

Future Power Markets Industry Workshop

Questions & Answers

Thank you for attending the Future Power Markets Industry Workshop on **Thursday, 11th of December 2025**.

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. Scheduling & Dispatch Programme (SDP)
2. Future Arrangements for System Services (FASS)
3. Strategic Markets Programme (SMP)
4. Energy Market Policy (EMP)
5. Long Duration Energy Storage (LDES)

1 Scheduling & Dispatch Programme (SDP)

Q1: SDP_04 - Will market participants be given insight into how often rebalancing has been applied/the impact it has had since going live?

A1: The control centres are currently building operational experience with the new functionality introduced by SDP_04. Regarding the impact of rebalancing, it will take time for trends to adjust following the implementation of SDP_04. We will consider providing an update after a sufficient period has passed.

Q2: In relation to our BESS (Battery Energy Storage System) units, we have noticed in times where we have been moved from ex-ante charge positions, we are not always getting corresponding DI (Dispatch Instructions) instructions for our discharge positions.

A2: The control centres are managing an operational constraint which is causing them to deviate from PNs (Physical Notifications), particularly in charging state. The control centres are gaining operational experience with the new 'follow PN' operational processes during this transitional period post SDP_02 go-live and we will take this feedback away.

2 Future Arrangements for System Services (FASS)

Q1: Can FASS team confirm

- Whether there will be a change to Frequency Event Reporting with commencement of DASSA (Day Ahead System Services Auction)?
- Also, if 49.7hz will continue to be the defining trigger for a Frequency Event?
- If this cannot be confirmed today, when can this be confirmed?

A1: This question is currently under consideration by the TSOs (Transmission System Operator); it involves multiple teams, such as System Operations and System Support & Analysis. The FASS team will provide updates on this point to industry once these discussions have concluded.

Q2: Can FASS team confirm if there will be a change to Testing Procedures and Profiles (& templates) with the commencement of DASSA?

A2: This is an area coordinated with System Support and Analysis, and the specifics of the testing requirements are under consideration. Given that there will be changes to the definition of certain products such as FFR, this will be reflected in the test reports. This work will follow the same ethos that was there for DS3, where we tried to minimise physical testing where possible. We

understand participants want to prepare for testing; therefore, we will engage with industry before go-live.

Q3: Noted that Go-Live date is not changing. However, given the known concern on schedule and that DS3 Contracts have a long stop date 30th Sept 27. Can clarity be provided to industry on what will happen in the scenario DASSA is delayed beyond this?

A3: We are still working toward the May 2027 timeline, noting the long stop date. If a situation arises where DASSA delivery is expected to be delayed beyond this date, the TSOs will identify this well in advance and immediately inform Industry and the Regulatory Authorities. We are continually monitoring progress against the go-live date and will provide updates as soon as any potential delay becomes evident.

Q4: Is there any progress in addressing the relationship between the DASSA and RAD, specifically the usage of the correct PQ (Price / Quantity) pairs?

A4: This question arose and was discussed in the last working group on the system services code. We have subsequently shared the minutes with working group members, noting that there are relevant examples in Appendix 2 of [2025-October-SOEF-Markets-FASS-DASSA-Top-up-Mechanism-Recommendations-Paper.pdf](#) which have addressed this question. A link to these minutes will be provided in the Cover Note for the Third Draft on the Plain English version of the System Services Code. This cover note is expected to be published on the FASS [Key Publications](#) page on the 23rd of December.

Q5: Can FAAS team confirm any plans and timelines around establishing TLG (Technically Liaising Group) and industry engagement?

A5: The TSOs recognise that the establishment of the TLGs are behind schedule. The FASS team are working through final open items including considering the parameters and scalars paper and upcoming tech specs. We now expect to establish the TLG in Q1 2026 and are looking at options to mitigate the impact of this delay for Industry.

Q6: Can you please share the DASSA RAD PQ correspondence worked examples.

A6: Yes, please see response to Question 4 for a link to the worked examples).

3 Strategic Markets Programme (SMP)

Q1: What does RCC stand for?

A1: RCC stands for Regional Coordination Centre.

Q2: What has happened to the enduring battery solution as part of the SMP? This has not been discussed for some time. Will this be delivered after Celtic?

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A2: As soon as ESPS (Energy Storage Power Station) went live, the team began looking at the enduring solution. It is in the planning stage now.

Q3: Have all the critical network constraints been agreed for the Celtic Flow Based integration? If so, are they the same as those consulted on by ENTSO-E (European Network of Transmission System Operators for Electricity)?

A3: Currently in the process of feeding those constraints into the recent ENTSO-E consultation for capacity Day Ahead markets, Intraday markets, and Forwards markets. The consultation may not have addressed country-specific constraints in detail; however, we are providing input and ensuring that the detailed grid model reflects critical network constraints.

Q4: It was mentioned the introduction of DCUs (Dispatchable Consumption Unit) might be brought forward to fill the Celtic IC (Interconnector) delay. Is this still the case?

A4: We are still assessing this and began looking at it when delay was brought in. This was discussed at the recent FPM event; metering issues remain and are under review.

Q5: Will Core CCR (Capacity Calculation Region) consider IC flows?

A5: Core capacity region will get capacity available and will feed into European market. Moving from net transfer flow to flow based. The flow-based capacity calculation process aims to calculate the maximum capacity that can be made available for cross-zonal exchanges between each of the bidding zones of the region. [Core CCR Day-ahead process explained](#)

Q6: It would be good to get an intuitive understanding of how the flow on Celtic might be restricted by those internal network modelled constraints.

A6: This work is ongoing in collaboration with European partners and system operators. We are actively contributing to the process; however, a complete understanding will only be possible once the Celtic Interconnector is operational and market interactions can be observed. Load flow analysis is currently underway. We will review progress and provide updates as soon as further insights are available.

Q7: What are the expected loss factors for Celtic?

A7: EirGrid and SONI are currently conducting loss studies. We will review the findings and provide an update to industry as soon as results are available.

Q8: Will flow based market coupling be used on Celtic?

A8: Yes, this approach is mandated by legislation and aligns with practices across Europe. The Celtic Interconnector will implement advanced hybrid coupling between France and Ireland, as our configuration differs from the rest of Europe. Flow-based market coupling is the standard direction in Europe, and the enduring solution for Celtic will also be flow-based.

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Q9: If there are grid constraints on the Irish side, is this factored into the flow analysis?

A9: Yes, flow analysis will factor in grid constraints.

Q10: Just to confirm my understanding that CBAM (Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism) will not apply on NI->Rep Ireland export flows - has this been confirmed in writing or by the Commission?

A10: There are no plans for CBAM to take effect in NI.

Q11: When will we get full confirmation of the CBAM arrangements post 1st April 26?

A11: There are still several things pending from the commission in terms of the arrangements, with some answers to potentially come in January. In the longer-term EU and UK have agreed to explore the prospect of linking their respective ETS's (Emissions Trading Scheme) which would negate the need for the application of their respective CBAMs.

4 Energy Market Policy (EMP)

No questions were raised during this segment.

5 EirGrid Long Duration Energy Storage (LDES) - Feedback on Procurement Consultation

Q1: Are there plans to provide a road map for the enduring support scheme for LDES?

A1: It is in the planning stage; further details will be shared in due course.

Q2: Will EirGrid share the recommendations paper that is going to CRU (Commission for Regulation of Utilities) in Q1 2026 with the industry also?

A2: EirGrid will make its recommendation paper available to industry.