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

OPENING UP THE WEST BALKANS ENERGY MARKET

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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

- Montenegro: 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

•	2011	TERNA participation in CGES's share capital as minority shareholder, with the State of Montenegro keeping the position of majority shareholder
•	2009-2013	Authorization path Italy: formally started (Dec. 2009) and concluded Montenegro: underway (Detailed Spatial Plan published in September 2011)
•	2015	Construction by <u>CGES</u> of the <u>infrastructures</u> related to the investment project, estimated CAPEX about 100M€
		Construction by <u>TERNA</u> of the new <u>undersea interconnection</u> Montenegro – Italy, estimated CAPEX about 760 M€

The new undersea Montenegro-Italy interconnection Rationale of the project

- Provide at the same time for the exploitation of SEE generation potential (including renewables) to the advantage of countries economy in the SEE region and opportunities by EU countries to respect targets on emissions
- 2. Direct link between Italy and the Montenegrin network, well meshed and placed in a strategic position to act as a platform for electricity exchanges between SEE region and the EU

The new undersea Montenegro-Italy interconnection Benefits of the project

- 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 8th
 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

- 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

CAO in the SEE Region 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

CAO in the SEE Region 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

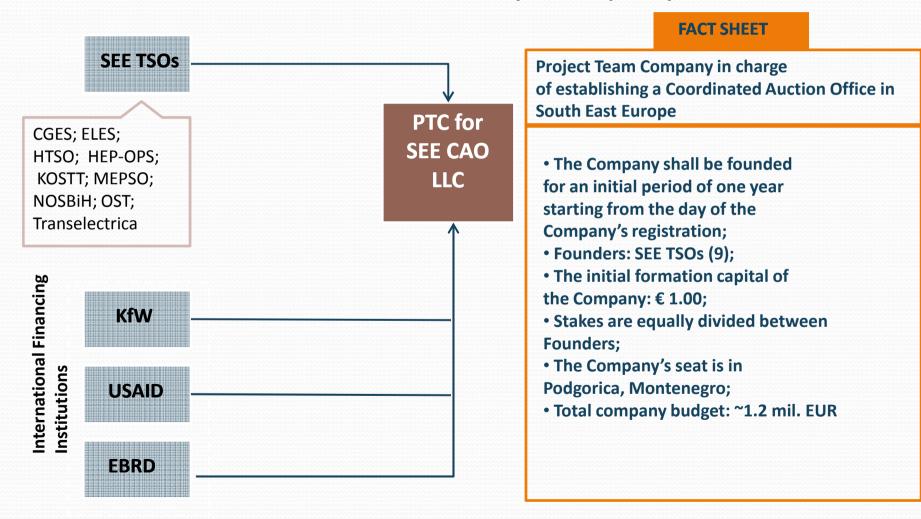


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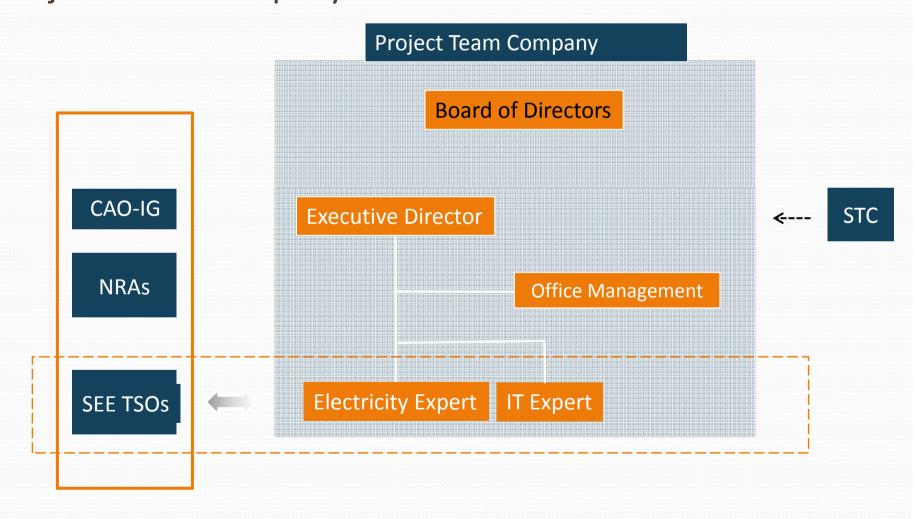
Foundation of a Limited Liability Project Team Company (PTC d.o.o) in charge of establishing a SEE-CAO

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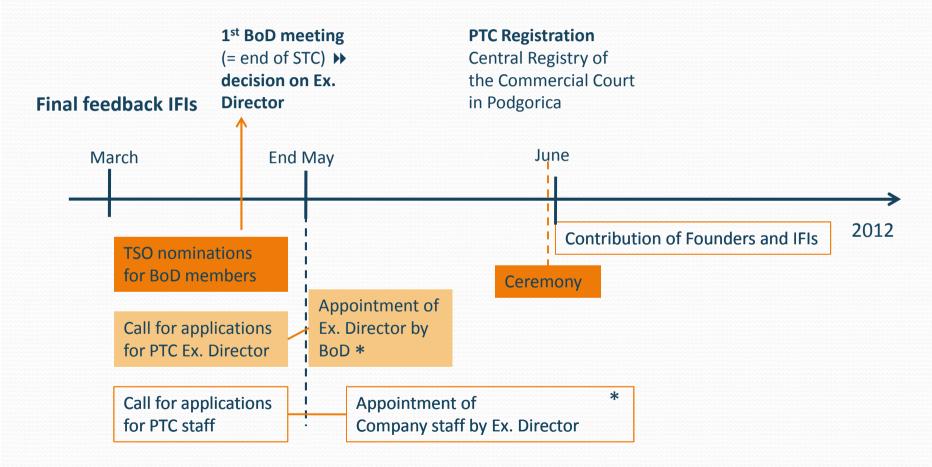
PTC for SEE CAO Limited Liability Company



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- 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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