

Future Markets Stakeholder Engagement Industry Workshop

Wednesday, 26 August 2026

Online | 10:00am-11:00am



August's Future Markets Workshop Agenda

Agenda at a
60 minutes
10:00-11:00
5 agenda items

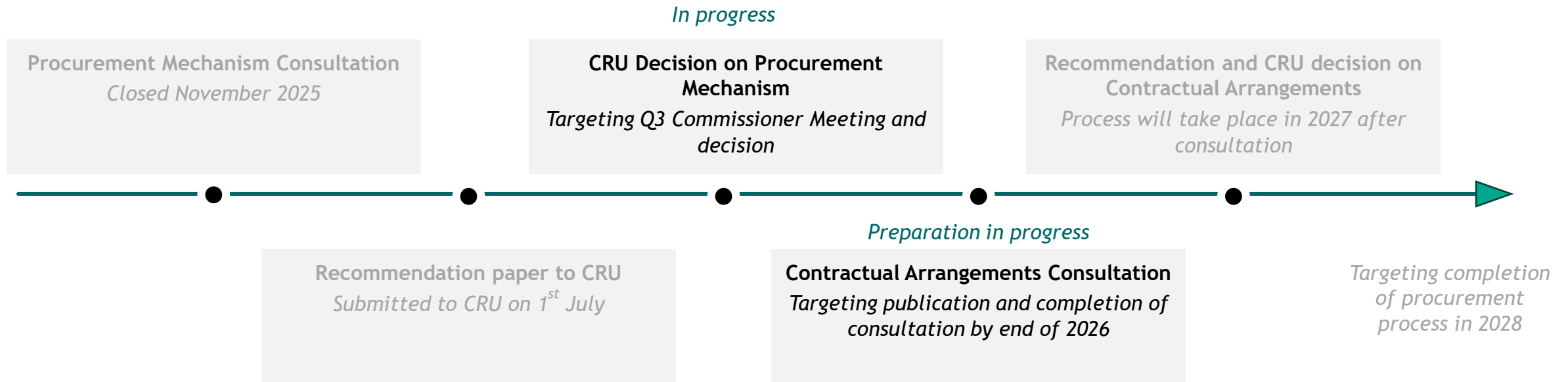
TIME	MINUTES	SEGMENT
10:00-10:05	5 min	Welcome & Agenda overview
10:05-10:15	10 min	Long Duration Energy Storage (LDES)
10:15-10:30	15 min	Future Arrangements for System Services (FASS)
10:30-10:40	10 min	Scheduling & Dispatch Programme (SDP)
10:40-10:45	5 min	Energy Market Policy (EMP)
10:45-10:55	10 min	Strategic Markets Programme (SMP) – EU Integration
10:55-11:00	5 min	Wrap-up & Workshop close

Long Duration Energy Storage

LDES



LDES Programme Update



Other key details:

- A CRU decision within Q3 remains subject to completion of the CRU's review and consideration of the material received.
- More granular timelines will be provided in due course

Future Arrangements for System Services

FASS



Future Arrangement System Services

As planned, no issues

Improving

Minor - moderate concern

Steady

Significant issue / concern

Worsening

FASS Summary Status		
Overall Status		Overall programme status remains red, reflecting critical path challenges and associated risks. Finalisation of PIR v4.0 is dependent on resolution of these, including the schedule for remaining design items (e.g. Credit Management, RAs’ Market Power Consultation etc.) and Regulation & Licensing timelines. Path from red to Amber - Baseline programme plan based on revised delivery schedule that addresses critical path issues and allows appropriate time for readiness activities. Path from amber to Green - Confirmation of Day 1 scope, commitment from IT vendors to work to same, and sufficient resource capacity on board.
Schedule		- Several known critical path changes are impacting the programme schedule, which are being actively managed. - Internal options for Credit Management being evaluated. - Detailed engagement continues with IT vendors to align on schedule; IT detailed design activities continuing to progress in parallel - Programme Regulation & Licensing deliverables progressing.
Resourcing		Resourcing remains amber: some resource constraints remain in places.
Finances		Formal funding approval letter received from the RAs in December 2024. Activity to align programmes costs with funding application to be undertaken alongside publication and approval of PIR v4.0.

Key Messages

Key Items for Attention / Discussion

- Finalisation of PIR v4.0 is dependent on resolution of critical path items.
- Evaluation of internal Credit Management solution options are in progress.

Key Upcoming Activities For Action:

- Finalisation and publication of Performance Monitoring consultation (date tbc).
- TLG3 to be scheduled for late September; 1st version of the FASS platform user guide to be distributed in the coming weeks.

Positive Developments.

- TLG2 held on 30th July.
- System Services Code Working Groups continue; latest session held on 18th August. Another 4 sessions to be scheduled (dates tbc).
- Non-reserves recommendation paper submitted to the RAs on August 8th (together with the derogation application).

Challenges

- Finalisation of programme plan.
- Timelines for readiness activities are compressed.

Scheduling & Dispatch Programme

SDP



EirGrid

SONI

semo
Single Electricity
Market Operator

Scheduling & Dispatch Programme

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 Minor - moderate concern  Steady
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SDP Summary Status

Overall Status		Programme activity for Tranche 2 initiatives is complete with Release O/P deployment targeted for 7th September . RAs and SEMC assessment of SEM-24-044 (Definitions of Curtailment, Constraint and Energy Balancing) and Mod_13_23 (Treatment of NPDRs) remains dependent on completion of modelling.
Schedule - Tranche 2		SDP-03 Fast Frequency Response / SDP-05 Reserve Services Programme activity for SDP-03 and SDP-05 is complete. Release O/P deployment is targeted for 7th September. The initiatives enhance the capability to schedule and monitor reserves from newer technologies, supporting progression along the Operational Policy Roadmap. No action is required from market participants in advance of go-live. SDP-06 Synchronous Condenser Integration Programme activity for SDP-06 is complete. Go-live is targeted for September 2026 and will involve Release O/P deployment on 7th September, followed by conversion of the relevant units from fuel type 'MULTI_FUEL' to 'SYNCHRONOUS_CONDENSER' on w/c 14th September. Both activities will be subject to system conditions on the day and control centre approval. The programme is re-engaging with Synchronous Condenser operators on cutover plans and support required for go-live. The 'Overview of SDP Solution for Synchronous Condensers' document was published on the EirGrid, SONI, SEMO website on 5th August.
Schedule - SDP-01 NPDR		SDP-01 Non-Priority Dispatch Renewables The TSOs and RAs are working collaboratively on the progression of SDP_01 - Non-Priority Dispatch Renewables (NPDR) and acknowledge the level of industry feedback during recent workshops. The progression of SDP_01 remains dependent on a number of processes, including the outcome of the ongoing legal process relating to the interpretation of Regulation (EU) 2019/943, the development of modelling to assess potential NPDR treatment, and regulatory decisions relating to Mod_13_23 and SEM-24-044. The TSOs and RAs have progressed work to define modelling scenarios related to the introduction of NPDR units, with the final scope yet to be agreed. A strong focus is being given to the definitions of Curtailment, Constraint and Energy Balancing (SEM-24-044), as these are a key input to the overall regulatory consideration and assessment. The outcome of the ongoing legal process in relation to Regulation (EU) 2019/943 is another key dependency. Depending on the final judgment, there may be implications for SEM-22-009 and the basis for its implementation via SDP_01. Therefore, it may be necessary to revisit aspects of the current NPDR solution. The TSOs and RAs recognise the stakeholder feedback at previous workshops, and are considering how best to provide further transparency on the work underpinning NPDR. Further engagement will focus on supporting industry understanding of potential approaches. Given the dependencies outlined above, once regulatory direction is confirmed, a further phase of delivery work will be required. This phase may include re-evaluating the current system design, determining whether changes are required and, where necessary, progressing those changes through detailed design, build and testing activities. Any delivery timelines would need to align with availability in established system release cycles. The TSOs and RAs acknowledge that this creates some uncertainty for market participants, however they will continue to work together to progress the outstanding items and will provide further updates as clarity emerges.
Resourcing		TSO/MO Programme teams are fully staffed.
Finances		SEMC All-Island Programme sub-committee approved the full funding request for the S&D (phases 3-5) programme on 22 March 2024. The programme has completed a review of overall programme costs, and a request for additional funding, through a change request, has been submitted to the Regulatory Authorities.

Energy Market Policy

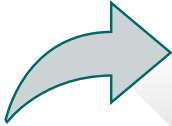
EMP



Post-Brexit Market Arrangements



The EU UK Summit has been postponed, and we are closely monitoring developments



EirGrid/SONI is evaluating the Implementation of PTRs on the SEM GB border

EU Regulation Updates

CACM
2.0

Working-level meeting is planned with the European Commission and the ENTSO-E subgroups' team leads on 31st August 2026

FCA
2.0

Draft text and Impact Assessment continues to be delayed and we are monitoring developments closely

Capacity Market Programme

Focus for this period: joint TSO response to SEM—26-037 Consultation on
High Level Design Options for CRM 2.0

Strategic Markets Programme - EU Integration

SMP



Strategic Markets Programme - EU Integration

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SMP Summary Status

Overall Status		Overall status is Amber due to unconfirmed delivery timelines of a small number of IT systems, and the recent update related to the timing of connecting physically with Europe driving replanning with external stakeholders. Trending up due to IT system delivery progress, and agreement of the plan with some critical EU stakeholders.	Path from Amber to Green - Baseline programme plan based on revised delivery schedule and agree with external stakeholders (Q3 2026) - Confirmation of external testing requirements.
Schedule		Programme schedule is reporting amber: 1. SEM EU: - Multi-NEMO Arrangements (MNA): SEM MNA Master Plan validated by NEMOs in June. SDAC topology validated between the parties involved. SDAC & SIDC (uncoupled) RfCs validated and submitted to OPSCOMs. MNA milestones remain unchanged. Member testing session September workshop. - Single Day-Ahead/Intra Day Coupling (SDAC/SIDC): Replanning timeline agreed with RTE, these are being validated with external working groups. Plans to commence market testing in March 2027. - CORES0: The team is currently working with vendors to upgrade data-sharing tools. Asset list for Outage Planning & Co-ordination has been successfully uploaded Pan-EU tool - Capacity Calculation: Review of the design for the new internal tooling is in progress. Design & development on central capacity calculation tool for accession of Eirgrid/SONI is nearing completion. The team are now getting ready to test its full functionality. Requirements for inclusion of SEM in Coreso's CGM Merging Tool are complete, development and test approach readiness in progress. - Financial Transmission Rights (FTRs): Engaging with Joint Allocation Office (JAO) on revised timelines due to cable delay. Discussion of feasibility of SEM-FR amendment for calculation of FTR remuneration with TSO Experts ongoing. - MARI: All MARI Functional Requirement specification documents are approved, and vendor engagement has begun. Discussion with RAs ongoing on the Hybrid Legal Methodology.	
Resourcing		Resource plan baselined and all critical resources in place.	
Finances		Significant portion of programme funding has been approved by Regulatory Authorities. Updated Funding submission has been submitted. Engagement with regulatory authorities on going	

Key Messages



Key Items for Attention / Discussion

- A revised plan and timelines.



Key Activities For Action Next Month

- External Alignment on plan



Positive Developments (Since Last Report)

- Progress on IT system delivery



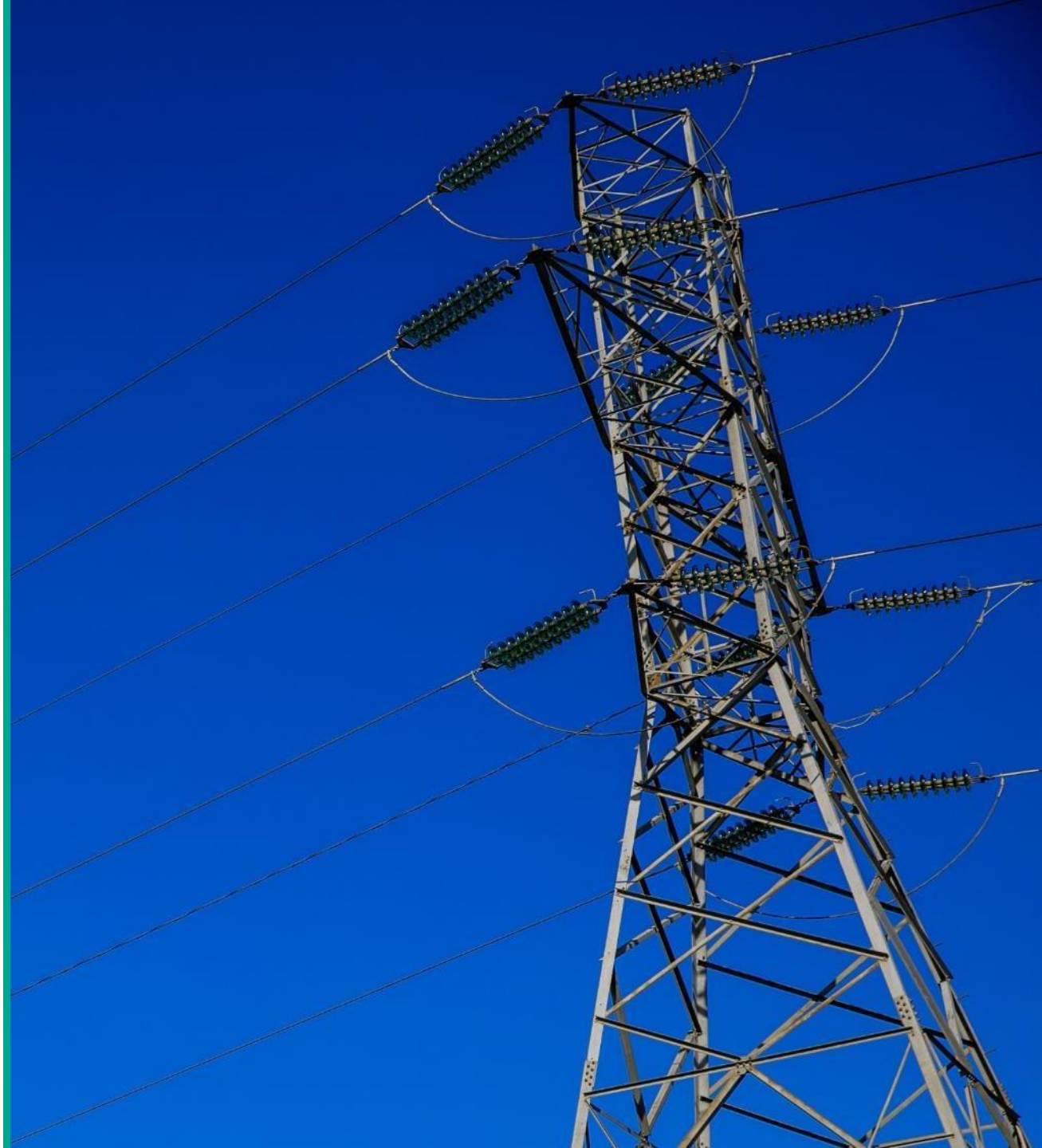
Challenges (Since Last Report)

- Timelines for market changes and system delivery

Thank You!

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Upcoming Workshops

September - December schedule

2026

6 sessions • 2 TLG • 4 Future Markets

ONLINE		VENUE DATE	
SEP	TBC Technical Liaison Group (TLG) Online Time: TBC	SEP	Tues 29 Sep Future Markets Online & In person Europa Hotel, Belfast Time: 10:00am - 2:00pm
		Oct	Wed 21 Oct Future Markets Online Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm
		Nov	Wed 25 Nov Future Markets In Person The Alex Hotel, Dublin Time: 10:00am - 2:00pm
NOV	TBC Technical Liaison Group (TLG) Online Time: TBC	DEC	Thu 10 Dec Future Markets Online Time: 9:00am - 10:15am

**Workshop start and finish times may be subject to change closer to the event.*

Email: FutureMarkets@Eirgrid.com or futurepowermarketsNI@soni.ltd.uk

Register for September's Future Markets [here](#)



Stakeholder Engagement: Contacting Future Market Programmes

To raise an issue or query for the Future Markets Programmes:

SDP Queries

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LDES Queries

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SMP Queries

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FM General Queries, TLG & EMP

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QTP Queries

Qualification Trial Process

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(No requirement to email the same query to both EirGrid and SONI email addresses for a relevant programme)

List of Acronyms

- **ACER** - Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators
- **CACM** - Capacity Allocation and Congestion Management
- **CBAM** - Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism
- **CRU** - Commission for Regulation of Utilities
- **DCEE** - Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment
- **DESNZ** - Department for Energy Security and Net Zero
- **DfE** - Department for the Economy
- **EMD** - Electricity Market Design
- **ENTSO-E** - European Network of Transmission System Operators for Electricity
- **ESB** - Electricity Supply Board
- **ESO** - Electricity System Operator
- **FASS** - Future Arrangements for System Services
- **FCA** - Forward Capacity Allocation
- **FPM** - Future Power Markets
- **FPMDA** - Future Power Markets Design Authority
- **FM** - Future Markets
- **LDES** - Long Duration Energy Storage
- **NESO** - National Energy and System Operator
- **Ofgem** - Office of Gas and Electricity Markets
- **PIR** - Phased Implementation Roadmap
- **RAs** - Regulatory Authorities
- **REMA** - Review of Electricity Market Arrangements
- **REMIT** - Regulation on Wholesale Energy Market Integrity and Transparency
- **RfQ** - Request for Quote
- **SDP** - Scheduling and Dispatch Programme
- **SEM** - Single Electricity Market
- **SEMC** - Single Electricity Market Committee
- **SEMO** - Single Electricity Market Operator
- **SME** - Subject Matter Expert
- **SMP** - Strategic Markets Programme
- **SONI** - System Operator for Northern Ireland
- **UR** - Utility Regulator

