

First exchange of aFRR via PICASSO: the pan-European Platform for the International Coordination of Automatic Frequency Restoration Reserves and Stable System Operation

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The electricity transmission system operators (TSOs) of the Platform for the International Coordination of Automated Frequency Restoration and Stable System Operation (PICASSO) are pleased to announce that after the successful go-live of the platform on 1 June 2022 together with the first TSO accession from CEPS, on 22 June the German TSOs (50 Hertz, Amprion, Tennet Germany and TransnetBW) and APG, the Austrian TSO, have successfully accessed the platform and have exchanged via the platform, together with CEPS, the first balancing energies from frequency restoration reserves with automatic activation. This also marks the harmonization of their national markets for balancing energy from aFRR in accordance with the EB Regulation.

The accession of the German and Austrian TSOs was the next step in the European-wide coupling of national balancing markets for aFRR.

With these accessions, PICASSO operation results in TSO-TSO interchanges of balancing energy from aFRR, starting more than one month ahead of the legal implementation deadline set by the Electricity Balancing Regulation (EB Regulation¹) on 24 July 2022.

Further planned accessions are published in the PICASSO accession roadmap².

Notes

About PICASSO

PICASSO is the implementation project endorsed by all TSOs through the ENTSO-E Market Committee. PICASSO project includes 26 TSO members and 4 TSO observers (see [PICASSO webpage](#) for further details).

The project establishes the European platform for the exchange of balancing energy from frequency restoration reserves with automatic activation or aFRR-Platform, pursuant to Article 21 of the Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/2195 of 23 November 2017 establishing a guideline on electricity balancing (EB Regulation). This includes amongst others the deployment of a standard product, harmonized gate closure times, a common merit order list, a central activation optimization function, merit order activation and a harmonized pricing of balancing energy. With the approval by ACER of the all TSOs' proposal regarding the Implementation Framework for PICASSO on 24 January 2020, the legal deadline for implementation of the platform was set to 30 months later, on 24 July 2022, in accordance with Article 22.6 of EB GL.

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Please contact the press officers of the Member TSOs of the PICASSO project for further information.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32017R2195>

² [PICASSO Accession Roadmap \(April 2022\)](#)