

# ENTSO-E Bidding Zone Review Consultative Group (BZR CG) online meeting: update from TSOs on on-going BZR

Date: Tuesday, 4 July 2023

Time: 10:30am-12pm

Location: Online conference (Microsoft Teams)

## Minutes of the Meeting

### 1. Welcome and introduction of the BZR CG members

BZ TF convenor welcomes the BZR CG members, Bidding Zone Review Region (BZRR) members, pan-EU studies leads as well as Bidding Zone Task Force (BZ TF) representatives. They present the agenda for the meeting and proceed with the first point to be discussed.

### 2. Updated BZR timeline

BZ TF convenor presents the updated BZR general timeline, explaining the new target delivery date for the BZR is Q3 2024.

### 3. CE BZRR update

CE BZRR convenor explains the main reasons for the additional delay on the BZR:

- Complexity of the BZR Methodology set out for the TSOs, and the geographical scope included in the project,
- Size of the CE BZRR computations, leading to 60 full-year simulations, and
- Model dimension: size of the grid models for both BZRRs is huge.

A comparison of the model dimension for both regions is presented (full details available at the slides accompanying the meeting).

CE BZRR provides further insights on the current status of the modelling tool chain as well as the main priorities for the next few months:

- Delivery of data for pan-EU studies assessment
- Run the status quo in all online modules

Question	Answer
Did you consider using cloud service?	It was considered, however when testing it as an alternative it was proven to be not as efficient and robust, therefore TSOs decided not to use cloud service.

Are those "nodes" part of TSO 220/400 kV (or maybe also 110 kV) grid or also local DSO grid levels? Also how does it compare with what is considered in CORE FB today, and likewise in terms of CNEs considered in CORE FB today?	Same complexity; however, with IT North and South Europe. Different format is used for the capacity calculation (CGMES vs. UCTE).
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#### 4. Nordic BZRR update

Nordic BZRR Convenor provides a general update on the latest developments, focusing on latest achievements and challenges encountered. The Convenor indicates the work is progressing as expected and planned.

Question	Answer
Do you intend to follow a separate timeline or not?	Nordic BZRR aims to delivery early results in February 2024, but an update to the results will be provided together with CE BZRR results. Therefore only 1 full BZR report will be delivered to ACER.

#### 5. Pan-EU studies:

The pan-EU studies team leads provide a general overview on the status of the two reports, focusing on what has been completed and what is still pending. There are no questions asked on this part.

The leads indicate that with regards to next steps, the public consultation is planned for September/October 2023. Another BZR CG meeting will take place before the public consultation is launched. The members will be informed timely for the meeting.

Question	Answer
What is the envisaged agenda for the next CG meeting?	The main focus will be the content of the public consultation and pan-EU studies. The draft questionnaire will be shared with BZR CG members for comments.

#### 6. Consultative group next meeting and closing

BZ TF convenor outlines that the next meeting will be before the launch of the public consultation. BZR CG members welcome the fact that the meetings are announced in advance and materials sent ahead of the meetings the meeting so they can prepare it, enabling interactive meetings. The convenor thanks the BZR CG members for their active contribution on the on-going BZR.