

The role of networks in the consolidation of United Europe

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INTRODUCTION:

THE **EUROPEAN UNION** WAS BORN IN THE 50s OF THE LAST CENTURY IN ORDER TO AVERT POSSIBLE WARS BETWEEN NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES, AS WAS IN THE SECOND WORLD WAR.

THE ORIGIN OF THE FIRST CORE COMMUNITY CAME WITH THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY OF COAL AND STEEL WHICH JOINED SOME EUROPEAN COUNTRIES ECONOMICALLY AND POLITICALLY **IN ORDER TO ENSURE A LASTING PEACE**

TOPICS:

PROCESS OF UNIFICATIONS

NETWORKS

E-COHESION

EUROPEAN UNION

COOPERATION

INTERCONNECTION

INERTIA

STABILITY

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- THE GENERIC TERM OF "NETWORK" DEFINES A SET OF ENTITIES **INTERCONNECTED** WITH EACH OTHER
- IN THIS WAY A NETWORK ALLOWS TO CIRCULATE ELEMENTS AMONG EACH OF THESE ENTITIES ACCORDING TO WELL-DEFINED **RULES**
- DEPENDING ON THE TYPE OF **ENTITY** INVOLVED, WE CAN DEFINE DIFFERENT TYPE OF NETWORKS
- TELECOMMUNICATIONS; TRANSPORT; POWER GRID; GAS DISTRIBUTION; WATER DISTRIBUTION; etc.



THE INERTIA OF A BODY IS THE PROPERTY WHICH DETERMINES THE RESISTENCE TO CHANGES IN THE STATE OF MOTION... A GOOD CRITICAL MASS SAFEGUARDS FROM FLUCTUATIONS AND PROMOTES



THE GREATER THE INERTIA OF A SYSTEM IS; THE GREATER ITS ABILITY TO COUNTERACT EXTERNAL ACTIONS AND ... IT WILL BE MORE STABLE

European electricity transmission system

Net generating Capacity 951 GW

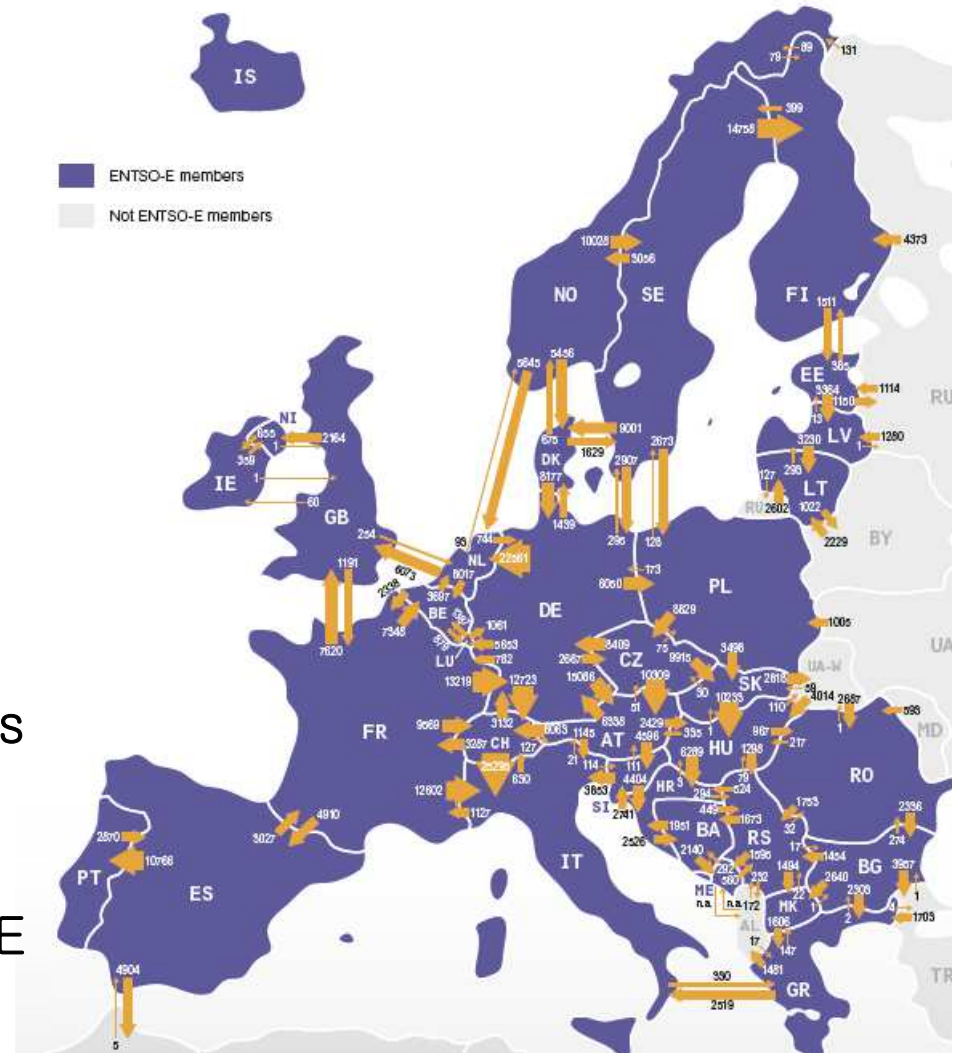
HV circuit length 300.000 km

MV+LV circuit length 5.000.000 km

... more or less how to do it 135 times around the World (40.000km)!

IT IS ONE OF LARGEST MAN-MADE TECHNOLOGICAL NETWORKS !

Physical energy flows



Networks are by nature transnational infrastructures that provide services to member countries in a logic of physical interconnection between them. This gives the networks a function of natural union among the nations involved, and **only a unified management** of them can guarantee the **security** of the states concerned, the supplies of essential services for operation and economic development.

Every network, provides services and performances **thanks to the participation of all countries on the territory** in which the network is physically located.

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In the 2014–2020 budget of the Union the European Cohesion Policy will invest 325 billions of euro in the member states through a reform that within its 10 key elements also involves the networks and therefore will have an impact on the role of those who support them.

The “e-Cohesion is an initiative intended to support the reduction of administrative burden for beneficiaries and programmes as an important part of the Structural Funds simplification effort”. The European Commission can offer support in fulfilling the e-Cohesion requirements by providing to the Member States a free of charge **data exchange** platform ‘e-TrustEx’.

CONCLUSIONS

UNIFIED EUROPEAN MANAGEMENT OF NETWORKS CAN THEN BE THE VEHICLE TO ENSURE SAFETY TO THE STATES CONCERNED IN THE SUPPLY OF ESSENTIAL SERVICES FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE SAME

THE ROLE OF THOSE WHO MANAGE THE NETWORKS WILL BE A KEY ELEMENT IN THE TRANSACTIONAL SHARING OF GOODS, IN THE COHESION POLICY, TO ENSURE THE HARMONIOUS DEVELOPMENT OF RICHLY DIVERSE TERRITORIES.

THE COMMON EUROPEAN IDENTITY THROUGH THE NETWORKS MAY HAVE AN IMPULSE AND **COMPLETE THE STARTED PROCESS.**

THE ECONOMY IS THE DRIVING FACTOR FOR THE FORMATION OF EUROPE, WHICH HAS **TO CENTRE ON ITS GOALS** AND **FOCUS ITS EFFORTS** ON **THE MOST IMPORTANT ASSETTS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT,** SUCH AS THE ENERGY CARRIERS, BUT NOT ONLY THEM.

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IN CONCLUSION, **EUROPE** AND COMMUNITY BODIES THAT **HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY** TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES AND MAKE LAWS ON ECONOMIC AND FISCAL SUBJECTS, SHOULD DIRECT THEIR **BEST EFFORTS** IN **PROMOTING** THE DEVELOPMENT OF ELECTRICAL, GAS AND COMPUTER **TRANSNATIONAL NETWORKS**, WHICH ARE FORMING THE FIRST REAL ECONOMIC ELEMENTS FOR A REAL PHYSICAL **EUROPEAN IDENTITY**, NO LONGER BASED ON PROCLAMATIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTENT.



Thanks !

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