In that case, ENTSO-E reserves the right to not perform the cost-benefit analysis of the project at hand and will invite the promoter to submit the project in the TYNDP 2022 process.

3. Link between the TYNDP and PCI process

The link between the TYNDP process and the PCI process is described in the Guidance page 7.

Whether Future projects assessed in the TYNDP2020 may be eligible to apply for PCI status in the 5th PCI process is under the responsibility of the European Commission (EC). ENTSO-E advises promoters who have questions in that regard to contact the EC.

4. Criteria for admission of a Future Project in the TYNDP2020

Eligibility criteria

The eligibility criteria set in the Guidance apply to Future Projects, please refer to pages 7 and 8 of the Guidance.

Administrative criteria for transmission projects and required documentation

Mandatory administrative criteria a) to e) specified in the Guidance apply to Future projects, please refer to the Guidance pages 9 to 11.

Additional administrative criteria f) to l) specified in the Guidance pages 11 to 14 **do not apply** to Future projects. Instead, applicants must meet **all of the following additional criteria**:

Criteria

<p>f) Project status</p>	<p>The project must have status ‘under consideration’. Status under consideration is defined as follows in the draft CBA Guideline 3.0 ‘Investments in the phase of planning studies and under consideration for inclusion in national plan(s) and Regional/EU-wide Ten Year Network Development Plans (TYNDPs) of ENTSO-E.’</p> <p>For transmission projects that cluster two or more investments, all investments must be under consideration.</p> <p>Required documentation or information: formal letter signed by an authorised representative of the project promoter indicating that the investments clustered within the project are not included in a National Development Plan and have not entered the permitting process.</p> <p>The letter must be sent via email to the SPOC referred in Annex 1.</p>
<p>g) Commissioning year</p>	<p>The commissioning year of the project must be after 2035.</p> <p>For transmission projects that cluster two or more investments, the commissioning year of the project, in the context of applying to the TYNDP2020 submission window for</p>

Future projects, is the commissioning year of the investment that will commission the earliest.

h) System needs identified in the TYNDP2020 IoSN study	<p>Projects must address a system need identified in the TYNDP2020 Identification of System Needs study.</p> <p>Required information: Promoters will be asked to provide a short justification (about 15 lines) explaining which need(s) their project addresses and how.</p>
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Technical criteria for transmission projects and required information

The technical criteria and related documentation are identical to those specified in the Guidance, pages 15 – 16 for transmission projects and pages – 18 for storage projects.

Administrative criteria for storage projects and required documentation

Mandatory administrative criteria b) to e) specified in the Guidance apply to Future projects, please refer to the Guidance pages 17 to 18.

Additional administrative criteria f) to l) specified in the Guidance pages 18 to 19 **do not apply** to Future projects. Instead, applicants must meet **all** of the following additional criteria:

Criteria

f) Project status	The project must have status ‘under consideration’. Status under consideration is defined as follows in the draft CBA Guideline 3.0 ‘Investments in the phase of planning studies and under consideration for inclusion in national plan(s) and Regional/EU-wide Ten Year Network Development Plans (TYNDPs) of ENTSO-E.’
g) Commissioning year	The commissioning year of the project must be after 2035.
h) System needs identified in the TYNDP2020 IoSN study	<p>Projects must address a system need identified in the TYNDP2020 Identification of System Needs study.</p> <p>Required information: Promoters will be asked to provide a short justification (about 15 lines) explaining which need(s) their project addresses and how.</p>

Technical criteria for storage projects and required information

The technical criteria and related documentation are identical to those specified in the Guidance, pages 20 – 22.

5. Additional information to be provided by project promoters

Information for the project sheets

Unlike in the process described in the Guidance for projects submitted in the main window, there will not be additional windows for promoters of Future Projects to submit additional information. **All information on Future Projects must be entered in the online platform by the end of the submission window.**

This additional information includes:

- all additional mandatory information necessary to complete the project sheets. This includes the life-cycle CAPEX per investment, residual impact per investment, and for transmission projects information per investment on indicator B8 System Stability.
- optional information to complete the projects sheets. This includes, but is not limited to, a link to a video on the project, information on related projects, etc.

For the list of information required and the modalities for submission, promoters should refer to the [TYNDP2020 Practical Guide on completion of project sheets](#).

Project-level indicators

Promoters of Future projects may submit project-level indicators. Like for other TYNDP2020 projects, submission must be done by 15 October. For the list of available project-level indicators and the applicable rules, process and modalities to submit project-level indicators, promoters should refer to the [TYNDP2020 Implementation guideline on project-level indicators](#).

6. Data handling, project assessment and review procedure

Access to and usage of the provided data and documentation

The rules on access to and usage of the data and information provided by promoters of Future projects are identical to those specified in the Guidance, page 24.

Project submission process and acceptance / rejection process based on administrative and technical criteria

The rules on access to and usage of the data and information provided by promoters of Future projects are identical to those specified in the Guidance, page 24.

Update of technical data

Requests by promoters of Future projects to update project information shall be dealt with in the following manner:

- In case of incorrect information submitted within the submission window, the promoter shall inform ENTSO-E of this error as soon as possible. The updated data shall be sent to ENTSO-E by the end of ENTSO-E application review period which will be communicated to all the applicants once the submission window is expired. After this period the data will be considered frozen for the purpose of the CBA Assessment.
- During the data processing phase and the assessment phase no data update request by project promoters will be accepted by ENTSO-E for the purpose of the CBA Assessment.
- If project information changes between the submission window and the publication of the results of the assessment of Future projects, the promoter will have the opportunity to provide updated information. This update will be included in a dedicated section of the TYNDP project sheet and will be clearly labelled with the date of information submission and the disclaimer that this update is not reflected in the CBA assessment results published in the TYNDP. The technical data used for the CBA assessment will in any case be published and labelled as input data for the CBA assessment.

Requests by ENTSO-E to correct or complete the technical data provided

The rules on requests by ENTSO-E to correct or complete the technical data provided by promoters of Future projects are identical to those specified in the Guidance, page 25.

Access to assessment results

The rules on access to assessment results of Future projects are identical to those specified in the Guidance, page 25-26.

Right to request a review

In the event of disagreement with ENTSO-E's initial decision to reject a project from the provisional list for Future projects, the concerned project promoter has a right to ask ENTSO-E to review its rejection decision in accordance with the review procedure outlined in this Section.

The purpose and scope of the review procedure is to hear evidence as to why the applicant considers that the initially rejected project in question complies with the eligibility, administrative and technical criteria and the procedure laid down in this document and the Guidance, and should therefore be included in the TYNDP 2020.

A review process will only be possible for projects where the reasons for rejection is the non-compliance with administrative or technical criteria. Projects rejected because they were submitted after the deadline will not be eligible for a review.

The review procedure is carried out before the Network Development Stakeholder Group (NDSG) which is a voluntary group consisting of members from generator, distributor, trader, consumer, NGO etc. interest groups; with the Commission and ACER as permanent observers and chaired by ENTSO-E as further specified in the NDSG Terms of Reference ([ToR](#)).

Where ENTSO-E has issued a rejection decision to a candidate, the decision document provides the rejected project promoter 10 working days from the date of the rejection notification to send a review request to ENTSO-E, via email to the single point of contact (SPOC) indicated in Annex 1 of this document.

The applicants review request must indicate the decision challenged, the reasons for the challenge and contain the necessary supporting evidence.

Hearings are organised before the NDSG and are followed by the NDSG issuing a non-binding recommendation to ENTSO-E who will adopt the final decision in the matter.

Any time during the review procedure, ENTSO-E may consult the Commission and ACER. If deemed necessary, the authorities may also consult the relevant stakeholders on an ad-hoc basis when considering the project promoters' justifications. When taking its final decision, ENTSO-E considers – but is not bound by - the expressed views, in addition to the non-binding NDSG recommendation.

The following elements - considered as having been already consulted with stakeholders earlier in the process, agreed upon and finalised – are not to be open for discussion within the review phase: scenario assumptions and data, CBA methodologies in force and project data submitted within the process.

Detailed review procedure steps will be provided in ENTSO-E's rejection notification, but the main elements will be according to the following table.

Start of proceedings ->	ENTSO-E issues a rejection notification
By 10 working days after the rejection notification	Project promoter issues a review request, by email to the point of contact specified in Annex 2
At least 3 weeks after ENTSO-E's rejection notification	Hearing before NDSG takes place, in person or by web conference. ENTSO-E will share with the NDSG, at the latest one week before the hearing:

- The review requests received from project promoters
- The related rejection notifications, containing the justification for ENTSO-E's initial rejection decision
- An overview of the review procedure with the timeline and deadline for each step

After the hearing, participating NDSG members provide their recommendation to ENTSO-E either orally or in writing. If provided in writing, the recommendation must be sent to ENTSO-E by two weeks after the hearing. NDSG members may decide to not provide a recommendation.

By 5 weeks after reception of the NDSG's recommendation

The System Development Committee of ENTSO-E adopts a decision. ENTSO-E notifies the project promoter of its decision, including the reasons for it.

Annex 1 – ENTSO-E single point of contact

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