

# ACER draft amendments to the Network Code on Requirements for Generators

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## Introduction

This consultation aims to present ACER's draft amendments to the Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/631 of 14 April 2016 establishing a **Network Code on Requirements for Grid Connection of Generators ('NC RfG')**.

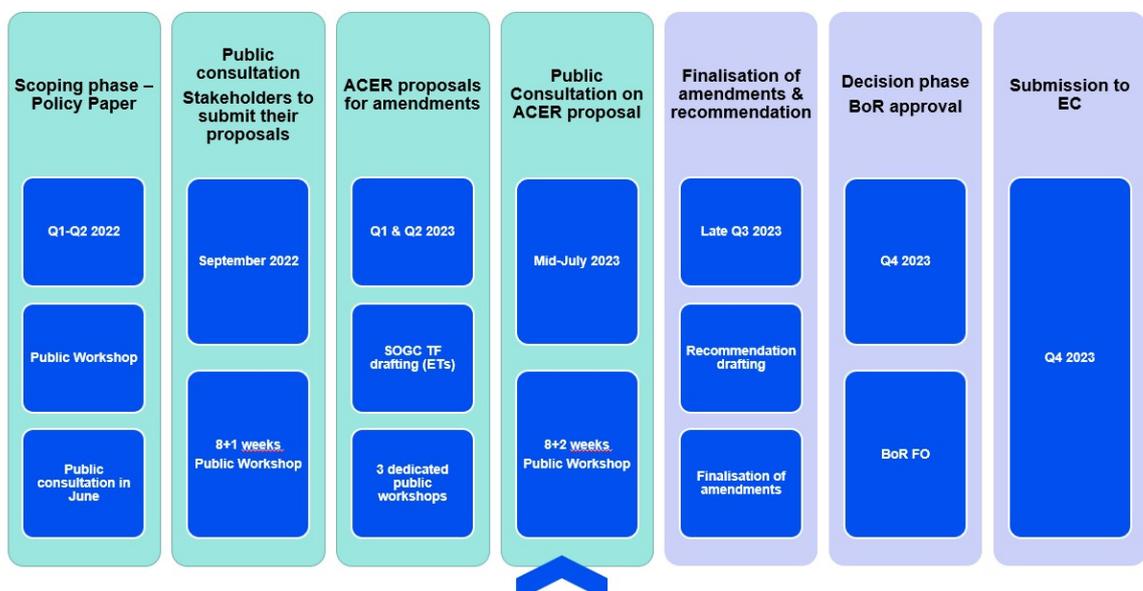
For draft amendments concerning Network Code on Demand Connection ('NC DC'), please go to the respective form: [NC DC](#).

**Responses to this consultation should be submitted by 25 September 2023.**

## Background

Important developments in the policies of decarbonisation of the European Union (EU) energy and transport sectors have taken place since the inception of the development of the first European Grid Connection Network Codes (GC NCs) in 2012.

In the framework of the Grid Connection European Stakeholder Committee (GC ESC), the European Commission proposed for ACER to initiate the process towards the amendment of the existing GC NCs in September 2022. The amendment process, as presented to the GC ESC is outlined in the Figure below:



Following the scoping phase, ACER published the Policy Paper on the revision of the network code on requirements for grid connection of generators and the network code on demand connection in September 2022. The Policy Paper aimed to transparently indicate to stakeholders the key policy areas in which amendments were to be expected.

**[Access the ACER Policy Paper on the revision of the NC RfG and NC DC.](#)**

As a next step, ACER launched the Public Consultation to gather stakeholders' views and concrete amendment proposals regarding the GC NCs. The stakeholders could submit their inputs by 21 November 2022.

**[Access the results of the Public Consultation on the amendments to the grid connection network codes.](#)**

Additionally, in the preparation of the draft amendment proposals, ACER organised three dedicated public workshops, namely:

- [electromobility, power-to-gas demand units and heat-pumps](#) (held on 17 April 2023);
- [rate of change of frequency and grid forming capabilities](#) (held on 10 May 2023); and
- [electricity storage](#) (held on 11 May 2023).

After the evaluation of stakeholders' inputs, ACER has formulated its own proposal for the amendments of the GC NCs which is subject to this public consultation.

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## Stakeholder's details

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\* Name of the stakeholder:

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\* Contact person:

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\* Contact person's email address:

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\* Country of the stakeholder's headquarters or main country of operation:

Czechia

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\* Type of the stakeholder:

- Generator (including association)
- Consumer (including association)
- Transmission system operator (including association)
- Distribution system operator (including association)
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- Regulatory authority
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## Instructions

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Stakeholders are invited to submit their comments to the NC RfG articles amended by ACER in three mandatory steps:

1. by downloading the ACER draft amendments in the Word file provided below. The file can also be accessed on the right panel of the consultation form under the Background Documents;
2. by commenting on the ACER's draft amendments through this online consultation form and adding their alternative text proposals to the table, if any; and
3. by uploading the alternative amendment proposals to the **entire NC RfG** using the Track Changes mode in the ACER draft amendments file downloaded from **Step 1**.

Where the stakeholder does not have any comments regarding the amendments, the relevant cells in the consultation form can be left blank.

The mandatory steps for submitting the comments are listed below.

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### ***Step 1***

Please see ACER's draft amendments in the Word file provided below. The file can also be accessed on the right panel of the consultation form under the Background Documents.

## [Download ACER draft amendments to the NC RfG here](#)

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### *Step 2*

**Kindly note that this consultation form follows the structure of the NC RfG amended legal text provided by ACER in Step 1.**

The paragraph numbering in the form reflects paragraph numbers in the amended legal text. Nevertheless, stakeholders can comment on the deleted paragraphs/articles/titles, which are marked as [deleted]. New articles and titles are marked as [new].

Please use this form to comment on ACER draft amendments and/or to provide an alternative text proposal. The instructions are the following:

Please write your comments on the ACER draft amendments and your alternative text proposals, if any, in the table below.

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Article 4a [new]		
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Article 7		
Article 8		
Article 9		
Article 10		
Article 11		
Article 12		

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	Text amendment proposal (if applicable)
New article	3

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Where the stakeholder would like to propose an alternative amendment to the **entire NC RfG**, please upload the Word file (**downloaded from Step 1**) containing all your alternative amendment proposals in the Track Changes mode to the next **FILE UPLOAD** section and rename it with your stakeholder's name ("ACER\_draft\_RfG\_stakeholder\_name"). You can also upload your justification documents, where applicable.

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## Whereas Section

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Please write your comments on the ACER draft amendments and your alternative text proposals, if any, in the table below

Numbers in the first column correspond to the recitals of the amended version of NC RfG Whereas section, including new recitals

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## Definitions (Article 2)

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Article 2(6)		
Article 2(7)		
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## TITLE I - General provisions

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	Comment on the ACER draft amendments	Alternative text amendment proposal (if applicable)
Article 1		
Article 3		
Article 4	<p>4.2.b: it seems that the delay is 2 years for SPGMs but 3 years for PPMs. Why? Could we put 3 years for all PGMs: it would mean that if the generator has concluded a final and binding contract for the purchase of the main generating plant by 3 years after the entry into force of this Regulation, it would not apply.</p> <p>Also, besides TSOs, DSOs should be included here to propose additional criteria defining a significant modernisation.</p> <p>On Art. 4 (3) regarding the cost-benefit analysis we stress the importance of taking into account market parties, especially the role of the generating asset owner in this exercise, and to clarify who is expected to carry the burden of the costs – any CBA should be neutral and ensure a level playing field between the SOs and generators.</p>	
	<p>Proposal to add/modify on on Art. 4a (2) a:  “an increase above the latest contractual maximum capacity of the power-generating module, whether this increase results from one modernisation or several successive modernisations, of a minimum percentage to be defined in the range 5-20 (newly suggested: 5-30) %” (within this range, different percentages</p>	

Article 4a [new]

may be defined for different technologies depending on their constraints)

Justification: We consider that additional criteria regarding substantial modification may trigger additional Capex for some projects and thus put undue risk on some investments:

- the range 5-20% for Power Generating Modules (and not installations) may prevent some hydro power plants from investing in improvements on one machine in a multi-machine installation (e.g. + 30% on only one machine in a hydro power plant consisting of 5 machines would require compliance with RfG v2, even if at the end the Pmax increase would only amount to  $30\%/5 = 6\%$ ...).

- we propose to delete the criterion c) "change in frequency capabilities", if the performances and electrotechnical capabilities for the TSOs are not changed, it should not lead to substantial modification

- regarding reactive power, there is a need to propose a minimal high value (at least 10%), otherwise, any change including an improvement in the reactive power capability would lead to a substantial modification, and thus the investment may not be made

- what is the exact definition of a component? We propose in this context to delete the criterion (d), or, at least, define exactly "component / asset". It should exclude current practices from the modernisation procedure as generator rewind, change of control system, the transformer, the governor or the automatic voltage regulator. Furthermore, it should also exclude a change in

the main transformer, a modernisation of the remote control (analogical to digital for instance), or a change of primary source of energy (example: coal to biomass, or CH<sub>4</sub> to other gases, or Gas Oil to HVO/bioliquid, etc).

Proposal to modify Article 4a.3:

We believe the general principle should be that the criteria apply only to the modernised part of the power-generating module, hence Article 4a point 3 shall be amended accordingly.

Article 5	<p>In 5.2 (b) we suggest to delete "specified by each relevant TSO" as proposals for defining thresholds between types of power-generating modules shall be subject to approval by the relevant regulatory authority or, where applicable, the Member State. In developing the proposals, the TSO shall coordinate with relevant DSOs and conduct a public consultation.</p> <p>On 5.3 we suggest the following new wording:</p> <p>3. Proposals for maximum capacity thresholds for types B, C and D power-generating modules shall be subject to approval by the relevant regulatory authority or, where applicable, the Member State. In accordance with Article 10 Relevant System Operators and relevant TSOs shall carry out a public consultation, in coordinated manner among them, including also competent authorities of each Member State and taking into account the views of the stakeholders. A proposal by the relevant TSO to change the thresholds shall not be made sooner than three years after the approval of the previous proposal.</p> <p>Justification/comment on the ACER remarks: The proposal of modification aim to improve and harmonise the way to work to establish the thresholds for each kind of PGMs in accordance with the article 10, where is foreseen a full coordination between RSOs and relevant TSOs at national level.</p>	
Article 6		
Article 7		
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## TITLE II CHAPTER 1 - General Requirements

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### General requirements for type A power-generating modules

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Article 13(1)		

Article 13(2)	<p>We propose to erase the new requirement regarding the 51,5 Hz-52,5 Hz frequency range. It is not justified, and was initially only created to take into account the new Rocof profile in the overfrequency range. No real analysis was performed about it.</p> <p>We again underline that the “Unlimited” requirement for the frequency range 49Hz-51Hz may seem irrelevant, during the 2006 huge grid incident, the frequency has not stayed for more than one hour in the vicinity of 49Hz.</p> <p>In table 2, delete "to be specified by each TSO" as any individual TSO decision on this topic goes against the spirit of paragraph (16) of the recital. It is not justifiable that for a synchronous area each country should have a different frequency withstand criterion. The diverse requirements in each country would create an artificial barrier and entail various MS conformity checking by the equipment suppliers.</p> <p>On 13.2 (d), we propose to delete this part as it is not justified or explained anywhere and as a matter of form this requirement should be anyhow in the table as are all other frequency requirements.</p> <p>Other values might be adopted given that they are uniform for a synchronous area. ENTSO-E should play an important part in bringing together the TSOs to define these criteria for each synchronous area.</p>	
Article 13(3)		
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**[NEW] General requirements for type EV1 and EV2 V2G electric vehicles and associated V2G electric vehicle supply equipment**

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	Comment on the ACER draft amendments	Alternative text amendment proposal (if applicable)
Article 13a(1)		
Article 13a(2)		
Article 13a(3)		
Article 13a(4)		
Article 13a(5)		
Article 13a(6)		
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Article 13a(11)		

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**General requirements for type B power-generating modules**

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	Comment on the ACER draft amendments	Alternative text amendment proposal (if applicable)
Article 14(1)		
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Article 14(5)		

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**[NEW] Requirements for type EV3 electric vehicles and associated V2G electric vehicle supply equipment and V2G electrical charging parks**

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	Comment on the ACER draft amendments	Alternative text amendment proposal (if applicable)
Article 14a(1)		
Article 14a(2)		
Article 14a(3)		
Article 14a(4)		
Article 14a(5)		
Article 14a(6)		
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Article 14a(8)		

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### General requirements for type C power-generating modules

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	Comment on the ACER draft amendments	Alternative text amendment proposal (if applicable)
Article 15(1)		
Article 15(2)		
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Article 15(3)		
Article 15(4)	On 15.4. (a) regarding Black Start capabilities, in the case of pumped storage with BS capability, it cannot be guaranteed that the power-generation module will be able to be operational for the full system restoration phase in case this would go beyond the pumped storage availability, hence only a certain amount of MWh can be guaranteed for such assets, similar to large battery storage systems with BS capability.	
Article 15(5)		

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**General requirements for type D power-generating modules**

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	Comment on the ACER draft amendments	Alternative text amendment proposal (if applicable)
Article 16(1)		
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Article 16(3)		
Article 16(4)		

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## TITLE II CHAPTER 2 - Requirements for synchronous power-generating modules

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**[NEW] Requirements for type A synchronous power-generating modules**

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	Comment on the ACER draft amendments	Alternative text amendment proposal (if applicable)
Article X		

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## Requirements for type B synchronous power-generating modules

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Article 17(1)		
Article 17(2)		
Article 17(3)		

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### Requirements for type C synchronous power-generating modules

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Article 18(1)		
Article 18(2)		

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### Requirements for type D synchronous power-generating modules

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Article 19(1)		
Article 19(2)		
Article 19(3)		
Article 19(4)		

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## TITLE II CHAPTER 3 - Requirements for power park modules

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**[NEW]** Requirements for type A power park modules

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Article Y(1)		
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Article Y(3)		
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Article Y(5)		
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### Requirements for type B power park modules

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Article 20(1)		
Article 20(2)		
Article 20(3)		
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### Requirements for type C power park modules

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Article 21(1)		
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Article 21(3)		
Article 21(4)		

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## Requirements for type D power park modules

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Article 22(1)		
Article 22(2)		

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## TITLE II CHAPTER 4 - Requirements for offshore power park modules

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## TITLE III - Operational notification procedure for connection

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Article 29		
Article 30		
Article 30a [new]		
Article 30b [new]		
Article 31		
Article 32		
Article 33	<p>Include in title: Procedure for type B, C and D power-generating modules. Justification: The procedures defined for type D should also be applicable for types B and C to facilitate the connection of these generators. Otherwise there is a different understanding in different member states.</p> <p>Also to include in article: The operational notification procedure for connection of each new type B, C and D power-generating module shall comprise (..), same justification as above.</p>	
Article 34		
Article 35		
Article 36		
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## TITLE IV - Compliance

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Article 52	<p>The requirement regarding simulation of island operation following Article 52(4) should only be required if stated by the relevant system operator.</p> <p>Justification: Operation during islanding can be required by the relevant system operator. If island operation is not required, a simulation of island operation should neither be required.</p>	
Article 53		

Article 54	<p>The requirement regarding simulation of island operation following Article 52(4) should only be required if stated by the relevant system operator.</p> <p>Justification: Operation during islanding can be required by the relevant system operator. If island operation is not required, a simulation of island operation should neither be required.</p>	
Article 55		
Article 56		
Article 57		
Article 58		
Article 59		

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