



# DE-AT-PL-4M MC Project (Interim Coupling)

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Parties involved in the project (TSOs-NEMOs)			
TSOs: 50Hertz, APG, CEPS, MAVIR, PSE, SEPS, TenneT, Transelectrica NEMOs: EMCO, EPEX, EXAA, HUPX, OKTE, OPCOM, OTE, TGE SPOC: Bianka Szirják (MAVIR)			
<b>Disclaimer: due to interdependency between ongoing parallel projects, local implementation bottlenecks have been identified by some of the project parties resulting in a delay up to 6 months, therefore the current project timeline is under revision.</b>			
Main Milestones of the project			Description of progress of the project
Name	Status on 11/06/2020	Deadline	
Design phase	High-level Market Design has been finalized on 11/02/2019 and approved by the respective NRAs on 22/05/2019.		
Development phase	Local IT development is completed by most of the parties, while some parties have identified delays. None of the CWE NEMOs is ready to start testing according to plan, some other parties also reported delays. Implementation of the IT development of the joint TSO system is progressing according to plan.		30/04/20
Contracting phase	Necessary contractual framework has been identified, drafting of contracts is on-going.		15/07/20
Testing phase	The first testing phase (Pre-FIT/connectivity tests) was completed with those parties who have completed their local developments. The following testing phases are expected to include approx. 2,5 months of integration testing between project parties (functional and procedural tests), followed by 2 weeks of joint testing with SDAC, 2 weeks of Member Tests with market participants and 2 weeks for Acceptance Testing.		28/08/20
Expected Go live Date	The go-live window originally planned for September 2020 is currently under revision, at the moment there is no confirmed go-live window for the project.		
			The DE-AT-PL-4M NTC Market Coupling project has been initiated on the request of the concerned NRAs on 21/12/18, as an interim step until the go-live of the Core FB MC project. With the coupling of MRC and 4MMC, the project will transfer the SDAC DAOA into its Enduring Phase. The design phase of the project has been finalized with the elaboration of the High-level Market Design. A Request for Change to PCR was submitted on 15/05/19, while the SDAC Request for Change was submitted to the MRC OPSCOM on 07/06/19. <b>The technical design (Engineering Project) of the joint TSO system (mTMF) has been elaborated, and implementation is progressing according to plan (testing environment already completed).</b> Elaboration of the regional joint procedures, as well as the necessary contractual framework is on-going. Necessary discussions with JAO and work on the related agreements regarding shadow auctions, Congestion Income Distribution and data publication are on-going. The joint testing phase of the project has started with Pre-FIT (connectivity) testing on 14/04/20. <b>EPEX, EMCO and EXAA have indicated that their local IT systems will not be ready on time, therefore they will not be able to complete Pre-FIT testing</b> according to the current planning (HUPX is not ready either due to dependency on EPEX readiness). <b>Pre-FIT tests were completed with those project parties who are ready with local implementation. Due to the inability of some parties to accomplish the Pre-FIT phase, the timeline of the following test phases and go-live window need to be re-evaluated. FIT testing has started in mid-May with a limited scope</b> , focusing on those test cases which can be carried out without the participation of all NEMOs. During a <b>meeting with DE-AT-PL-4M NRAs on 11th May</b> , NRAs have requested project parties to continue with the implementation and to analyze until beginning of June every option to implement Interim Coupling with the shortest possible delay, while avoiding negative impact on Core FB MC implementation. <b>Project parties have submitted their analysis to NRAs on 5th June. A joint call with concerned NRAs (with presence of European Commission) will take place on 26th June.</b>



## Practical information for market participants

- A **first information paper** (in Q&A format) was prepared by the project parties and has been shared with the main relevant organizations of market participants, as well as published on the project parties' websites. The aim is to regularly update this information paper in the future. The information paper is available also embedded here:



Information paper

- Main changes that the project is expected to bring to market participants:**
  - GCT change to be set at 12:00 for the whole SDAC (→ change from 11:00 currently applied in CZ, SK, HU, RO).
  - Daily explicit auctions via JAO on DE-CZ, DE-PL, PL-CZ, PL-SK, CZ-AT and AT-HU borders to be terminated and to be replaced by implicit allocation.
  - Implementation of partial decoupling → the affected borders will be decoupled and Fallback mechanism will be applied, while the non-affected borders will remain coupled by implicit allocation.
  - Fallback mechanism → shadow explicit auctions operated by JAO.
- No change in the capacity calculation approach! (→ no external parallel run planned)**
- Participation of market participants in testing** → Member Tests are planned for market participants. During this period (currently foreseen to be two weeks), the market participants will have the chance to get an understanding of the relevant procedures and the timings that will be applied after the go-live. This approach is identical to previous MRC-extension projects, such as the coupling of Slovenia or Croatia to MRC. More information about the exact timing will be shared with market participants in due time.
- Expected future communication with market participants:**
  - Joint press releases** at major milestones;
  - Regular update of the **information paper**;
  - Presentations on the status at **stakeholder meetings**;
  - Workshops** with market participants before testing and go-live.