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Innovations in electricity market design for solar and wind integration -**Lessons learned from Europe**

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AGENDA

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Innovations in electricity market design for solar and wind integration

Setting the scene:

• Innovation landscape for a renewablepowered future, Arina Anisie, IRENA

Presentations:

- Overview of innovations in electricity market design, Elena Ocenic, IRENA
- Insights into the European electricity
 market, Mathieu Fransen, ACER

Q&A



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SETTING THE SCENE

Innovation Landscape for a renewable-powered future

Arina Anisie, IRENA





Systemic innovation for an integrated renewable energy system





Emerging innovations for wind and solar PV integration



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30 Innovation Briefs







https://www.irena.org/publications/2019/Feb/Innovation-landscape-for-a-renewable-powered-future

Digital Innovation Toolbox

Innovation Toolbox

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Rapidly integrating solar and wind power to cut emissions and meet key climate goals poses technical and economic challenges.

Innovation Toolbox offers **30 innovations** emerging across four key dimensions: enabling technologies, business models, market design and system operation.

These innovations can be mixed and matched as needed to create solutions. While the combinations could be endless, the Toolbox outlines **11 solutions** as examples of how to achieve system-wide synergies.

Explore the Innovation Toolbox based on your own technical, economic or societal requirements:

- Select from the 30 innovations on the left to discover each in more detail.
- Select a solution to see how different innovations can work together.
- Access tutorial to learn how to use to the Toolbox.

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Flexibility solutions



https://www.irena.org/innovation/Toolbox



Power sector transformation

 Electrification of end-use sectors is an emerging solution to maintain value and avoid curtailment of VRE, and help decarbonize other sectors



The increasing deployment of Distributed Energy Resources (DERs) turns the consumer into an active participant, **fostering demand-side management**.

Digital technologies enable
 faster response, better
 management of assets,
 connecting devices, collecting
 data, monitor and control



Source: IRENA (2019), Innovation landscape for a renewable-powered future: Solutions to integrate variable renewables



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Overview of innovations in electricity market design

Elena Ocenic, IRENA



IRENA's innovation landscape for VRE integration



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IRENA (2019), Innovation landscape for a renewable-powered future: Solutions to integrate variable renewables

Each solution tackles a power sector segment





Key system operation challenges:

- Ensuring power system stability: annual average inertia is expected to decrease from 202 GWs (2020) to 159 GWs (2040);
- **Balancing demand and supply:** greater consumption in the South and significant hydropower generation in the North;
- **Expanding the network:** long lead times for distribution & transmission infrastructure (EUR 15 billion to be invested by 2025).





Example of solution combining innovations





- ancillary services, including frequency and voltage support from VRE sources;
- Enables the provision of such ancillary services with the help of more precise solar and wind power generation forecasts.

Innovative ancillary services from both conventional and variable renewable energy sources

Sweden – Battery energy storage system at Forshuvud hydropower plant for better ancillary services





Germany – EWeLiNE, ORKA, ORKA2 and Gridcast projects improving VRE generation forecasts



United States – Flexibility incentivised in California with innovative ancillary services



Example of solution combining innovations







Europe – 15- and 30-minute intraday products traded closer to real-time delivery



European transmission system operators – pilots for a common balancing market



IRENA (2020), Innovative solutions for 100% renewable power in Sweden

Market design innovations

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IRENA (2019), Innovation landscape for a renewable-powered future: Solutions to integrate variable renewables

Increasing time granularity in electricity markets



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INCREASING TIME GRANULARITY IN How to internalize the value of flexibility in the market price?

- Reducing the market time units (the duration of dispatch);
- Reducing the time span between **trading gate closure** and **physical real-time delivery** of power (the lead time).

KEY ENABLING FACTORS

Advanced computational power and optimisation modelling software



Efficient price formation in well-functioning markets

BENEFITS



Increasing time granularity in electricity markets

Short term:

Improved flexibility in operations through price signals

Long term:

Optimised investments in flexible generation capacity (through granular price signals)



Enable higher shares of VRE in the power system

SSNAPSHOT

- Shorter market time units are explored in California (United States), Brazil, Germany and other European markets.
- Shorter lead times are proposed in Australia, the Nordic power market in Europe (reduced to 15 minutes), Austria, Belgium and Germany (reduced to 5 minutes).



IRENA (2019), Innovation landscape brief: Increasing time granularity in electricity markets

Increasing space granularity in electricity markets (I)

Why?

Zonal and nodal pricing reflect grid congestions. Increasing space granularity in electricity markets can help reduce re-dispatch costs and drive investments where most needed.

BENEFITS



Increasing space granularity in electricity markets

Short term:

Avoid costly re-dispatch and incentivise demand response in areas with high prices

Long term:

Optimise network and generation capacity investments through price signals



Incentivise investments in VRE generation in areas with high prices

Incentivise investments in the grid between areas with high price differences

2KEY ENABLING FACTORS



Advanced computational power and optimisation modelling software



Clear and transparent pricing methodology



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INCREASING SPACE

GRANULARITY IN ELECTRICITY MARKETS

IRENA (2019), Innovation landscape brief: Increasing space granularity in electricity markets

Increasing space granularity in electricity markets (II)



IRENA (2019), Innovation landscape brief: Increasing space granularity in electricity markets IRENA – Energy Community (2018) - Joint Workshop on Grid Integration of Variable Renewable Energy Sources



Innovative ancillary services



Why?

Ancillary services are vital to support power system operation. There are two types: frequency and **non-frequency** services (voltage control, black start).

SNAPSHOT

	Batteries can provide ancillary services in Australia, Belgium, Germany, Netherlands, UK and USA
	Wind power generators can provide balancing services in nine European countries
1	A US system operator uses separated ramping products to help the system meet ramping needs
8#8 8#8	The exchange of balancing services across borders in Europe is increasing
	Local flexibility markets emerge in Germany and UK, where ancillary services are procured by the DSOs

ANCILLARY SERVICE PRODUCTS AND MARKET PARTICIPANTS



New products



• Ramping products • Fast response frequency reserve



New market participants

- Wind turbines providing inertial response
- · Solar PV and batteries providing voltage support
- Distributed energy resources providing frequency and voltage control



Increased flexibility for VRE integration

ZKEY ENABLING FACTORS

- Defining performance-based products
- Separating capacity and energy products, ←|→ and contracting periods
- Separating upwards and downwards J↑
 - balancing products



Redesigning capacity markets

Why?

Some power systems need a mechanism, like capacity markets, to ensure generation adequacy and security of supply.

3 snapshot

- Under the French capacity mechanism, consumers with flexible loads can opt to provide demand response.
- In Alberta, Canada, the capacity markets require all participants to submit the ramping capability.
- In the single electricity market of Ireland and United Kingdom, interconnectors, renewable energy sources and demand response are allowed to participate in capacity markets.

KEY INNOVATIONS IN CAPACITY MARKETS



KEY ENABLING FACTORS

- Adoption of a clear methodology for defining the capacity credit of VRE resources
- Deployment advanced metering infrastructure for demand-side participation

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REDESIGNING CAPACITY MARKETS INNOVATION LANDSCAPE BRIEF





IRENA (2019), Innovation landscape brief: Redesigning capacity markets

Regional markets



Regional markets require the harmonisation of market rules for electricity to flow freely in response to market-based price signals. The deeper the integration, the more rules needs to be harmonised. There are different stages of market integration:

BENEFITS

- Increased flexibility through expanding balancing area

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- Advantages of spatial complementarity of VRE generation
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Co-ordinate generation planning

Reduce system operation cost





arrangements and governance model

Robust IT system for market operation



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Insights into the European electricity market

Mathieu Fransen, ACER



Agenda

EU Electricity wholesale market - MMR Key findings at a glance

- Efficient use of cross-zonal capacity
- Maximise cross zonal capacity
- Cost-efficient Security of Supply

Forward looking market design innovations



EU Electricity wholesale market - MMR Key findings at a glance

Objective (CEP)	Target	Indicator Current level		
"Efficient use of the available cross zonal capacity"	100%	Efficient use of cross-zonal capacity across all market timeframes	\checkmark	87% in the DA timeframe
"Maximise the amount of cross- zonal capacity available for trade"	70%	share of capacity of network elements offered for trade	×	Often below 20%*
"Ensure security of supply in a cost-efficient manner"	Capacity ma where adeq market disto	rkets should be implemented only when and uacy issues are expected and after removing ortions	×	Potential inconsistency between established CMs and expected adequacy issues

*For example, in the CWE region the average capacity available for trade on the weakest network each hour was below 20% for the period 2016-2018



The completion of DA and ID markets integration through market coupling is getting closer... Implementation status of single DA and ID market coupling (November 2019)







..as a result, the (limited) cross-border capacity made available to the market is used very efficiently in the DA timeframe. In the ID and balancing timeframes there is significant room for improvement.



Efficient use of interconnectors in the different timeframes in 2018 (%)

Note: * ID and balancing values are based on a selection of EU borders.



Market coupling contributes to price convergence, although price convergence is not an objective as such





Market coupling brings additional benefits, e.g. increased ID liquidity enabling market participants' access to a larger portfolio of bids and offers to balance their positions

Monthly evolution of the cross-zonal intraday traded volumes for all continuous trading markets 2017–2018 (TWh)



(Intra-zonal trades not displayed)

Electricity wholesale markets: maximise cross zonal capacity

- The calculation of cross-zonal capacity is crucial for the internal electricity market. It should ensure the efficient management of network congestion, along with the management of remedial actions, network investments and the definition of bidding-zones
- Although some progress was achieved in this area over the years, the level of efficiency, transparency and non-discrimination expected by the European legal and regulatory framework has not fully been reached.
- The recast Electricity Regulation provides a new opportunity to improve congestion management while ensuring a minimum level of cross-zonal capacity (70% target*)
- Following a request from the cross-border committee, **ACER**, in close coordination with the EC, NRAs, TSOs and ENTSO-E, **adopted a Recommendation in August**
- Based on this Recommendation, and on ad-hoc data provided by TSOs, the levels of margin available for cross-zonal trade (MACZT) can be estimated in a harmonised manner.
- The monitoring of MACZT estimates the flows induced by cross-zonal trade within the EU (and with third countries, subject to conditions)



Electricity wholesale markets: maximise cross zonal capacity

 Increasing the share of physical capacity offered for cross-zonal trade remains a priority: important efforts needed to reach the 70% CEP target

Average relative margin available for cross zonal trade (MACZT) on selected AC bidding-zone borders in Europe – 2016–2018



Note: The average relative MACZT is computed over all declared critical network elements, taking EU bidding-zone borders into account. The margin available for trade on a given border is displayed from the perspective of the two Member States at both sides of the border.

Member States and borders are selected based on the confidence in data, i.e. only borders for which the confidence was sufficient are displayed.

Density function of the lowest hourly relative MACZT of CNECs in the Core (CWE) region, per MS – 2016–2018



Source: ACER calculations based on ENTSO-E/TSOs and Nordpool data.

Note: For each MS, the density describes the relative frequency of the value among all considered values. Part of the density function lies beyond 160% for Austria.



Electricity wholesale markets: cost-efficient Security of Supply

Several Member States have established or plan to establish a Capacity Mechanism, whereas a number of these Member States do not seem to face an adequacy problem in 2020 or 2025

Facts:

- CMs continued to emerge in Europe (six mechanisms approved by the EC in February 2018).
- More than **2.5 billion euros** spent in CMs in Europe in 2018. Costs related to CMs expected to increase in the future.

- Entso-E's MAF results (2020-2025)
- Conservative
 reliability standards

Perceived need for Capacity Mechanisms based on the ENTSO-E mid-term adequacy forecast (MAF) 2018 results



No CM

CM adopted/operational - possible national SoS issue in MAF

- CM adopted no national SoS issue in MAF
- CM operational no national SoS issues in MAF

Note: In Spain (*), the CM used to comprise "investment incentives" and "availability payments". The availability payments were removed in June 2018 and the investment incentives only apply to generation capacity installed before 2016. In Italy (**) the analysis suggests potential adequacy issues at the bidding zone level, in Italy-Centre-North and Italy-Sicily, rather than at the national level.



Source: ENTSO-E, NRAs and ACER calculations

Electricity wholesale markets: Additional benefits

The recommendations included in preceding MMRs remain valid: Any step to remove the discrimination of crosszonal exchanges will bring significant benefits to end-consumers

> Social welfare* benefits already obtained and to be obtained from various actions intended to increase EU markets integration Removing discrimination of



Welfare gains already obtained
Welfare gains to be obtained

Note: *Gross benefits. The fading color for some categories reflect that the welfare gains are based on third party estimations and/or subject to considerable uncertainty.



Source: ENTSO-E, NRAs, NEMOs, Vulcanus and ACER calculations

Forward looking – Market design innovations

- Improve the time granularity in wholesale electricity markets
 - Markets should align with physics
 - Price formation should ensure relevant prices for electricity in for each timeframe:
 - Make the forward markets more accessible for all and more flexible to changes in bidding zones
 - Day ahead and intraday markets: @15 minute market time unit
 - One real time value of electricity: equal imbalance & balancing energy price
 - Scarcity pricing to improve prices real time scarcity situation
 - Ensure back-propagation of the real time price to all preceding market timeframes



Forward looking – Market design innovations

- Improve the space granularity in wholesale electricity markets
 - Markets should align with physics
 - price formation should ensure relevant prices reflecting scarcity of transmission
 - Move to flow-based allocation for Forward, Day Ahead and Intraday markets in meshed networks
 - Align bidding zone borders with structural congestion allow to offer 70% of physical capacity
 - Introduce ID auctions at frequent intervals in ID markets to price
 - Recalculate available cross zonal capacity regularly up to real time
 - Coordinate energy & ancillary services / balancing markets
 - RCCs/SORs and align market area's bidding zones with system operation zones / LFC Area's
 - Allow to progress at different paces while ensuring interoperability (service provision from DSOs
 - Residual congestions and the need for redispatch should be minimised



Forward looking – Market design innovations

- Provision of innovative ancillary services by new technologies
 - Ensure EU-wide optimisation of energy and ancillary services to harness benefits from mutual interdependency.
 - Avoid to create new markets when existing markets can solve the need
 - Ensure interoperability between DSO and TSO grids providing the services
 - Create European balancing markets
 - EU Platforms for the exchange of all the balancing energy products
 - harmonising and integrating dimensioning, procuring and cross-zonal exchanges of balancing capacity

• Implementation of the intraday trading timeframe and its impact on renewable energy supply

- Improve RES operational and investment behaviour
- Ensure technology-neutrality, e.g. for new entrants: DSR, storage, RES, network development
- Market facilitation and unbundling: TSOs/DSOs should not own storage in the new world.



Closing









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