



SONI adheres to the Core Cooperation Agreement

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TSOs of the Core Capacity Calculation Region (CCR) are pleased to welcome the System Operator for Northern Ireland (SONI) as TSO as a full member to the Core Capacity Calculation Region. As of 1 January 2025, SONI has adhered to the Core (TSO) Cooperation Agreement.

SONI will adopt the existing Core methodologies and intends to go-live in Core when the Celtic interconnector cable goes live.

About Core Capacity Calculation Region

The Core market integration project is aiming to create operational preconditions to optimise the use of the electricity system within the region. To allow Market participants to trade in different market time frames and ensure physical delivery in real time. Relevant market time frames are: forward, day ahead, intra-day and balancing. The capacity calculated in these timeframes is complemented by regional operational security coordination.

The Core CCR consists of the bidding zone borders between the following EU Member States' bidding zones: Austria, Belgium, Croatia, the Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Luxemburg, the Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia. When the Celtic interconnector is commissioned, the bidding zone border between France and Ireland will be included. By doing so Ireland will be coupled with the countries in the heart of Europe which is why the Core CCR programme has a substantial importance for the further European market integration.

More information about Core CCR can be found [here](#).

Communication channels

Market participants who would like to follow closer the project development are invited to join the Core Consultative Group by subscribing [here](#).

The participants of the Core Consultative Group will receive regular information, and invitations to teleconferences and meetings.

Next to Core CG a Question & Answer Forum is currently in use. The Forum is available on the JAO website (www.jao.eu). Project parties invite all market participants to use this Forum for their queries.