

The Core Flow-Based Market Coupling project announces that member testing will start on 04/04 2022

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The project parties involved in the day-ahead Core Flow-Based Market Coupling project (Core FB MC) hereby announce that member testing will start on 04/04/2022.

Members test schedule

The member testing period is organized to give market participant an end to end overview of the Core FB MC project daily operations including timings and processes.

Please note that clearing, settlement and nominations to your respective local TSO will not be tested.

The member tests will be organized on business days only and will start on 04/04/2022 and will end on 08/04/2022.

Period of execution:

- Monday, 04/04/2022 - Normal operations
- Tuesday, 05/04/2022 - Partial Decoupling for reasons not related to the CZCs
- Wednesday, 06/04/2022 - Full Decoupling
- Thursday, 07/04/2022 - Missing Polish Allocation Constraints

Member Testing timings

Members Tests Timings (Gate Closure Time- 15:00)			
	Production	Testing	
Pre-Coupling	09:00	13:00	Start of the Market Coupling Session
	09:15	13:15	Latest Time to start an IC for issues in the Configuration Synchronization step
	09:45	13:20	Deadline to skip the Configuration Synchronization step
	10:30	13:30	Target Time for submission of the Network Data in the PMB
	11:00	14:00	Latest time to start an IC for Network Data missing in PMB (TSOs can join the call)
	11:15	14:15	Risk of Partial Decoupling for one or more interconnectors (at regional level)
	11:30	14:30	Deadline to declare Partial Decoupling for an interconnector (at regional level)
Coupling	12:00	15:00	PX OBK Gate Closure Time
	12:10	15:10	PMB GCT // Reception of all OBK in PMBs → Start of Calculation
	12:25	15:25	Latest Time to start an IC for OBK related reasons (TSOs can join the call 5 mins later)
	12:40	15:40	Deadline to send the message for Risk of Partial Decoupling to the TSOs/market
	12:27	15:27	End of Calculation
	12:29	15:29	Reception of Results in all PX Systems + Start of 12 min Confirmation process
	12:41	15:41	Deadline to send the Preliminary Confirmations → Generation of GPC
	13:05	16:05	Deadline to declare Partial Decoupling
	12:45	15:45	Publication of Preliminary Results and sending to the TSOs →
			Start of 10 min Final Confirmation process
	12:57	15:57	Deadline to send the Final Confirmations
	12:57	15:57	Reception of all Final Confirmations in the PMB → Sending of GFC
	12:57	15:57	Reception of Global Final Confirmation in the Local PMBs
	12:58	15:58	Publication of Final Results → Start of Notification Process
	13:15	16:15	Latest time to Start an IC and invite TSOs
	13:50	16:50	Deadline to send the message for Risk of Full Decoupling to the TSOs/market
	14:20	17:20	Deadline to declare Full Decoupling

Registration process - NEMOs

Market Parties can register for the member testing at relevant NEMOs.

Registration process - JAO

Market Parties interested in participating in the shadow auctions testing should also register with JAO until the 29th of March 2022.

In preparation for this part of the member testing the followings should be sent via email to MC.test@jao.eu:

- Company name:
- Trader name:
- Registered in eCat: Yes/ No
- If yes, username:
- Email address



The launch of the Core Flow-Based Market Coupling is targeted for 20 April 2022 (trading for delivery on 21 April). It will mark the transition to a single coupled auction for the day-ahead market across the Core region, based on the flow-based capacity calculation methodology. This allows for a regional optimization of the capacity allocation in the day ahead timeframe. Currently the project is in the Joint Integration Testing phase. The formal go-live decision will be taken in advance of the planned go-live date.

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

The Core Flow-Based Market Coupling (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 is core to the 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 extend. 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.

