

ALPACA Go-live date confirmation

30th July 2025

The Transmission System Operators (TSOs) of Austria, Czechia, and Germany have jointly established ALPACA. This trilateral initiative, launched in February 2022, builds on the existing Austrian-German aFRR balancing capacity cooperation established in 2020 and now includes the Czech TSO, ČEPS a.s.

The ALPACA Go-live will enable the exchange of aFRR balancing capacity between Czechia and Austria/Germany using a probabilistic method to forecast remaining cross-border capacities available for balancing purposes. The ALPACA TSOs underline that no cross-zonal capacity will be allocated between Czechia and Austria/Germany for this cooperation.

Following the necessary approvals from the respective National Regulatory Authorities in Q4 2024, the ALPACA TSOs have implemented the required IT adaptations. Based on the successful completion of all tests, the **ALPACA TSOs are pleased to announce that the first common ALPACA auction will be held for 3rd September 2025 (delivery day), with the first auction gate closure on 2nd September 2025 at 09:00 CET.**

Please note that TSOs also published the ALPACA algorithm description together with the Forecasting Tools description on the project webpage hosted on the ENTSO-E website:
https://www.entsoe.eu/network_codes/eb/alpaca/

For any questions, please contact your respective local TSO directly.

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