

The Bidding Zones Study

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New provisional target date for delivering the Bidding Zones Review is Q3 2024. The Nordic TSOs will aim to deliver results for the Nordics already in February 2024.

The enormous technical complexity of the task requires this additional time: the grid models used are huge (e.g., 17000 nodes for Central Europe) as well as the size of the computation (equivalent to 60 full year simulations), which lead to long computational time. TSOs are putting massive resources in this study and have invested in additional hardware capacity to cope with this complexity. Nonetheless several months are necessary to complete the main scenario computation.

TSOs remains fully committed to deliver a good quality study and put high priority on delivering this important task. This will be the first bidding zone review under this new methodology, which includes many additional and complex requirements compared to previous bidding zone study. New IT tools had to be developed, which still require to demonstrate full functionality. Simplifications may be necessary.

Next steps:

- Technical workshop with ACER and NRAs on the 10 July
- **The Public Consultation of Stakeholders is planned for Autumn 2023.**