

## **Market participant transparency request and detailed questions relating to the new go-live date for Core day-ahead flow-based market coupling on 8 June 2022**

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The [announcement](#) by the Core TSOs and NEMOs of a new date for Core day-ahead flow-based market coupling on 8 June 2022 is a good sign that TSOs and NEMOs are working hard on making Core flow-based a reality soon. However, in our [call to postpone the planned go-live of 20 April](#), **market participants insisted that new go-live date of Core flow-based market coupling be set according to a number of standards and conditions**, namely:

- Minimum performance and quality standards for the day-ahead process that guarantee a successful go-live. A threshold in terms of default flow-based parameters (DFPs) in the day-ahead flow-based calculation should be set (e.g. less than 1%), implying at least no degradation compared to the current situation.
- A method for ID ATC extraction that ensures at least current levels of intraday capacity availability in same conditions, notably through the inclusion of LTA and minRAM 20% currently in place in CWE.

**The public statement of the Core TSOs and NEMOs announcing the new go-live date on 8 June does not help us properly identify the steps and actual progress made towards reaching those standards and conditions.** Globally, we require clear answers on the different topics for which the market participants expressed concerns and requests during the last Core CG meeting in March 2022.

**We have taken note of a new Core CG meeting planned on 1st June 2022. With regard to the TSOs and NEMOs statement related to the announcement of the 8 June go-live, we would like the following questions to be addressed:**

- *“The mitigations to further improve operational stability of TSO’s capacity calculation were already implemented.”*
  - Which precise mitigation measures have been implemented to solve the day-ahead capacity calculation issues pointed out in March 2022 by market participants?
  - What do those mitigations cover?
  - To which extent those mitigations help solving these issues
- *“In this period some issues occurred with fallbacks for which fixes will be in place before go-live.”*
  - Which concrete issues does this statement refer to?
  - Which fixes are used to treat them (DFPs or IVAs (Individual Validation Adjustment)? others?)?
  - When exactly will the fixes be in place?
  - How long will these fixes be tested in the parallel run to prove the elimination of serious diminution of problems (and occurrence of DFP or IVA).
  - What is the expected success rate at the time of go-live?

- *“To further optimise the intraday ATC capacities algorithmic improvements and local validation processes will be implemented before go-live.”*
  - What exactly will be implemented and when? Knowing that ACER published its [Decision](#) on the first amendment of the Core ID capacity calculation methodology, what will be implemented before the go-live? What are the expected effects of those measures in terms of intraday capacity available?
  - Will there be transparency on the reduction factors to be applied on LTA and min RAM (Adjustment for Minimum RAM)? This is without saying that this should be the case, given the impact on ID capacity.
  - For local validation processes: since ACER in its decision does not impose to respect the LTA inclusion and min RAM 20%, to which extent does the local validation process represent an issue?
- *“Further improvements are foreseen to be implemented after go-live.”*
  - Which improvements are foreseen after the go-live? We would like to understand if this refers to (i) improving the algorithm such as the consideration of changing the objective function with a min ATC part (solution which is supported by market participants) and/or (ii) changing the parameters of the algorithm (such as reduction factors and/or enabling full netting).
  - When can we expect them to be implemented?
  - Which is the expected impact on availability of ID capacity?
- *“Dedicated reporting to NRAs will be created for all cases with RAM<20% to closely monitor the occurrences and mitigations - this information of RAM<20% is already publicly available in the publication tool.”*
  - When will this reporting be made and with which regularity?

**By the present document, we formally ask the Core FB MC project for feedback on these questions. Market participants are keen to see FB MC rolled out as soon as possible, yet this feedback is essential to provide the necessary reassurance of a smooth go-live of FB MC in June.**