

### New market design (CEP) and Offshore Hybrid Assets

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# The regulatory framework – CEP Electricity

## regulation



### Making the market fit for Renewables



### New in the regulation

- Full market access for Renewables and Demand Response
- Shorter term markets:
  - Gate Closure Time <= 1 hour before real time
  - Imbalance settlement period of 15 min

#### **Benefits**

 Increased market flexibility and access, enabling renewables to become the backbone of our electricity system

### Making Renewables fit for the market



#### New in the regulation

- Phase out priority dispatch
- Phase in balancing responsibility

\*Derogations for existing installations and new small RES

#### **Benefits**

- Eliminating market distortions for mature technologies...
- ...whilst ensuring feasibility of smaller RES installations

### **Bidding zones and structural congestion**



### New in the regulation

- Addressing structural congestion a key priority. MS can choose:
  - an Action Plan with network investments until 2025, or
  - a bidding zone reconfiguration
- Bidding zone review: no agreement by MS  $\rightarrow$  EC decides

#### **Benefits**

A market better aligned to the physical grid which increases trade &:

- reduces the need for costly after-market remedial actions
- decreases the impact of congestion in one zone on the neighbours
- enhances security of supply by ensuring that electricity can be traded to where it is most needed.

### Cross border electricity trading (capacity allocation)





### New in the regulation

- Key principles:
  - Maximisation of trade across borders
  - No discrimination of cross-zonal vs internal trades
- Deductions by TSOs for loop flows and reliability margins capped
- New min. threshold of 70% of cross-zonal capacity for trade

#### **Benefits**

- Increased trade provides reliable access to electricity imports for:
  - Increased security of supply
  - Reduced need for new investments, thereby ...reducing the cost of electricity for final consumers

Main market uncertainties for Hybrid Assets from CEP:

- Which bidding zone applies to offshore HA?
- Remuneration for OWF
- Congestion rents TSOs?
- Grid access for OWF / "evacuation"?
- Direction of electricity flow?
- Level playing field with regular generation
- Unbundling and 3<sup>rd</sup> party access? (New recital)

#### Combined Grid solution





### **Open questions:**

- 1. Are the barriers identified by the studies the right ones and are they justified?
- 2. Can HA be developed and operated under the current regime?
- 3. Should hybrid assets be supported beyond the general support for RES and interconnectors?



