



Invitation to stakeholder Survey

The Guideline on Electricity Balancing (GL EB), approved by EU member states on March 16th 2017, defines relevant tasks and a timeline for the implementation of a European platform for the exchange of balancing energy from frequency restoration reserves with automatic activation (aFRR).

Given the importance of an efficient balancing mechanism for an integrated electricity market, the Austrian TSO APG, the Belgian TSO Elia, the Dutch TSO Tennet, the French TSO RTE and the German TSOs – 50Hertz, Amprion, Tennet, TransnetBW signed a Memorandum of Understanding in July 2017, which outlines the major cornerstones of the cooperation. Until now, eleven TSOs (Bulgarian TSO ESO, Czech TSO CEPS, Croatian TSO HOPS, Danish TSO Energinet, Finnish TSO Fingrid, Hungarian TSO MAVIR, Norwegian TSO Statnett, Polish TSO PSE, Slovenian TSO ELES, Spanish TSO REE and Swedish TSO SvK) joined the project as observers. The project name PICASSO stands for “Platform for the International Coordination of the Automatic frequency restoration process and Stable System Operation”. The TSOs of PICASSO took the voluntary initiative to anticipate the timelines set forth by GL EB by already starting the work on the design and preparation for implementation of the aFRR platform to facilitate future European-wide discussions. The aFRR Target Platform will meet the requirements of the GL EB and furthermore increase the security of supply and the economic efficiency of the activation of balancing energy.

The PICASSO parties see the communication with stakeholders and their feedback as essential for achieving the project goal – a well-functioning platform and integration of aFRR balancing markets. As a result, PICASSO TSOs held an initial stakeholder workshop providing a comprehensive picture about the project, including some open design options.

In a next step, PICASSO TSOs set up a consultation document to support this first stakeholder consultation so that stakeholders gain, on the one hand, a good understanding about the features of the platform under development and, on the other hand, can give their valuable feedback.

Consequently, we would like to invite you to read the consultation paper ([here](#), see PICASSO Press releases and updates) and to participate in the stakeholder consultation of PICASSO ([here](#)), which will be open from 21 November 2017 until 21 December 2017.

In case of technical issues with the consultation platform, please contact market@entsoe.eu. For questions on the content, your connecting TSOs look forward to assist you. Contact details are provided on the consultation platform.

We are glad to have the chance to receive your feedback on our work and looking forward to a fruitful discussion.

P.S. Summary of stakeholder workshop from 5 October 2017 in Berlin is available [here](#).