
**~~ENTSO-E Proposal for~~ ACER Decision on RCC
Post-Operation and Post-Disturbances Analysis and Reporting
Methodology: Annex I**

**Regional Coordination Centre Post-Operation and
Post-Disturbances Analysis and Reporting
Methodology**

in accordance with Article 37 (1) (i) of the Regulation (EU) 2019/943 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 June 2019 on the internal market for electricity

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ENTSO-E, taking into account the following,

Whereas

- ~~The~~ Regulation (EU) 2019/943 ~~on the internal market for electricity adopted by the of the~~ European Union Parliament and of the Council of 5 June 2019 ~~on the internal market for electricity~~ (hereafter referred to as “Regulation”¹. ~~The Regulation (EU) 2019/943”~~)² was developed and adopted as part of the European Union’s Clean Energy Package for All Europeans.
- Article 35 of ~~this~~ Regulation ~~establishes~~ (EU) 2019/943 provides for the establishment of regional coordination centres (RCCs) while Article 37 ~~enlists~~ lists the RCCs’ tasks ~~and their roles~~. Article 37(1)(i) mandates the RCCs to carry out post-operation and post-disturbances analysis and reporting while Annex I of ~~the~~ Regulation (EU) 2019/943 provides further details:
 - ~~This document “6.1 sets out the methodology for Regional coordination centres shall investigate~~ Coordination Centre Post-Operation and ~~prepare a report on any incident above the threshold~~ Post-Disturbances Analysis and Reporting (hereafter referred to in point 4.2³ (of Annex I in Regulation (EU) 2019/943). ~~The regulatory authorities in as the system operation region and ACER may be involved in the investigation upon their request. The report shall contain recommendations aiming to prevent similar incidents in future.~~
 - ~~6.2 Regional coordination centres shall publish the report. ACER may issue recommendations aiming to prevent similar incidents in future.”~~
- ~~This document is a methodology”~~, developed by the European Network of Transmission System Operators for Electricity (ENTSO-E), ~~with consultations from RCCs~~, in accordance with ~~the~~ Regulation (EU) 2019/943 and in particular, Article 37-(1)-(i) and Article 37(5) on the obligation of the RCCs to carry out post-operation and post-disturbances analysis and reporting. ~~¶~~ This methodology provides definitions, describes the RCC investigation, defines the RCC investigation threshold, explains the data collection process, prescribes the work of the Expert Panel and guides the RCCs in the process of preparation of the post-disturbances report. ~~This document is hereafter referred to as the ‘methodology’.~~
- ~~The~~ ENTSO-E’s methodology on the “Incident Classification Scale (ICS)” approved by ENTSO-E System Operations Committee on 04 December 2019⁴ was used to support the development of ~~the Regional Coordination Centre Post-Operation and Post-Disturbances Analysis and Reporting Methodology~~ this methodology.
- This methodology ~~is~~ was subject to public consultation and ACER approval according to Article 27 of ~~the~~ Regulation (EU) 2019/943.

¹ European Union (2019), Regulation (EU) 2019/943 on the internal market for electricity adopted by the European Union and of the Council of 5 June 2019, Brussels, Belgium <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32019R0943>.

² OJ L 158, 14.6.2019, p. 54–124

³ All transmission system operators shall agree on a threshold above which the impact of actions of one or more transmission system operators in the emergency, blackout or restoration states is considered significant for other transmission system operators synchronously or non-synchronously interconnected

⁴ ENTSO-E (2019), Incidents Classification Scale, Brussels, Belgium [https://eepublicdownloads.entsoe.eu/clean-documents/SOC%20documents/Incident Classification Scale/200629 Incident Classification Scale Methodology revised an](https://eepublicdownloads.entsoe.eu/clean-documents/SOC%20documents/Incident%20Classification%20Scale/200629%20Incident%20Classification%20Scale%20Methodology%20revised%20an%20in%20use%20as%20of%202020.pdf)

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6. According to ~~the Article 42(3) of Regulation (EU) 2019/943 on the internal market for electricity adopted by the European Union and of the Council of 5 June 2019, Article 42(3)~~, the RCCs shall issue recommendations to the transmission system operators (TSOs) in relation to the tasks listed in points (c) to (p) of Article 37(1) or assigned in accordance with Article 37(2). ~~Where~~In accordance with the same article, where a ~~transmission system operator~~TSO decides to deviate from a recommendation ~~as referred to in paragraph 1 issued by RCCs~~, it shall submit a justification for its decision to ~~regional coordination centres~~RCCs and to the other ~~transmission system operators~~TSOs of the system operation region without undue delay.⁵
7. ~~Non-European Union countries (Third countries), their Transmission System Operators (TSOs) and Regional Coordination Centres (RCCs) are not legally mandated to abide with processes described by this methodology however they are invited to follow it together by the EU Member States.~~

⁵ European Union (2019), Regulation (EU) 2019/943 on the internal market for electricity adopted by the European Union and of the Council of 5 June 2019, Brussels, Belgium <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32019R0943>.

Title 1

Definitions and provisions

7. Article 1—Synchronous areas do not stop at the Union's borders and can include the territory of third countries. The Union, Member States and TSOs should aim for secure system operation inside all synchronous areas across the Union. They should support third countries in applying similar rules to those contained in Regulation (EU) 2019/943. ENTSO-E should facilitate cooperation between Union TSOs and third country TSOs and their RCCs concerning secure system operation.
8. In this respect, recital 70 Regulation (EU) 2019/943 further stresses the need for close cooperation with Member States, the Energy Community Contracting Parties and other third countries which apply Regulation (EU) 2019/943 or are part of the synchronous area of Continental Europe. This cooperation should cover all matters concerning the development of an integrated electricity trading region and ensure that no measures are taken that endanger the further integration of electricity markets or security of supply of Member States and Contracting Parties.
9. All TSOs of those synchronous areas neighbouring third country TSOs should endeavour where necessary to enter into agreements setting the basis for their technical cooperation and compliance with the relevant EU legislation.

Title 1

Subject matter, scope and definitions

Article 1

Subject matter and scope

1. This methodology establishes the process to carry out a post-operation and post-disturbances analysis and reporting performed by the RCCs.
2. The RCCs' process to carry out the post-operation and post-disturbances analysis and reporting interacts with the process run by the ICS Expert Panel established for the investigation of incidents on scale 2 and scale 3 in accordance with the ICS Methodology. An RCC Investigation Subgroup is created within the ICS Expert Panel, in case the RCC Investigation Threshold defined in Article 5(1) is met.

Article 2

Definitions and interpretation

1. For the purpose of this ~~document~~methodology, the definitions included in ~~the~~ Article 3 of ~~the~~ Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/1485 of 2 August 2017 establishing a guideline on electricity transmission system operation shall apply.
2. Additionally, the following abbreviations and definitions shall apply to this methodology:
 - a. "ACER" ~~refers to~~means European Union Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators;
 - b. "EAS" ~~refers to~~means ENTSO-E Awareness System;
 - c. "ENTSO-E" ~~refers to~~means European Network of Transmission System Operators for Electricity;
 - d. "ICS" means Incident Classification Scale;
 - e. "ICS Methodology" ~~refers to~~means the applicable methodology on incident classification scale developed by ENTSO-E Incident Classification Scale Methodology⁶ ~~in accordance with Article 30(1)(i) of the Regulation (EU) 2019/943~~
 - f. "ICS Subgroup" ~~refers to~~means the group that is responsible for building and maintaining the ICS Methodology within the ENTSO-E. This group is responsible for the ~~Incident Classification Scale (ICS) data~~collecting the necessary data;
 - g. "ICS Expert Panel" ~~refers to~~means the ~~Expert Panel~~expert panel that conducts the investigation on scale 2 and scale 3 incidents as described in the ICS Methodology⁷;

⁶ ~~ENTSO-E (2019), Incidents Classification Scale, Brussels, Belgium https://eepublicdownloads.entsoe.eu/clean-documents/SOC%20documents/Incident_Classification_Scale/200629_Incident_Classification_Scale_Methodology_revised_and_in_use_as_of_2020.pdf~~

⁷ ~~Chapter 6.2 of ENTSO-E (2019), Incidents Classification Scale, Brussels, Belgium https://eepublicdownloads.entsoe.eu/clean-documents/SOC%20documents/Incident_Classification_Scale/200629_Incident_Classification_Scale_Methodology_revised_and_in_use_as_of_2020.pdf~~

- ~~h.~~ h. “ICS Factual Report” ~~refers to means~~ a report produced by the ICS Expert Panel. ~~The report is produced latest 6 months after;~~
- ~~h.i.~~ h.i. “fault tree analysis” means a top-down approach to identify underlying failures that cause the end of the incident, and provides factual basis for the final report⁸ ~~system level failure to occur;~~
- ~~i.j.~~ i.j. “ICS Final Report” ~~refers to means~~ a report produced by the ICS Expert Panel ~~which contains results of the investigation of the scale 2 or scale 3 incident⁹;~~
- ~~j.k.~~ j.k. “RCC Investigation Threshold” means the threshold, assessed for at least scale 2 incidents as defined by the ICSMICS Methodology, that is defined as being exceeded if as a result of certain actions taken by a transmission system operator (TSO) being in Emergency, Blackout or Restoration system state, another TSO transmission system operator has moved from Normal or Alert System State to Emergency System State ~~(see article 5);~~
- ~~k.l.~~ k.l. “RCC Investigation” means the post-operation and post-disturbances analysis performed by the Regional Coordination Centres ~~(RCCs);~~ that is a sub-procedure of the ICS Expert Panel, as described in Title 2 of this document ~~methodology;~~
- ~~l.m.~~ l.m. “RCC Investigation Subgroup” ~~refers to means~~ a subgroup created within the ICS Expert Panel once meeting the RCC Investigation Threshold is confirmed~~;~~
- ~~m.n.~~ m.n. “NRA” ~~refers to means~~ National Regulatory Authority~~;~~
- ~~n.o.~~ n.o. “RCC” ~~refers to means~~ Regional Coordination ~~Centres~~ Centre;
- ~~p.~~ p. ~~“RCC investigation member” refers to~~ “RCC SPOC” means a single point of contact that functions as a point of communication between the RCC and the ENTSO-E ICS Subgroup.
- ~~o.q.~~ o.q. “RCC member” means a member nominated by each RCC to participate in the RCC Investigation and all related discussions with the ICS Expert Panel ~~(herein after referred to as “RCC member”);~~
- ~~p.r.~~ p.r. “TSO” ~~refers to Transmission~~ means transmission system operator.

Article 2 — Subject matter and scope

- ~~1. This methodology establishes the process to carry out a post-operation and post-disturbances analysis and reporting performed by the Regional Coordination Centres (RCCs).~~
- ~~2. The investigation process for incidents on scale 2 and scale 3 is described in the ICS Methodology and performed by the ICS Expert Panel. The RCCs’ process to carry out the post-operation and post-disturbances analysis and reporting uses the existing Expert Panel of the ICS regarding the post-operation and post-disturbances analysis. An RCC Investigation Subgroup is created within the ICS Expert Panel, in case the RCC Investigation Threshold is met.~~

⁸ Chapter 6.3 of ENTSO-E (2019), Incidents Classification Scale, Brussels, Belgium <https://eepublicdownloads.entsoe.eu/clean-documents/SOC%20documents/Incident-Classification-Scale/200629-Incident-Classification-Scale-Methodology-revised-and-in-use-as-of-2020.pdf>.

⁹ Ibid.
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Title 2 RCC members and incident reporting

Article 3 RCC ~~investigation~~-member

- ~~1.~~ Each RCC shall appoint an RCC SPOC and shall communicate this to the ICS Subgroup via email. The ICS Subgroup shall update the list of RCC SPOCs on an annual basis.
- ~~1.2.~~ Each RCC SPOC shall nominate a main and a backup RCC member responsible to participate in the concerned RCC ~~investigation~~Investigation with the ICS Subgroup ~~and the ICS Expert Panel.~~
- ~~2.3.~~ ~~RCCs shall nominate~~ Each RCC SPOC shall, via email, confirm with the ICS Subgroup the nominated RCC members within one week after the incident occurred and before classification of the incident.
- ~~3.4.~~ The RCCs ~~convener of the ICS Subgroup~~ shall, as soon as possible, inform the ~~ENTSO-E ICS Subgroup on their appointed~~ ICS Expert Panel of the nominated RCC members ~~and share their contact details via email.~~
- ~~4.~~ ~~The RCC members shall analyse and assess, with the ICS Subgroup, if the RCC Investigation Threshold was met for that incident (see Article 4).~~

~~Article 4~~

Article 4

Incident reporting and the RCC Investigation Threshold validation

1. TSOs shall report all incidents that are suspected to be classified as scale 2 or scale 3 incidents in accordance with the ICS Methodology, by using the ICS reporting process as prescribed in the ICS Methodology.
2. If a reported incident affects two or more TSOs, the ICS Subgroup shall classify the incident according to the ICS Methodology and invite all ~~RCCs~~RCC members to verify whether the RCC Investigation Threshold was met. The convener of the ICS Subgroup shall ~~send an email to invite, early on,~~ the RCC members ~~with an invitation~~ to participate in a meeting where this is discussed.
3. The ICS Subgroup and the ~~RCCs~~RCC members shall assess whether the RCC Investigation Threshold was met using the ~~initial available data~~data collected pursuant to paragraph 1. This initial data will be updated with a more recent and accurate data, to the extent available, during the ICS Expert Panel meetings.
4. If, based on the initial data, it is confirmed that the RCC Investigation Threshold was met, at least one ~~representative from the RCCs~~RCC member shall participate in the ICS Expert Panel meetings for the applicable incident under investigation. ~~The participating RCC(s) will represent~~ Where the incident did not affect all RCCs ~~in,~~ the Expert Panel. ~~The ICS Expert Panel shall include also~~ at least one RCC member from ~~the each~~ RCC whose region was not affected by the incident. In case all RCCs were affected, all RCCs shall agree on the RCC members that participate in the ICS Expert Panel meetings for the applicable incident under investigation.

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5. In the factual report of the ICS Expert Panel, a final decision is made shall decide based on the analysis of incident data and sequence of events as to whether the RCC Investigation Threshold was met and include this information in the ICS Factual Report.

Title 3

Relevant incidents and data collection

Article 5

Incidents that classify for the RCC Investigation Threshold

1. The incident classifies as meeting the RCC Investigation Threshold if the following criteria are met:
 - a. ~~As~~as a result of actions taken by a TSO being in ~~Emergency, Blackout~~emergency, blackout or ~~Restoration~~restoration system state, another TSO has moved from Normal or Alert System State to Emergency System State; and
 - b. ~~At~~the incident has been confirmed as at least a scale 2 incident as defined by the ICS Methodology ~~has been confirmed~~.
2. The occurrence of the ~~“Emergency states”~~emergency state shall be ~~re-~~assessed and validated by the ICS Expert Panel in the ICS ~~factual report~~. ~~This assessment is necessary to validate if the RCC Investigation Threshold was met.~~Factual Report.
3. The EAS shall remain an operational tool; that is created to inform ~~other~~ TSOs about the system states. The ICS Expert Panel shall validate whether the incident is relevant for the RCC ~~investigation~~Investigation by performing post-analysis. During the post-analysis the ICS Expert Panel ~~will~~shall determine the factual system states for the relevant control areas during the incident.
4. ~~The RCC Investigation Threshold shall be confirmed in the ICS factual report, where the incident data and sequence of events is analysed.~~

Article 6

Data Collection

1. The RCC Investigation Subgroup, ~~once it is established within the ICS Expert Panel~~, shall use data gathered by the ICS Expert Panel.
2. ~~The~~ RCC Investigation Subgroup shall define what additional data ~~is necessary for each investigation, which can only be~~ related to the RCCs’ tasks, ~~which are indicated in the~~accordance with Article 37 ~~or~~and Annex I of ~~the~~ Regulation (EU) 2019/943.
3. ~~2.~~ Data, ~~is necessary for each RCC Investigation. The data~~ requested shall be specific for each incident.
4. ~~Collection of additional data required for the RCC investigation is gathered by the RCC Investigation Subgroup.~~
5. ~~The~~ RCC Investigation Subgroup shall collect the additional data required from the RCCs and TSOs ~~is gathered through~~with a questionnaire ~~provided by~~sent to the ~~RCC Investigation Subgroup~~ICS Expert Panel. ~~The ICS Expert Panel shall in turn circulate the questionnaire is distributed by the RCC Investigation Subgroup through the ICS Expert Panel.~~
3. ~~The additional data required by the RCC Investigation Subgroup shall be provided by the requested~~with the concerned parties (RCCRCCs and TSOs).

~~6.4. The concerned parties (RCCs and TSOs) shall, as soon as possible and ultimately within 14 calendar days, unless if of the receipt of the questionnaire, provide the RCC Investigation Subgroup with the additional data. If the gathering of the additional data would require via the questionnaire requires more time. Extended, the RCC Investigation Subgroup may extend the deadline has to be decided and announced via email by the RCC Investigation Subgroup.~~

Title 4

RCC investigation, results and reporting

Article 7

Investigation handling

1. ~~If reaching~~In case the ICS Factual Report finds the RCC Investigation Threshold ~~is confirmed in the factual report, a subgroup of the ICS Expert Panel called “was met, the~~ RCC Investigation Subgroup², ~~composed of the members nominated in accordance with Article 3,~~ shall be created ~~consisting of impacted~~under the ICS Expert Panel. Where the incident did not affect all RCCs ~~and a neutral,~~ the RCC ~~that is~~whose region was not ~~impacted~~affected by the incident. ~~The neutral shall lead the ICS Expert Panel. In case all RCCs were affected, all RCCs shall agree on the~~ RCC member that shall lead the RCC Investigation Subgroup.
2. The ~~regulatory authorities~~NRAs in the concerned system operation region and ACER may be involved in the investigation upon their request.
3. The ICS Expert Panel shall appoint a TSO representative that will participate ~~to~~in the RCC Investigation Subgroup. This TSO representative shall come from a TSO not impacted by the incident. In case all TSOs were affected, TSOs shall agree on the TSO member that shall participate in the RCC Investigation Subgroup.
4. The RCC Investigation Subgroup of the ICS Expert Panel shall investigate further the incident as per RCCs’ tasks in accordance with the Article 37 and Annex I of ~~the~~ Regulation (EU) 2019/943¹⁰.
5. The RCC Investigation Subgroup shall meet regularly to analyse the incident related to the RCC tasks.
6. The method used to analyse the incidents shall be based on a well-known method such as the “fault tree analysis”².
7. The RCC Investigation Subgroup shall regularly update the ICS Expert Panel on its work, timeline, preliminary results and conclusions.
8. The ICS Expert Panel shall discuss with the RCC Investigation Subgroup ~~about~~ the preliminary results and conclusions of the RCC Investigation Subgroup and may ask for additional analysis or clarifications.

Article 8

Results of the RCC investigation and reporting

1. The ICS Factual Report shall be prepared by the ICS Expert Panel at the latest 6 months after the end of the incident, and shall provide factual basis for the ICS Final Report as described in the ICS Methodology.

¹⁰ European Union (2019), Regulation (EU) 2019/943 on the internal market for electricity adopted by the European Union and of the Council of 5 June 2019, Brussels, Belgium <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32019R0943>.
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2. ICS Final Report, prepared by the ICS Expert Panel, shall contain the results of the investigation of the scale 2 or scale 3 incident described the ICS Methodology.
- ~~1.3.~~ The conclusions of the RCC ~~investigation~~ Investigation shall be added in a dedicated chapter of the ICS ~~final report~~ Final Report.
- ~~2.4.~~ The RCC ~~investigation~~ Investigation conclusions shall include at least:
 - a. a description of the functioning of the RCC(s) ~~tasks~~ affected ~~tasks~~ by the incident and how these impacted the incident;
 - b. explanations of the reasons for the incident;
 - c. recommendations based on the findings of the RCC ~~investigation~~ Investigation with the aim to avoid ~~future~~ similar incidents in the future.
- ~~3.5.~~ The RCC investigation chapter of the ICS ~~final report~~ Final Report shall include only content related to the RCC tasks: in accordance with Article 37 and Annex I of Regulation (EU) 2019/943.
- ~~4.6.~~ The ~~Final Report of the ICS Expert Panel~~ Final Report, including the RCC ~~investigation~~ Investigation chapter, shall be published by the RCCs as indicated in Article point 6.2 of Annex I of the Regulation (EU) 2019/943¹¹.
- ~~5.7.~~ The ~~Final Report of RCCs shall publish~~ the ICS ~~Expert Panel~~ Final Report, including the RCC ~~investigation~~ Investigation chapter, ~~shall be published~~ at latest by the publication of the Annual Incident Classification Scale report for the year in which the incident occurred.

Article 9

RCC recommendations

- ~~1.~~ The ~~RCC Investigation Subgroup shall issue~~ recommendations, in the RCC ~~investigation~~ Investigation chapter of the ICS ~~final report~~. ~~The aim of the recommendations is to prevent similar incidents in the future.~~
- ~~2.1.~~ The ~~recommendations~~ Final Report shall be provided with respect to the RCCs' tasks, in accordance with Article 37 and Annex I of ~~the~~ Regulation (EU) 2019/943¹².
- ~~3.2.~~ Recommendations, not related to the RCC tasks, in accordance with Article 37 and Annex I of Regulation (EU) 2019/943 shall be ~~gathered through~~ included in the ICS ~~Expert Panel~~ Final Report.

¹¹ European Union (2019), Regulation (EU) 2019/943 on the internal market for electricity adopted by the European Union and of the Council of 5 June 2019, Brussels, Belgium <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32019R0943>.

¹² European Union (2019), Regulation (EU) 2019/943 on the internal market for electricity adopted by the European Union and of the Council of 5 June 2019, Brussels, Belgium <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32019R0943>.

Title 5 Implementation and language

Article 10

Implementation of the ~~Proposal~~ Methodology

1. The RCCs shall apply this methodology within ~~6 months from 1st of June 2022 or 6~~ six months after ~~the decision~~ it has been ~~taken~~ approved by ACER in accordance with Article 37(5) of the Regulation (EU) 2019/943¹³ and published on ACER's website, ~~if ACER's decision was issued after 1st of June 2022.~~
2. No later than ten months after the approval by ACER of this document, all TSOs of those synchronous areas neighbouring to third country TSOs not bound by Regulation (EU) 2019/943 shall endeavour to conclude with those third country TSOs agreements aiming at third country TSOs' cooperation in the RCC Investigations and reporting of incidents that are suspected to be classified as scale 2 or scale 3 incidents in accordance with the ICS Methodology.

Article 11

Language

~~1.~~ The reference language for this ~~Proposal~~ methodology shall be English. For the avoidance of doubt, where ~~TSOs~~ RCCs need to translate this ~~Proposal~~ methodology into their national language(s), in the event of inconsistencies between the English version published by ACER and any version in another language, the relevant ~~TSOs~~ RCCs shall, in accordance with national legislation, provide the relevant national regulatory authorities with an updated translation of the ~~Proposal~~ methodology.

¹³ European Union (2019), Regulation (EU) 2019/943 on the internal market for electricity adopted by the European Union and of the Council of 5 June 2019, Brussels, Belgium <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32019R0943>.