



Regulatory Reform to Enable the Clean Energy Transition

The Regulatory Institutional Energy Transition Health Check

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A power market without a strong regulator is like a football match without a referee

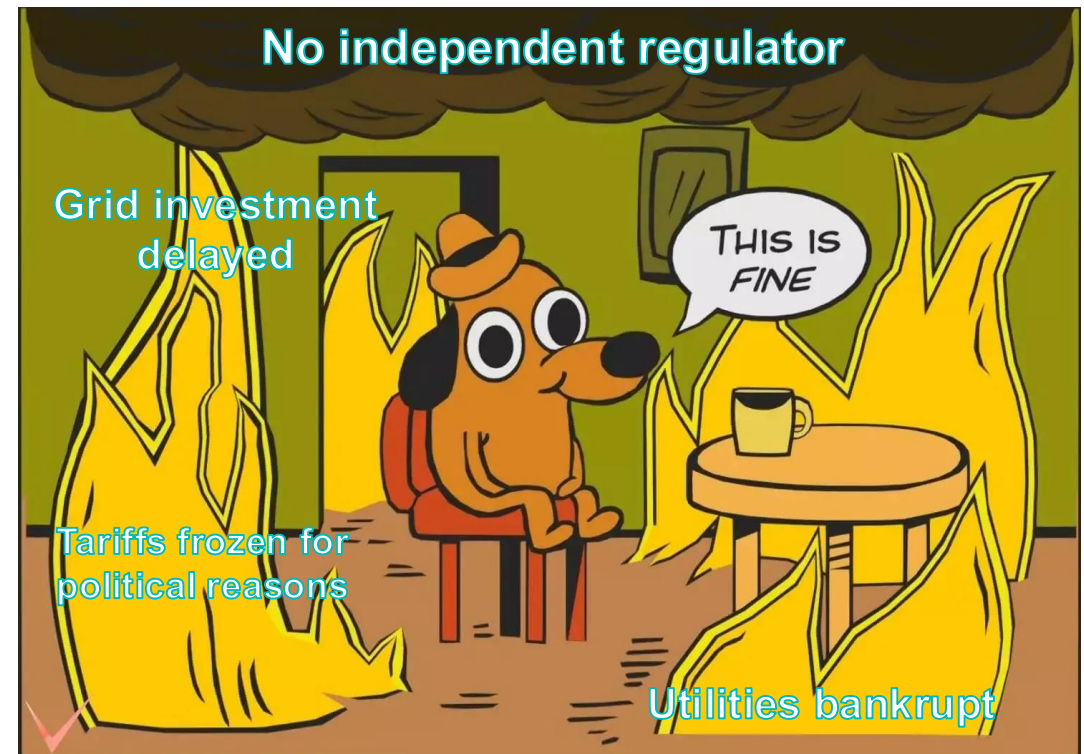
- rules become unclear,
- stronger players dominate,
- investors lose confidence,
- and eventually the game stops working



Credit: The Associated Press

Why “healthy” regulator is important?

- ✓ **Creates** investor confidence through stable, transparent, and predictable decision-making
- ✓ **Reduces** political and regulatory risk, lowering the cost of capital for infrastructure projects
- ✓ **Enables** long-term through clear planning
- ✓ **Ensures** fair tariffs and sustainable cost recovery
- ✓ **Balances** affordability, reliability, energy security, and decarbonization objectives



Context

Problem statement: Energy regulators sit at the center of the clean energy transition — but many lack the tools and authority to fully deliver it.

The CEM Empowering Regulators for Accelerated Decarbonisation (ERAD) campaign will strengthen the interface between policymakers and energy regulators to align regulatory actions with national decarbonization goals, accelerate solutions for the clean energy transition, and provide a repository of best practices for effective policy implementation.



Overview

The Regulatory Institutional Energy Transition Health Check is a structured voluntary diagnostic review that assesses the readiness of energy regulators to support and accelerate the energy transition.

The assessment focuses on **governance frameworks, institutional capacity, and regulatory decision-making processes**, examining whether regulators have the **mandate, skills, and organizational structures** needed to implement reforms and respond to emerging technological and policy changes.

What the Health Check IS NOT

- ✗ **An Audit or Inspection:** It does not evaluate compliance or individual performance
- ✗ **Public Ranking:** Results are never used for comparison or public assessment
- ✗ **One-Size-Fits-All Template:** The process is tailored to the specific context and priorities of each partner.

Developed as part of RAP's RETA collaboration and under the Clean Energy Ministerial – the Empowering Regulators for Accelerated Decarbonisation campaign

Objective

The Health Check aims to

- ✓ **Assess** regulators' institutional readiness to support energy transition objectives
- ✓ **Identify** institutional gaps affecting regulatory performance
- ✓ **Evaluate** decision-making processes and governance arrangements.
- ✓ **Provide** actionable recommendations to strengthen regulatory capacity
- ✓ **Facilitate** follow-up technical assistance and capacity-building support

A Holistic Assessment Across Eight Building Blocks

Legal mandate and authority

Regulator has the formal powers required to act.

Governance and institutional independence

Regulator can make impartial and credible decisions.

Alignment with national goals

Regulator has a clear institutional direction aligned with energy transition objectives.

Regulatory decision-making processes

Regulator use evidence and impact analysis in decision making.

Financial health

Regulator has financial sustainability

Human capital

Regulator has workforce planning, training and professional development programmes.

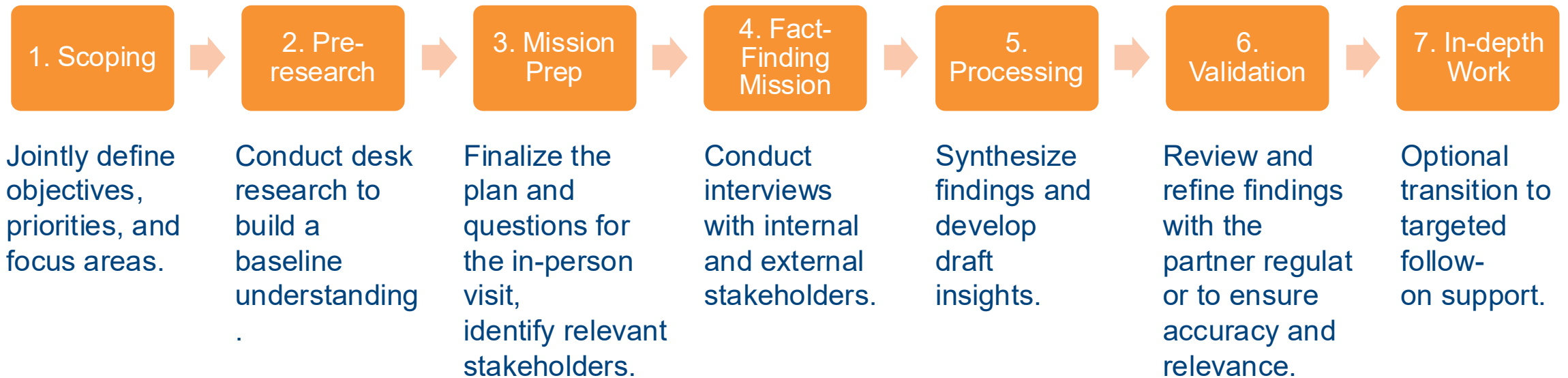
Regulatory instruments and data management

Regulator has reliable sector data and practical regulatory tools to influence sector outcomes.

Stakeholder engagement

Regulator effectively interacts with the broader energy governance ecosystem

A Structured, Seven-Stage Process from Scoping to Follow-Up (2-3 months)



Key Benefits



External Perspective on Known Challenges

Validates internal assessments and brings an independent, objective view to institutional challenges.



Introduction to Alternative Approaches

Draws on relevant international experience to help explore options suited to the local context.



Clear prioritization of reforms

Identify which institutional gaps matter most for the energy transition, allowing them to focus limited time and resources on high-impact actions.



Actionable Insights

Delivers practical feedback intended for the regulator's own use in strengthening institutional arrangements.

Delivering Actionable Insights for Internal Strategic Use

The Report



A concise (~15 page) report detailing:

- Key findings and observations
- Analysis of institutional strengths and challenges
- Practical, context-specific recommendations

The Briefings



- Virtual briefing to discuss initial findings
- Up to three virtual briefings for senior decision-makers and relevant government stakeholders to present the validated report.

All outputs are developed collaboratively and validated with the partner to ensure they are accurate, relevant, and actionable.

Follow up support

At the request of the regulator, the Health Check can lead to follow-on support, including, but not limited to **technical assistance, capacity building and peer-to-peer learning opportunities.**

Key findings from the Health Checks will inform the ERAD campaign and will be presented at the **CEM 17**





Next steps

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