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Making at least 70% of capacity available to the market – a way forward

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Learnings from the ACER report for Q2 2020

Positive developments

Clear distinction of roles between ACER (monitoring) and NRAs (compliance)

General progress in TSO data availability and quality

Where progress is too slow

Availability of capacity is stable but does not intrinsically increase

Unclear treatment of Third countries in capacity calculation and allocation

Regrettable standstill/steps back

Data unavailable in Nordic and Baltic

Reductions not justified in Italy North

Lower levels of capacity in PL, SK, at DE-DK

Targets of derogations or action plans not met 100%

A reflection on monitoring discrepancies

- ACER report, individual NRA reports and ENTSO-E report present different pictures:
 - Distance to 70% target for all CNECs in all MTUs
 - Distance to 70% target for limiting CNECs in MTUs with price divergence
 - Distance to action plan/derogation targets for all CNECs in all MTUs
- Are these different monitoring perspectives problematic?
 - **YES:** if used for a battle between institutions; if intended to divert from the objective of capacity maximisation; and if consumers cannot assess what they gain from the min 70% rule
 - **NO:** if underlying numbers are clearly disclosed; if different approaches are presented jointly to assess progress towards different objectives; and if this fuels a meaningful reflection on the added value of the min 70% rule

Recommendations on the way forward

Enabling monitoring

- TSOs should provide all requested data and justifications for capacity reductions
- NRAs should hold TSOs accountable and report any deviations to ACER

Standardising related processes

- CCMs/CACM should require stringent justifications in validation processes
- Capacity calculation should account for Third countries

Ensuring compliance

- Targets of derogations or action plans should be met 100%
- Capacity availability should steadily increase, for customers to benefit from installed grids

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