

SDAC Communication note

11 February 2022: Progress of Joint Integration Testing, new Go-Live date for the Core Flow-Based Market Coupling project and Operational Webinar Invitation

The project parties in the day-ahead Core Flow-Based Market Coupling project (Core FB MC) communicated on 19 November 2021 a delay to Core FB MC, due to external dependencies delaying a timely start of the first phase of Core Joint Integration Testing and technical issues encountered during the first weeks of testing. The new go-live date depended on further progress of the test planning and alignment with external parties (e.g. the SDAC). Core project parties would now like to share the progress made.

The first phase of joint regional testing (Full Integration Testing - FIT) finished successfully on 13 January 2022. FIT testing, focused on functionality between all systems involved in the FB MC process, has proved that the given solution is able to perform the FB MC process.

The next phase of testing (Simulation Integration Testing – SIT) started on 17 January 2022 and is expected to run until the end of February. SIT testing is focused on testing joint operational procedures to prove that the solution can facilitate the daily operational process.

After the testing performed in January and alignment with external parties (SDAC), launch of the Day Ahead Flow Based project is targeted for 20 April 2022 (trading for delivery on 21 April). This will mark the transition to a single coupled auction for the day-ahead market across the Core region*, based on the flow-based methodology. This allows for regional optimisation of capacity allocation in the day-ahead timeframe.. A formal go-live decision will be taken several weeks in advance.

Core project parties will keep market participants informed about further steps in the project that are relevant for a robust and reliable go-live and any planned activities.

Invitation to Core Flow-Based Market Coupling Operational readiness webinar

The Core FB MC project parties would like to invite market participants to a webinar explaining changes in operational processes.

This will be held on 23 March 2022, 09:30 - 12:00 CET. To participate, please register via the following link:

<https://www.magnus.nl/en/core-flow-based-day-ahead-market-coupling-operational-readiness-webinar/>

The draft agenda for the workshop:	
9:30	Introduction
9:45	Main changes stemming from CORE FB MC
	New Core topology & change from intuitive to plain
	Introduction of financial transmission rights (FTR)
10:15	Q&A session
10:30	Changes in the decoupling processes
	Fallback option for decoupling of a single CORE bidding zone
	New SDAC decoupling time
10:50	Q&A session
11:00	CORE Rollback
11:10	Q&A session

Communication channels

Market participants who would like to more closely follow project development are invited to join the Core Consultative Group (CCG) by sending an email to: CoreCG@magnus.nl. Participants in the Core Consultative Group will receive regular information and invitations to teleconferences and meetings.

Alongside the CCG a Question and Answer Forum for the Core FB MC project is currently in use. This Forum is available under the Core FB MC section on the JAO website, ie. www.jao.eu. All market participants are invited to use this Forum for their queries.

***About the Day-Ahead Flow-Based Market Coupling project in the Core CCR**

The Core FB MC project promotes the development and implementation of a flow-based day-ahead market coupling across the whole Core capacity calculation region (Core CCR) in the framework of the Single Day-Ahead Coupling (SDAC). The Core CCR consists of the bidding zone borders between the following EU Member States' bidding zones: Austria, Belgium, Croatia, the Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Luxemburg, the Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia.

Market integration - core to energy transition

The energy transition towards a carbon free electricity supply is a European challenge that requires the use of the European electricity system to the full extent. Weather-dependent supply and increasing demand response will lead to a different and more intense use of the grid. The Core market integration project is aiming to create operational preconditions to optimise the use of the system from a regional perspective and make the single European market a reality.