

# **Work Plan of the MCSC for 2026**

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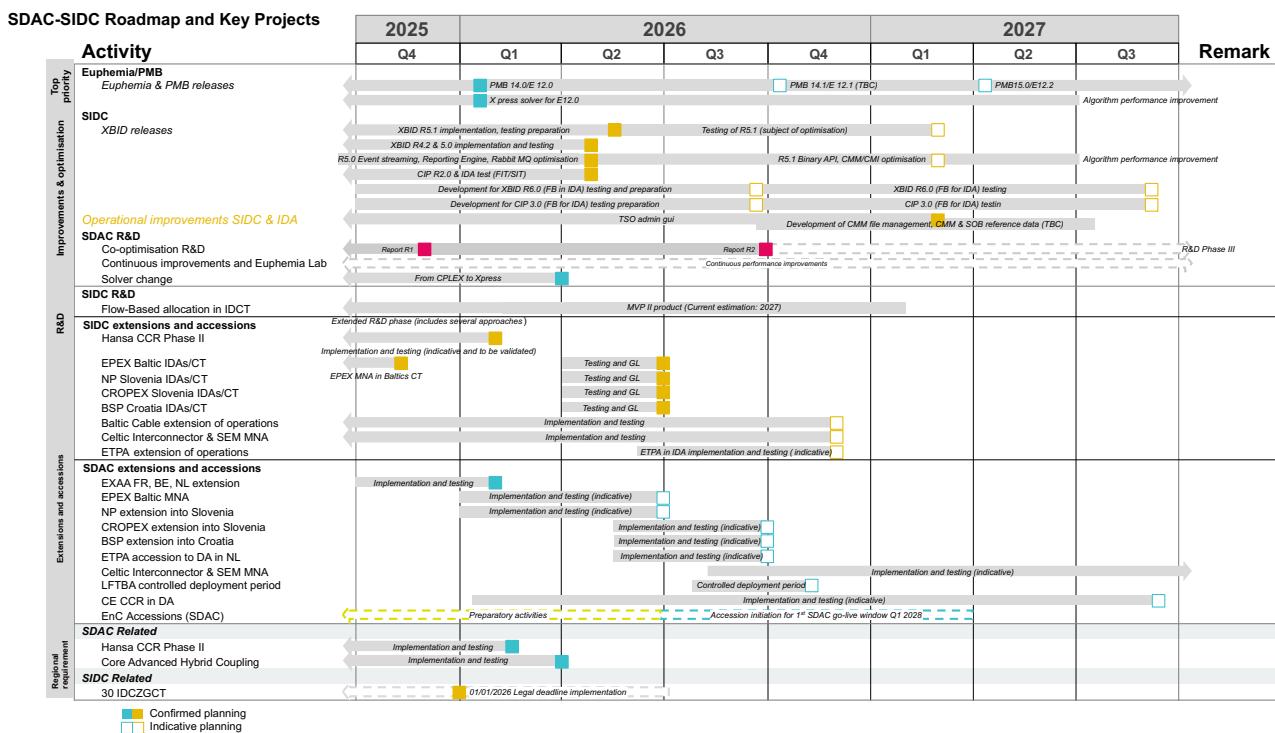
# 1. Introduction – Role of the Market Coupling Steering Committee

The Market Coupling Steering Committee ("MCSC") is the contractually established body of the Nominated Electricity Market Operators ("NEMOs") and Transmission System Operators ("TSOs"), established to facilitate the cooperation of all NEMOs and all TSOs in relation to the common operation and further development of the Single Day-Ahead Market ("SDAC") and Single Intraday Market ("SIDC").

## 2. Composition - MCSC

The MCSC is composed of representatives of all NEMOs and TSOs participating in SDAC and SIDC and its work is facilitated on a working level by numerous Task Forces and Working Groups, which are responsible for all the developments that are foreseen under the MCSC cooperation.

The MCSC is hereby presenting its Work Plan for 2026, which includes the overview of its expected common tasks (not listed in order of relevance), as well as a visualization of the timeline via a Roadmap describing the expected key projects with a Go-live in 2026.



Pic. 1 – Roadmap and Key projects

The roadmap above only presents the most crucial projects, and further information is provided in the breakdown of expected tasks and deliverables below.

**In regards of joint tasks** (encompassing both SDAC and SIDC together) the MCSC will conduct the following tasks:

- ▶ Regular project reporting and communication of the most important developments in SDAC and SIDC to the stakeholders via agreed channels such as Joint Expert Team-Algorithm ("JET-A"), MESC, MCCG, PCG.
- ▶ Conducting certain preparatory activities and tasks in relation to the finalization of the CACM and scalability reports, which are ENTSO-e and NEMO Committee responsibilities.
- ▶ Preparation of the CACM operational report.
- ▶ Performance SIDC CT roadmap for the period after the XBID Release 5.1.
- ▶ Work on any potential joint NEMO-TSO Terms, Conditions or Methodologies ("TCMs") arising from the recast CACM, including preparatory work.
- ▶ Optimizing the MCSC governance framework—to ensure efficient decision-making and foster robust collaboration in compliance with the CACM Regulation.

- ▶ Addressing any relevant legal aspects arising from the cooperation.
- ▶ Conducting the merger of the operational agreements (Day-Ahead Operational Agreement and Intraday Operational Agreement becoming one agreement), as well as any additional work on agreements between NEMOs and TSOs.
- ▶ Supporting the eventual integration of the Energy Community (EnC) Contracting Parties into SDAC and SIDC.
- ▶ Managing the budget and expenditures for SDAC and SIDC and implementation of the new structure of the budget management and invoicing to be introduced in 2026.
- ▶ Assessment of potential fallback solutions, including having SIDC CT as a fallback for SDAC and assessing the possibility of removing shadow auctions.

**In regard to SDAC the following tasks of the MCSC are foreseen:**

- ▶ Managing and improving the Simulation Facility ("SF"):
  - ▶ Testing and implementation of IDAs in SF
  - ▶ Perform various analyses as a group with reporting on insights and results with SF users
  - ▶ Organization of training and providing continued support to SF users
  - ▶ Implementation of new versions of Euphemia in line with production releases.
  - ▶ Improvements related to 15 MTU products
  - ▶ Work on documentation of lessons learned about the 15-Minute Market Time Unit (MTU) in operation
  - ▶ Potential implementation of improvements in the systems
- ▶ Testing related to cross border projects:
  - ▶ Hansa Phase II
  - ▶ Core Advanced Hybrid Coupling (AHC)
  - ▶ Release of E12.0 and PMB 14.0
- ▶ Coordination of testing activities of geographical extension and central/regional/local integration (planning, execution, follow up):
  - ▶ Baltic Multi-NEMO Arrangement (MNA)
    - Expansion of EPEX to Baltic region
  - ▶ Slovenian MNA
    - Expansion of Nord Pool EMCO to Slovenia
    - Expansion of CROPEX to Slovenia
  - ▶ Croatian MNA
    - Expansion of BSP to Croatia
  - ▶ Expansion of EXAA to FR, NL and BE
  - ▶ Accession of ETPA to Day-Ahead DE and NL
  - ▶ EirGrid accession via SEM full market coupling in SDAC following the go-live of the Celtic interconnector
- 1) Further testing activities
  - ▶ DST 2026 tests
  - ▶ Corrective Measures test
- 2) Improvements to Request for Change ("RfC") process
  - ▶ Improving cross-regional coordination for RfC implementation
  - ▶ Improving RfC data provision process for scalability report and algorithm assessment
  - ▶ Optimization of RfC Roadmap and testing activities

- 3) Tasks related to the operation of the system and the market:
  - ▶ Solving, monitoring and reporting any potential incidents in SDAC
  - ▶ Continuous improvements of procedures and robustness
  - ▶ Procedural updates for changes to SDAC (Core Advanced Hybrid Coupling ("AHC"), MNAs, other aspects).
- 4) Additional deliverables:
  - ▶ Clarifying allocation constraints TSO requirement VS algorithm constraints for go-lives
  - ▶ Further work on Co-optimisation via the delivery of R2 report and simulations for prototype I and II
  - ▶ Performance improvement of the Euphemia algorithm and addition of a new Solver, Xpress, in production with Release E 12.0
  - ▶ Finalization of Corrective Measures in first half of 2026
  - ▶ Core AHC and ensuring the performance in the algorithm for the go-live in the first half of 2026
  - ▶ Finalization of new order type: storage order
  - ▶ First results of Phase Shifting Transformers optimisation in Euphemia for SDAC only.
  - ▶ Finalization and implementation of new Adequacy Patch in Euphemia
  - ▶ Discontinuation of Cplex license
  - ▶ Preparatory activities for the implementation of the Central Europe CCR in SDAC.

**In regard to SIDC the following tasks of the MCSC are foreseen:**

- 1) Testing activities of geographical extension and central/regional/local integration (planning, execution, follow up)
  - ▶ Changes to the Multi-NEMO Arrangements ("MNA") in the Baltic region, Slovenia and Croatia;
  - ▶ Operationalization of IDAs for ETPA – i.e. Go-live of ETPA for IDAs
  - ▶ Integration of Baltic Cable for Continuous Trading ("CT") & IDAs
  - ▶ Geographical extension to Ireland (CT & IDAs)
  - ▶ Local/regional/central integration of Flow-Based (FB) for IDAs
- 2) General testing activities and testing activities of new software releases:
  - ▶ XBID Release 5.0/CIP2.0 – Performance improvements package II
  - ▶ XBID Release 5.1 – Performance improvements package III
  - ▶ XBID Release 6.0/CIP 3.0 – FB implementation in IDAs, losses enhancement implementation
  - ▶ Management of Request for Change ("RfC")
  - ▶ Performance of Daylight Saving Time testing
  - ▶ Management of testing environments
- 3) Research and development work in relation to future releases and functionalities
  - ▶ FB in CT R&D (interim) outcomes leading to definition of new studies with optimization experts/IT providers and/or other adjustments to R&D plan
- 4) Tasks related to the operation of the system and the market:
  - ▶ Solving, monitoring and reporting any potential incidents in SIDC
  - ▶ Enhancing procedures and strengthening operational resilience

General monitoring of performance and communication with the System Supplier