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Dear Mr Engell-Rossen,

Thank you for your detailed reply on behalf of Commissioner Jørgensen to Europaforum Northern Sweden's position paper on the European Grids Package. This dossier is of great importance to Northern Sweden, and we sincerely appreciate the time taken to address our views.

We welcome the Commission's clarification that final decision-making should remain with the Member States and their competent authorities. In light of this, we would like to offer some further reflections on elements of the proposal.

We share the Commission's view that local acceptance is essential to the long-term success of the energy transition and to the stability needed for investment. At the same time, we would caution against making it obligatory for Member States to appoint facilitators in situations involving public opposition.

The need for such support should be assessed by national and regional authorities, which are best placed to understand local circumstances, sensitivities and existing dialogue structures. A flexible and voluntary approach is more likely to strengthen public trust than a mandatory model.

Efficiency in project delivery must not come at the expense of regions, municipalities, local communities or the Indigenous Sámi people.

We also welcome the Commission's commitment to upholding appropriate environmental and safety standards in energy projects. These considerations are already integral to our national, regional and local permitting processes. Local knowledge, and meaningful early involvement are essential both to sound decision-making and to maintaining public confidence.

We recognize the importance of regional cooperation groups in cross-border contexts, as is already regulated in the current TEN-E framework. However, we fail to see the value of any additional legislative requirements of forming new groups involving regions and energy projects in a non-cross border context.

Rather, we encourage a flexible framework where regions are free to build on existing, well-functioning cooperation structures rather than requiring regions to establish new ones.

We are very happy to see the Commission agree to our standpoint on congestion revenues which is that they should primely be invested to benefit those who contributed to them. However, we believe again that this is a national topic and to be decided on a national level.

Finally, we would like to underline the importance of European competitiveness. Northern Sweden's ability to attract major industrial investments is closely linked to access to reliable energy at internationally competitive and predictable prices. This is not only important for large-scale industrial projects, but also for the many smaller businesses that sustain communities in sparsely populated and cold northern regions.

We support the development a well-functioning European energy market. At the same time, implementation must take into account national and regional circumstances, robust regulatory assessments, and the need for meaningful local involvement. This is essential to building public trust, maintaining competitiveness in the European North and, not the least, securing future investments.

Yours sincerely,



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