

# Future Markets Industry Workshop - April 2026

## Questions & Answers

Thank you for attending the Future Markets Industry Workshop on **Wednesday, 22 April 2026**.

This document provides answers to the questions raised during the event. For ease of reference, the FAQ is organized by each segment presented on the day.

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| 1. Hybrid Sharing of MEC                          |
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# 1 Hybrids - Sharing of MEC

No questions received.

# 2 Technical Liaison Group (TLG)

No questions received.

# 3 Scheduling & Dispatch Programme (SDP)

**Q1: On SDP\_01 - Is it still expected that there will be a 6-month lead period to go-live once there has been a decision made in the MOD?**

**A1:** The update from previous months remains. Once a decision is made on modification, EirGrid will have to go through a comprehensive period to reassess. This is envisaged to take a minimum of 6-months to complete.

# 4 Future Arrangements for System Services (FASS)

**Q1: Will Day Ahead System Services Auction (DASSA) bids be made public after the fact, similar to ex-ante bids? Will Secondary trades also be made public?**

**A1:** This functionality is not contained in a SEM Committee decision on the DASSA design; the TSOs can investigate this as a post go-live deliverable. Participants will be able to view anonymised Buy and Sell Offers in the Secondary Trading Order Book.

**Q2: Is there a date for publication of Phased Implementation Roadmap (PIR) 4.0?**

**A2:** The TSOs have been working toward publishing PIR v4.0 in May 2026, but there are challenges in meeting this milestone. An intensive replanning process is currently being undertaken: there are dependencies on finalising interactions with vendors and the consultation schedule for this year. PIR v4.0 will require SEM Committee approval prior to publication. The TSOs will keep industry up to date on this matter.

**Q3: In FASS the paths from Red to Amber and Amber to Green look unchanged over the last couple of months. Is the timeline going to move?**

**A3:** The date will be set out in PIR v4.0. Any change to the PIR is subject to approval by the SEM Committee.

## 5 EirGrid Long Duration Energy Storage (LDES)

**Q1: We got more information on flexibility needs assessment (FNA) from CRU is there any overlap on FNA and submission on recommendation paper for LDES is there any cross dependencies or are they independent workstreams.**

A1: The FNA is not informing EirGrid's current LDES procurement but could feed into any enduring solution thereafter. The FNA once complete may also inform SONI's position on future LDES solutions.

**Q2: Timelines on submission of recommendations paper, is it close to submission? Will it be before next FM Industry Workshop?**

A2: It is close to submission but will be sent to CRU first. There will be a more comprehensive update in the coming FM workshops.

**Q3: Is there a dependency for the second consultation on the first consultation, is work on going for the second consultation?**

A3: It will be dependent on the first part.

## 6 Energy Market Policy (EMP)

No questions received.

## 7 Strategic Markets Programme (SMP)

**Q1: What is the process or status for potential integration with Cross Border Intraday (XBID), Manually Activates Reserves Initiative (MARI) and Platform for the International Coordination of the Automatic Frequency Restoration Process and Stable System Operation (PICASSO) over Celtic?**

A1: We are in the process of doing an impact assessment on implications of delay. Plan is to join XBID and MARI. The goal of SMP programme is to deliver compliance under obligations in Europe. Some different processes across Europe and on what will be included. Cross Border Intraday (XBID) will be from day one of delivery, MARI is not fully implemented across Europe yet, we hope to align with that.

**Q2: Do you have a REMIT reference number or link you can provide regarding the Celtic announcement?**

A2: The first link [here](#) is to a RTE REMIT UMM platform and the second link [here](#) is the official JAO publication by EirGrid.

**Q3: Could some of the timelines of the BMR workstreams be brought forward with this delay of Celtic IC?**

A3: We will continue to review our programme plans in any movement across them.

## 8 Balancing Market Reform (BMR)

No questions received.

# 9 Manually Activated Reserves Initiative (MARI)

**Q1: Are you catering for the possibility of MARI over the GB interconnectors, If GB were to join MARI as a result of ongoing negotiations?**

**A1:** The solution being discussed is not being developed in a way unique to Celtic. The solution is being built in a way that could be expanded to additional interconnectors if necessary.