

Free movement of electricity

Twenty five years after the Single European Act, Europe urgently needs greater freedom of movement in electricity: a single internal power market and a network infrastructure to facilitate it.

A single electricity market will increase competition, improve security of supply, help deliver climate goals and integrate modern energy technologies including renewables.

Whilst development of a single power market is progressing, development of the infrastructure urgently needs a very major boost. To bring freedom of movement to and enhance cross-border trade in Europe's electricity, the European Parliament and the Council of Ministers must:

- Speed up, simplify and better coordinate permitting and planning procedures for electricity infrastructure projects
- Agree new financing mechanisms to support the necessary electricity infrastructure projects
- Address environmental concerns and social acceptance issues related to the necessary grid extensions at an early stage.



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