

Future Markets Industry Workshop

Questions & Answers

Thank you for attending the Future Markets Industry Workshop on **Wednesday, 24th of June 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.

Segment
1. Future Arrangements for System Services (FASS)
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1 Future Arrangements for System Services (FASS)

Q1: If DASSA is delayed shall there be a DS3 Gate 16 covering April 27 - September 27?

A1: The TSOs will need to consider this in the context of a revised go-live date (noting that May 2027 is not feasible). Conducting an additional gate for a short contract window up to the termination of the DS3 Arrangements (September 2027) may not be practical given the FASS implementation and readiness activities that will be running concurrently.

Q2: Sorry if missed and may be called out in PIR but is there confirmation yet on whether participation for eligible units in upward/downward products will be mandatory or optional? Will BCOP be updated to reflect this?

A2: The question of mandatory participation in the DASSA will be dealt with in the RAs' upcoming consultation on Market Power & Participation, which we expect to be published in July 2026. The consultation will contain a proposed BCOP for consideration by industry.

Q3: Is there any further information on the Market power / market participation consultation?

A3: See A2.

Q4: By the tender being unsuccessful, was that because there were no bids for it?

A4: There was an active RFP (Request for Proposal) process up until the (extended) closing date of the tender. However, the RFP did not result in an award.

Q5: Regardless of timelines, FASS and in particular DASSA are becoming increasingly complex with indications that penalties for lapsing may be severe. What's the plan in terms of industry workshops to get market participants up to speed on how it will work?

A5: The TSOs will provide comprehensive training engagement and materials to industry in advance of go-live of the new arrangements. A FASS programme module dedicated to industry readiness is currently being mobilised; the DASSA training schedule will be communicated to industry in due course.

2 Scheduling & Dispatch Programme (SDP)

Q1: Regarding NPDRs - When will the RA assessment be complete, can any timeframe be given here - month? quarter, half?

A1: The RAs will use the outcomes of the NPDR modelling and analysis to assess the definitions of constraint, curtailment and energy balancing (SEM-24-044) and associated modification. We're not in a position to speak on behalf of the RAs as to what that timeline might look like.

Q2: Is it possible to give an indicative timeline for go live now as 2027 seems unlikely at this stage?

A2: Once a decision is reached on the SEM 24-044 consultation and associated modification, there will be a replanning activity required followed by a minimum of six months

for testing and deployment related activities. Where regulatory decisions are not aligned with current system design, these activities are expected to take longer. While a 2027 timeframe may be achievable, this is highly dependent on the outcome of decisions and subsequent programme impacts.

Q3: Given the remaining issues on NPDR/SDP-01, is it fair to say at this point that go-live will not happen now until 2027, given that a 6-month lead period prior to modelling etc. has been mentioned previously?

A3: See A2.

Q4: Any tentative timeline or date regarding the release o/p will go live?

A4: At this stage, we're not in a position to give an indicative date. We will begin replanning in the coming days, and we will share with industry as soon as it is available.

3 EirGrid Long Duration Energy Storage (LDES)

Q1: When will we have a clear timeline up to the procurement process?

A1: Further detailed timelines will be provided when clarity is available on the CRU decision timelines - both in terms of the Procurement Approach Recommendation Decision paper, and envisaged timelines for the Contractual consultation recommendation Decision paper.

We will be engaging with the CRU on likely timelines once the Recommendation paper is submitted next week. We hope to be able to issue updated timelines in due course.

4 Flexibility Needs Assessment (FNA)

Q1: When will the CRU and UR reports be publicly available?

A1: From a NI perspective, UR have asked for advice from ACER. There is no date to share at the moment while UR are determining the publication process. CRU intends to publish the report at a similar time to meeting the 25th of July deadline for sharing the report with the European Commission and ACER.

Q2: Does the FNA report assume Eirgrid's LDES process contracts for 500MW of storage?

A2: It is not included because of the methodology used. It is a very strict methodology which was published by ACER a year ago. It encompasses analysis around what needs there are and what can meet those needs. It must be technology neutral.

5 Energy Market Policy (EMP)

No questions received.

6 Strategic Markets Programme (SMP)

No questions received.

7 AOB

Q1: Is there a high-level view of all the programmes being carried out in terms EU market regulations and how we stay compliant?

A1: We are working with our RA partners on a multiyear plan with a go live compliance view. As the TSO, it is not our job to do a cost benefit analysis. We implement what we are told to implement. We have committed to a session with industry to bring you through key regulations such as CACM 2.0 once there are finalised. It will most likely happen at the end of the year.