# Montenegro's role in the electricity market integration of the South East Europe (SEE) Region

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# The new undersea Montenegro-Italy interconnection Technical data

Commissioning and entry into operation expected by **2015** 





#### Length of interconnection link:

approximately 415 km, of which

- 390 km of undersea cable
- 25 km of underground cable (in particular, 10 km in Montenegro and 15 km in Italy)

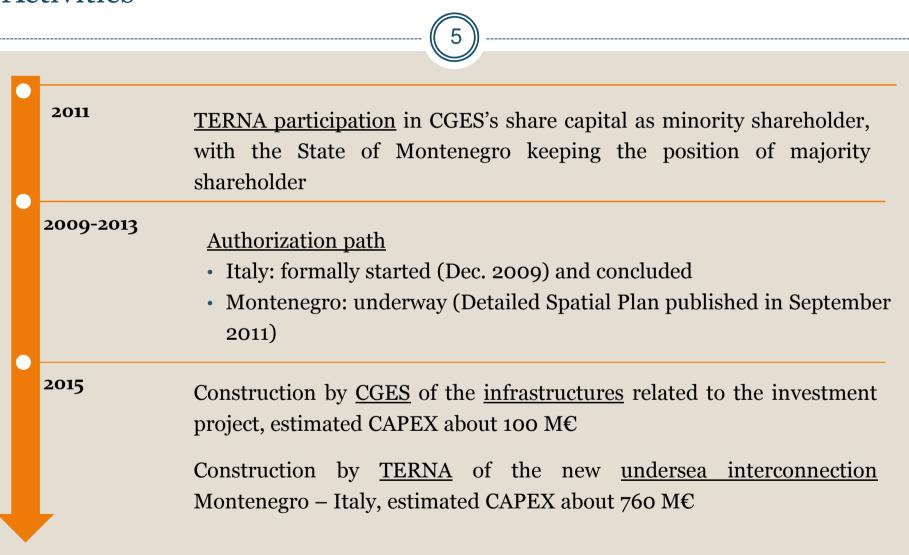
#### **Landing points**

- <u>Montenegro</u>: area located at Tivat/Kotor municipalities
- <u>Italy</u>: area located at Pescara municipality

**HVDC 500 kV** cable in bipolar configuration 2x500 MW with metallic return

**1000 MW** transfer capacity, possible operation both in import and export direction

# The new undersea Montenegro-Italy interconnection Activities



# The new undersea Montenegro-Italy interconnection Benefits of the project

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- Connect Italy and SEE region, triggering **favorable conditions for foreign investments** in the region with opportunities of exporting energy surplus
- Support the creation of a SEE regional market as defined in the perimeter of the 8<sup>th</sup> EU Congestion Management region
- Increase safety and efficiency of **power system supply** as well as transmission **system security in** Montenegro and regional power systems



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# **CAO** in the SEE Region Introduction

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- Coordinated Auction Office (CAO) in the South East Europe (SEE) Region
- **Single point** for the allocation of interconnection capacity in the Region
- Common rules and procedures

Legal framework



# Legal background

Legal obligation under the Energy Community Treaty Regulation (EC) 1228/2003 requiring TSOs to establish CAM and CMP in a regionally coordinated way (Art 3(2) Regulation Annex)



# Goals (regional approach)

Single point of contact, increasing efficiency for traders

CAO as a pre-requisite for market integration

Signal for investors → starting point for further regional cooperation

#### Rationale and benefits



Setting up a SEE CAO is following the **legal requirements** of the **Energy**Community Treaty in the most efficient way



Therefore 9 SEE TSOs/ISOs agreed to establish a SEE CAO

- location supported by the MC: Montenegro
- > allocating a cross-border transmission capacity on behalf of the TSO/ISO Also Turkey expressed its interest in joining th PT Company



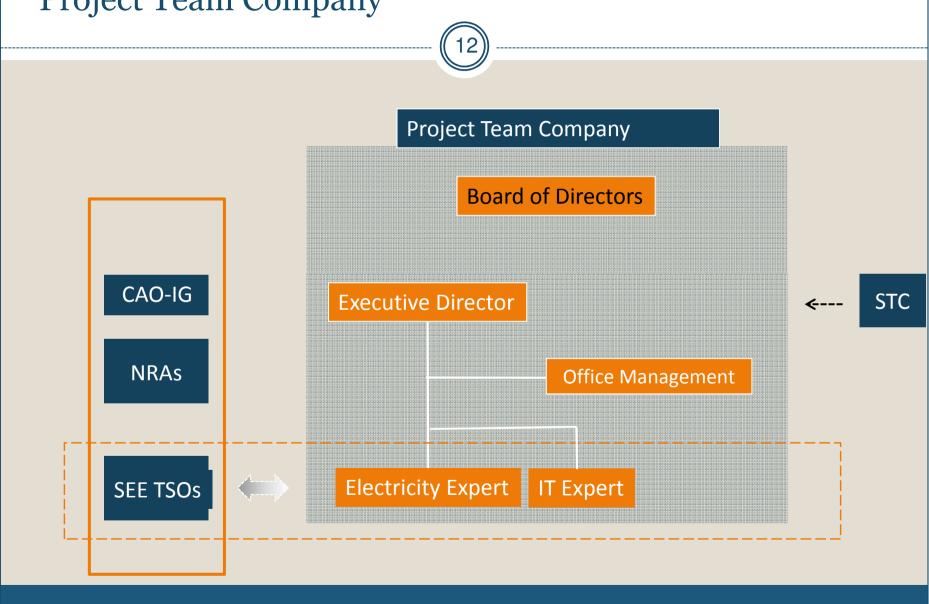
#### First step – June 2012

Foundation of a Limited Liability Project Team Company (PTC d.o.o) in charge of establishing a SEE-CAO

PTC for SEE CAO Limited Liability Company



**Project Team Company** 



#### **CAO** in the **SEE** Region **Project Team Company PTC Registration Central Registry of** the Commercial Court in Podgorica Ceremony May June 13 June 2012 12 June Final feedback IFIs **Contribution of Founders and IFIs** TSO nominations for BoD members 1st BoD meeting (= end STC) **Appointment of** Company staff by Ex. **▶** decision on Ex. Director Call for applications **Director** for PTC Ex. Director **Appointment of Executive Director by BoD** Call for applications for PTC staff



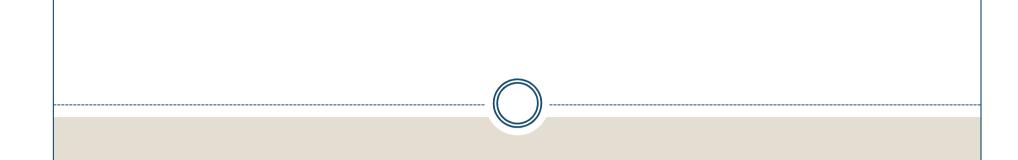
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## **Conclusions**



- Integration of the SEE Region into the EU energy market, by means of a direct electricity connection
- Montenegrin transmission grid acting as a platform for electricity exchanges between Italy, EU and the SEE Region
- SEE CAO located in Montenegro, expected to provide an efficient and stable ground for regional electricity trading

Starting point for further development of the electricity market in the region



# Thank you

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