

TYNDP 2026 Guidance for Promoters – Main changes

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Overview changes with respect to TYNDP 2024 Guidance for Promoters

New offshore radial projects chapter

TYNDP 2026 Guidance for Promoters sets the rules, criteria and procedure for **Offshore radial projects**, which are projects that connect renewable energy generation located in a sea basin to the onshore grid.

Request for grid connection request rejected criteria

TYNDP 2026 Guidance for Promoters establishes a new criteria: Projects that have received a definitive rejection of a grid connection request cannot be included in TYNDP, unless there are material changes to the project insofar as the grid connection request process can be reopened with the TSO.

2nd Submission Window

TYNDP 2026 Guidance for Promoters establishes a new submission Window to allow more time for the development of projects currently still in ideation phase, a second submission window is planned.

New Offshore Radial Projects Chapter

TYNDP 2026 Guidance for Promoters sets a new chapter for Offshore Radial Projects Chapter, in order to



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Offshore Radial Projects

Administrative and Technical criteria for offshore radial projects were previously part of the transmission chapter (2.2.2)

New dedicated chapter (2.2.3) for the administrative and technical criteria for offshore radial projects was created

Definition of radial offshore projects aligned with the TEN-E definition

Request for grid connection request Rejected Criteria

In the TYNDP 2026 Guidance for Promoters, the requirement that **projects that have received a definitive rejection** of a connection request to the grid **cannot be included in TYNDP** is now extended to all additional administrative criteria.



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Inclusion criteria

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“Projects that have received a definitive rejection of a grid connection request cannot be included in TYNDP, unless there are material changes to the project insofar as the grid connection request process can be reopened with the TSO. **In the case the connection request rejection comes during the TYNDP cycle the projects will be removed from the TYNDP draft list and not assessed**”. Page 12

2nd Submission Window

TYNDP 2026 Guidance for Promoters establishes a new submission timeline. On top of the main submission window in Spring 2025, a second window is planned, to allow more time for the development of projects currently still in ideation phase.



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Submission Window

TYNDP 2024 Guidance includes only one submission window.

“Solely project in a non-mature phase of development will be considered; their status must be “under consideration,” and they must not have been submitted in any previous TYNDP cycle. Additionally, their expected commissioning year should be after the end of 2035. As a result, these projects would automatically be assessed as light-PINT. The projects submitted to the second window will not be part of any reference grid.”. Page 7

ΔNTC Calculation

For TYNDP 2026, ENTSO-E will compute dNTC increase values in line with the 4th ENTSO-E CBA methodology and the latest CBA implementation guidelines. Promoter still need to provide an indicative value and a supporting technical document during the submission window.



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Inclusion criteria

“Promoters have to provide a supporting technical document demonstrating the NTC increase, which includes the reference NTC from which the increase was derived, per specified section and/or cross border section together with the hypothesis and the methodology applied in the study”.

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“Promoters have to provide a supporting technical document demonstrating the NTC increase (...) the study. **The value provided by promoters will be an indication, nevertheless ENTSO-E will compute the dNTC increase value that will be used in TYNDP 2026 studies. (...) 4th ENTSO-E CBA methodology and the latest CBA implementation guidelines**”.

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Member States/NRA agreement or support letter

The TYNDP 2026 Guidance for Promoters establishes that for projects with "Under Consideration" status, a Member State / NRA Agreement or Support Letter should not be longer than 24 months (compared to the 36 months specified in the previous TYNDP 2026 Guidance for Promoters).



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Administrative Criteria

“The signed agreement on the project proceeding between the ministries or between the regulators of the impacted countries, and the recent amendments for it if any; or a signed letter no older than 36 months”. Pages 12, 18

“The signed agreement on the project proceeding between the ministries or between the regulators of the impacted countries (**involving at least one ENTSO-E country**), and the recent amendments for it if any; or a signed letter no older than **24 months**”. Page 14, 24, 31

ENTSO-E Mission Statement

Who we are

ENTSO-E, the European Network of Transmission System Operators for Electricity, is the **association for the cooperation of the European transmission system operators (TSOs)**. The 42 member TSOs, representing 35 countries, are responsible for the secure and coordinated operation of Europe's electricity system, the largest interconnected electrical grid in the world. In addition to its core, historical role in technical cooperation, ENTSO-E is also the common voice of TSOs.

ENTSO-E **brings together the unique expertise of TSOs for the benefit of European citizens** by keeping the lights on, enabling the energy transition, and promoting the completion and optimal functioning of the internal electricity market, including via the fulfilment of the mandates given to ENTSO-E based on EU legislation.

Our mission

ENTSO-E and its members, as the European TSO community, fulfil a common mission: Ensuring the **security of the interconnected power system in all time frames at pan-European level and the optimal functioning and development of the European interconnected electricity markets**, while enabling the integration of electricity generated from renewable energy sources and of emerging technologies.

Our vision

ENTSO-E plays a central role in enabling Europe to become the first **climate-neutral continent by 2050** by creating a system that is secure, sustainable and affordable, and that integrates the expected amount of renewable energy, thereby offering an essential contribution to the European Green Deal. This endeavour requires sector integration and close cooperation among all actors.

Europe is moving towards a sustainable, digitalised, integrated and electrified energy system with a combination of centralised and distributed resources. ENTSO-E acts to ensure that this energy system **keeps consumers at its centre** and is operated and developed with **climate objectives** and **social welfare** in mind.

ENTSO-E is committed to use its unique expertise and system-wide view – supported by a responsibility to maintain the system's security – to deliver a comprehensive roadmap of how a climate-neutral Europe looks.

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Our values

ENTSO-E acts in solidarity as a community of TSOs united by a shared responsibility.

As the professional association of independent and neutral regulated entities acting under a clear legal mandate, ENTSO-E serves the interests of society by optimising social welfare in its dimensions of safety, economy, environment, and performance.

ENTSO-E is committed to working with the highest technical rigour as well as developing sustainable and innovative responses to prepare for the future and overcoming the challenges of keeping the power system secure in a climate-neutral Europe. In all its activities, ENTSO-E acts with transparency and in a trustworthy dialogue with legislative and regulatory decision makers and stakeholders.

Our contributions

ENTSO-E **supports the cooperation** among its members at European and regional levels. Over the past decades, TSOs have undertaken initiatives to increase their cooperation in network planning, operation and market integration, thereby successfully contributing to meeting EU climate and energy targets.

To carry out its **legally mandated tasks**, ENTSO-E's key responsibilities include the following:

- Development and implementation of standards, network codes, platforms and tools to ensure secure system and market operation as well as integration of renewable energy;
- Assessment of the adequacy of the system in different timeframes;
- Coordination of the planning and development of infrastructures at the European level (Ten-Year Network Development Plans, TYNDPs);
- Coordination of research, development and innovation activities of TSOs;
- Development of platforms to enable the transparent sharing of data with market participants.

ENTSO-E supports its members in **the implementation and monitoring** of the agreed common rules.

ENTSO-E is the common voice of European TSOs and provides expert contributions and a constructive view to energy debates to support policymakers in making informed decisions.

Our values define who we are, what we stand for and how we behave.
We all play a part in bringing them to life.



EXCELLENCE

We deliver to the highest standards.
We provide an environment in which people can develop to their full potential.



TRUST

We trust each other, we are transparent and we empower people.
We respect diversity.



INTEGRITY

We act in the interest of
ENTSO-E



TEAM

We care about people. We work transversal and we support each other.
We celebrate success.



FUTURE THINKING

We are a learning organisation.
We explore new paths and solutions.

We are ENTSO-E