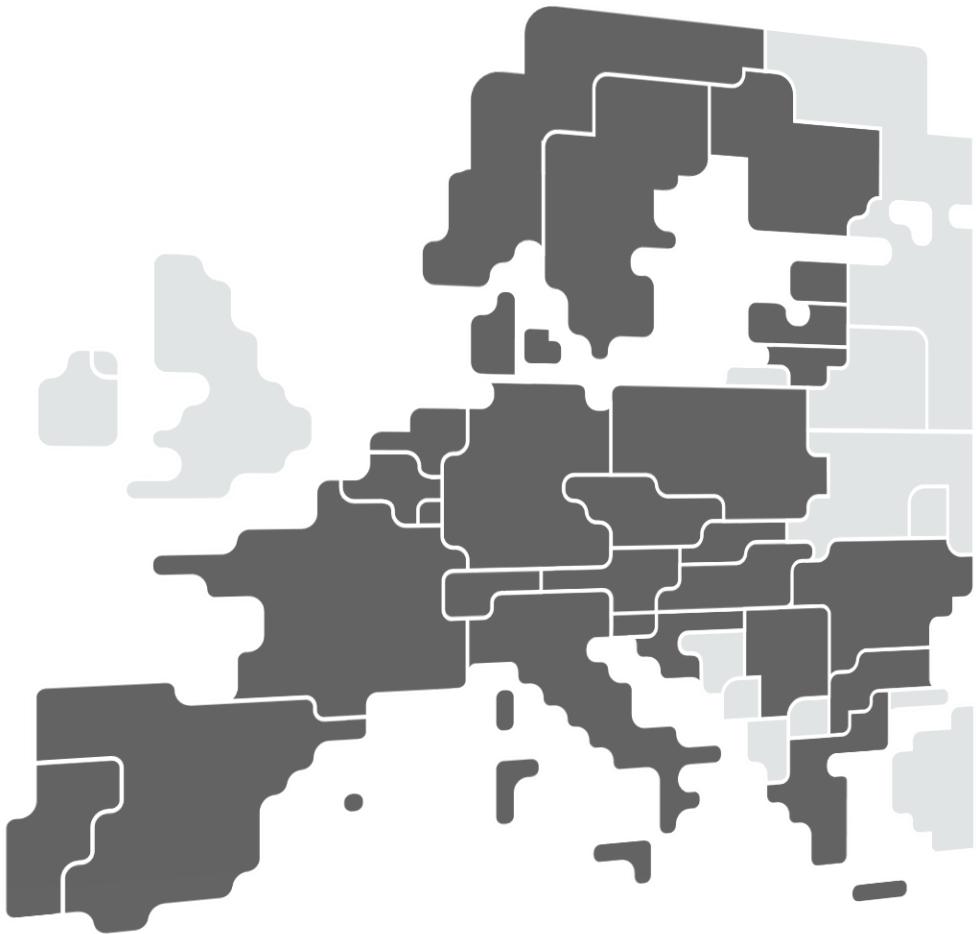


# Update on Balancing Platforms

10<sup>th</sup> February 2026

MESC meeting



# Introduction

## Overview on current status of European Balancing Platforms

	IGCC	PICASSO	MARI	TERRE
Balancing service	IN	aFRR	mFRR	RR
Participants				
Target area	Continental Europe	≥ Continental Europe	≥ Continental Europe	≥ RR TSOs
Go-live	24/06/2021 & operational since 01/10/2011	22/06/2022*	05/10/2022*	29/09/2020*
Status				
Highlights	Economic surplus of around 301 Mio. € in 2025	Economic surplus of more than 464 Mio € in 2025	Economic surplus of 104 Mio. € in 2025	Economic surplus of 316 Mio. € in 2025 <b>TERRE operations were stopped on 30/12/2025.</b>

\* Date as of when cross-border exchanges were possible due to the neighbouring TSO joining. Technical go-live of platform was earlier.

- European market design has significantly changed the local procurement rules.
- In 2025, all platforms together achieved an economic surplus of more than 1,185 Mio. €.

# Recent developments and updates

## Go-lives at PICASSO

- 2025 accession recap:
  - **February to September 25**
    - *ESO* joined PICASSO ([Link to communication](#))
    - *Litgrid* joined PICASSO ([Link to communication](#))
    - *ADMIE* joined PICASSO ([Link to communication](#))
    - *Fingrid* joined PICASSO ([Link to communication](#))
    - *RTE* joined PICASSO ([Link to communication](#))
    - *AST* joined PICASSO ([Link to communication](#))
    - *ELERING* joined PICASSO ([Link to communication](#))
    - *Red Eléctrica* joined PICASSO ([Link to communication](#))
    - *PSE* joined PICASSO ([Link to communication](#))
    - *TERNA* reconnected to PICASSO ([Link to communication](#))
- 2026 accession expectations:
  - Q1/2: ELES, Transelectrica, REN,
  - Q3: HOPS
  - Q4: MAVIR
- [Link to the latest Accession Roadmap published](#)

- █ In operational
- Technical readiness\*
- █ Plan to join



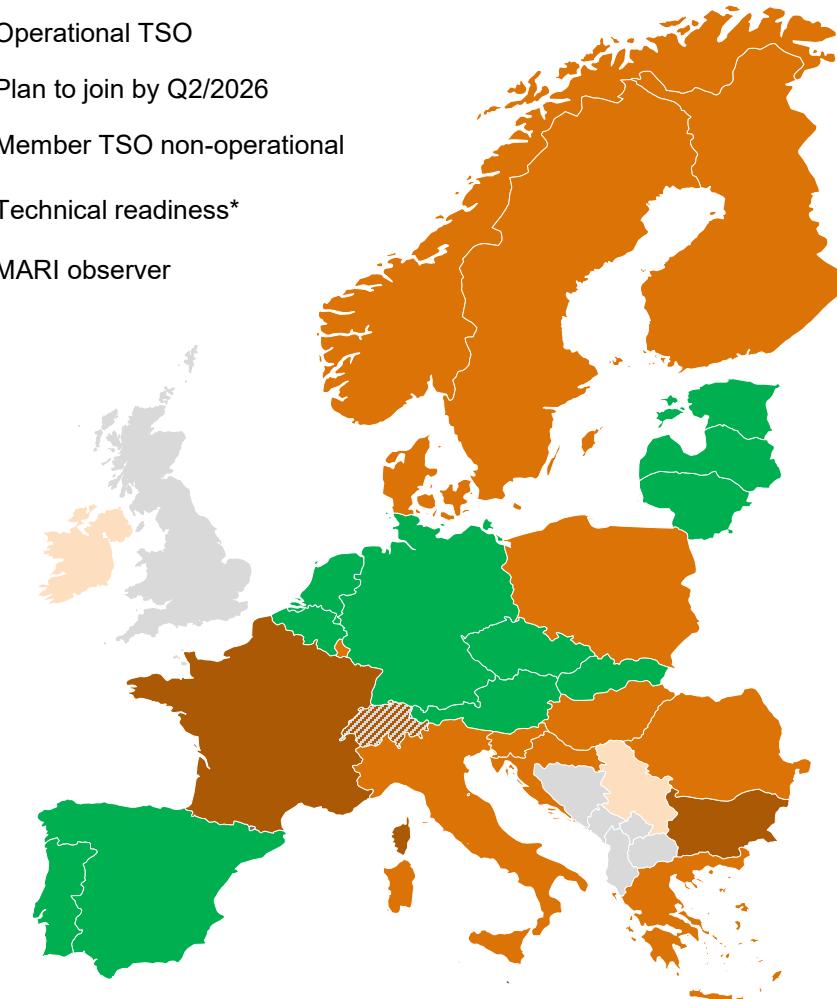
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# Recent developments and updates

## Go-lives at MARI

- 2025 accession recap:
  - **21 May: Elia**, ([link](#) to communication note)
  - **2 December: TTN** ([link](#) to communication note)
- 2026 expectations for Q1 and Q2 :
  - *In Q1:*
    - *ESO*
  - *In Q2 2026:*
    - *RTE*
- [Link](#) to the latest Accession Roadmap published. Next Accession Roadmap is planned to be published end of February.

- Operational TSO
- Plan to join by Q2/2026
- Member TSO non-operational
- Technical readiness\*
- MARI observer



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