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Policy paper future of balancing

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Stakeholders and ACER main future challenges for balancing markets

MESC workshop on 9 October: future challenges of the balancing markets

Additional Potential Challenges Identified by ACER

Transparent, inclusive & level-playing filed balancing markets

- **Close to real-time data publication & access**
- Sufficiently **liquid** and **accessible to all technologies**
- Balancing operation & rules ensuring **level playing field market** for European balancing market participants

Further integration of balancing markets & cross-border exchange

- Availability of **cross-zonal capacity** to enable sufficient access to cheaper cross-border balancing resources
- **Regional cooperation** for cross-border exchange and reducing **procurement costs**

Reliable balancing markets

- Ensuring that **balancing activation** including RES and DERs, does not create or aggravate **real-time congestion**
- Balancing **market signals** supporting efficient balancing and **congestion management**

Balancing market signals

- Providing **appropriate incentives** for market participants to contribute to **EU-wide system balance**, following introduction of EU balancing platforms
- **BRPs responses** and creation of **oscillations** or additional **imbalances**

Evolving short-term markets

- **Close-to-real-time** balancing markets and processes as **intraday gate closure times** move closer to real-time
- **Shorter lead times** and balancing markets & secure system operation