



Core Consultative Group

11/07/2024
Conference call

Minutes of the meeting

1. Welcome and introduction

Z.GAUTIER, together with R. OTTER and S. VAN CAMPENHOUT welcome everybody to the Core Consultative Group and presents today's agenda.

R.OTTER underlines that today's meeting is dedicated to capacity calculation. Capacity allocation is addressed in the MCCG.

B.MALFLIET congratulates everyone involved on the successful go-live of IDCC(a) and IDCC(b).

2. Intraday Capacity Calculation

Process stability IDCC(a) and (b)

B.MALFLIET informs that the IDCC(a) process runs successfully, and that high-quality results are published before 14:45 for all days.

The IDCC(b) runs successfully for most days, with the extended deadline of 21:55 used a few times. The process to provide updated IDCC(b) capacities for IDA2 failed three times. TSOs are working on the issues.

It is explained that the monthly and quarterly reports can be expected after September.

Fallbacks

B.MALFLIET remarks that a solution is implemented today for the bug that caused the DA AAC fallback on 23/06.

The process timings for the delayed provisioning of capacities for IDCC(b) is presented. The enduring situation would be applicable as of September 2024 and is subject to NRA feedback. This would likely entail a delayed update of the capacities after 22:05. The fallback for IDCC(b) remains IDCC(a) capacities.

Location of capacity data publication

B.MALFLIET presents the location of the data publication as reflected on the slides. In case of IDCC(b) fallback, IDCC(a) capacities will be used for IDA2. The IDCC(a) capacities that will be used are those that have been updated according to how the market used them at 21:40. It is not possible to immediately publish these updated IDCC(a) capacities on the regular location on the JAO publication tool. In such cases, the JAO publication will indicate there is a fallback applied, and the resulting cross-zonal capacities for IDA2 can be found back on the ENTSO-E Transparency Platform. An explanation is provided of how to detect on the publication pages when there is a delay in the process.

Questions raised by market participants

- Q: is it possible to publish IDCC(a) and (b) capacities earlier without impacting the CT market?
- A: In principle not. Capacities are mostly available between xx:43 and xx:45, making earlier publication close to impossible. The capacity calculation is done based on the DACF, which allows more realisable forecasting and incorporation of information on RAs. The later the capacities are provided, the better the forecast. Furthermore, input is required from the latest AAC from XBID, which only is available at xx:40.
- Q: Is there a specific reason why the results are published on a dedicated page (ENTSO-E transparency platform) in case of fallbacks?
- A: the ENTSO-E transparency platform gets the information directly from SIDC
- Is there a plan and/or possibility to still publish such results on the regular location?
- A: TSOs will provide an answer for the October CG.
- Q: is there a fundamental reason for capacities not to be published on ENTSO-E Transparency Platform in case of delay in delivering the capacities after the IDCCs?



- A: TSOs will provide an answer for the October CG.
- Q: Some ATCs for borders are missing on ENTSOE. For example SI<->IT and RO<->BG. Is it possible to provide information on these borders?
- A: As these borders are outside Core, the question will be passed onto MCSC.
- Q: When will the ATC validation limits for IDCC(a) and (b) be published on JAO?
- A: TSOs will provide an answer, at the latest by the October CG

KPI results

B.MALFLIET presents the KPI results from 29/05 to 26/06. The following is clarified:

- In terms of historic comparison, IDCC(a) is a new process and is therefore always compared with having 0 capacities. The comparison with the old methodology (w.r.t. the MP question on slide 37) is not entirely relevant. The old data used for that comparison will be removed.
- There is no time for IVAs for IDCC(a).
- Further KPIs are worked on in terms of BZ isolation.
- BZ isolation is mainly coming from export limitations, e.g. due to high export in DA combined with grid congestion.
- Validation process of some TSOs failed, hence why you see high ATC validation applied for DE & FR.
- IVA are reductions for a margin on a CNEC. It is difficult to tell whether this has an import/export effect, but it can have either.
- It is reminded that there will be further IDCC processes added closer to real-time. These will not all feed into IDAs.
- S.VAN CAMPENHOUT reminds that reaching 70% will depend on the whole region working towards improvement of capacities.

Questions raised by market participants

- Q: In light of the issues in SE Europe (regarding the recent blackout), how does how does the IDCCM, and more broadly the capacity calculation and allocation processes together, impact the ability of TSOs and MPs to react closer to real-time to unforeseen events? I.e. are there sufficient capacities, how has the allocation on the SE borders changed, how much capacity is fully used by IDAs, how much is left to CT?
- A: B.MALFLIET indicates that he is also in the lead of investigating this the 21st June blackout in SE Europe, but outside the governance of Core. At the moment it does not seem that the market excessively impacted the situation at hand. T.ALTMAN adds that for APG, no capacities were provided for the majority of the // run as there was a need to find a solution to validate capacities at the end of the process. Such a solution was found and capacities are now provided. Further improvements are being sought. S. VAN CAMPENHOUT adds that for the effect of IDAs upon CT, TSOs will refer the question to MCSC.
- Q: How are capacities improving/being improved compared to DA leftovers?
- A: With respect to a comparison based on DA leftovers (old process), it is clarified (1) this dataflow does not represent the full outcome of the old process as this also contained the increase/decrease process, and (2) this dataflow will stop being published now that the rollback period after the go-live is over.
- Q: Can it be further explained what is currently limiting and what the market usage of the capacities is?
- A: TSOs are working on clarifying limiting factors through KPIs, and are furthermore working on the capacity improvements. It will be considered how/whether the market usage (i.e. allocation) of capacities can be shown.
- Q: would it be possible to show a TSO map of the usage of the capacity at DA and ID level, using colours which power lines are the most loaded during certain times?
- A: TSOs will look into what is feasible

Capacity improvement study

B.MALFLIET reminds on the capacity improvement study and presents the intended scope of the study and next steps. The following is clarified:

- Regarding the testing of additional ID capacity against operational security it is not yet possible to say how exactly this will be done. Furthermore, in the end it has to be determined whether this would even have a positive impact.
- The following would not require an IDCCM amendment: "IT and process optimisation allowing to take into account the most recent grid information" and "Investigate changes in processes to allow introducing more remedial actions in DACF." The testing of additional ID capacity and improvement of ATC extraction would require an amendment, which would be done by October 2025.
- The removal of non-core interconnector is about the removal of CNECs outside of Core.



Questions raised by market participants

- Q: It is important to show in a clear manner where the congestions are. KPIs should help all parties to argue where investments are required.
- A: Clarifying where congestions and low capacities are is part of the next steps for Core experts. TSOs will provide a more detailed answer for the October CG.

Q&A

B.MALFLIET presents the answers to the questions raised for the meeting, as reflected on the slides. It is clarified that:

- From market party perspective there needs to be more fair warning regarding sudden changes in the endpoints. This will be picked up as a lessons learned for IDCC(c)

Market parties reiterate the importance of having adequate insight into where the issues in terms of capacities currently are, and what is causing this.

Questions raised by market participants

- Q: is it possible to get explanation on how TSOs are computing the rescaled flow-based domain for IDCC(a) incl. LTA inclusion?
- A: TSOs will provide an example for the October CG.
- Q: Would it be possible to show a TSO map the usage of the capacity at DA and ID level, using colours which power lines are the most loaded during certain times?
- A: TSOs will try to provide such insight for the October CG.

ACTION:

- TSOs to answer the following questions / provide insights for the October CG (deadline: 11/10/2024):
 - Methodology
 - How TSOs are computing the rescaled FB domain for IDCC(a) incl. LTA inclusion?
 - Publication
 - Is there a plan and/or possibility to still publish the capacities in case of fallback on the regular location of JAO Publication Tool?
 - Is there a fundamental reason for capacities not to be published on ENTSO-E Transparency Platform in case of delay in delivering the capacities after the IDCCs?
 - What can be done in terms of improving communication on API updates?
 - When will the ATC validation limits for IDCC(a) and (b) be published on JAO?
 - Occurrences of low/zero capacities in intraday
 - TSOs to show in a clear manner where the congestions are and what is driving them.
 - TSOs to check the feasibility of using a map for this.
- Stakeholder managers to share the following question with the MCSC MCCG co-convenors (deadline: 26/07/2024):
 - How has the allocation on the SE borders changed, how much capacity is fully used by IDAs, how much is left to CT?
 - Some ATCs for borders are missing on ENTSOE. For example SI<->IT and RO<->BG. Is it possible to provide information on these borders?

3. AOB & closure

Z. GAUTIER, R.OTTER and S.VAN CAMPENHOUT thank the CG for their active engagement.

Next Core Consultative Group in 2024

- 11/10/2024 – Regular CG meeting in Brussels (Airport). Participants can register their physical attendance [\[here\]](#).