
2022 Roundtable meeting with Inside Information and Transparency

Platforms

15 June 2022 from 13:45 to 16:30

Microsoft Teams session

MINUTES

(Chatham House Rule, no names in quotes during the meeting)

Represented institutions	Remarks
ACER, MIT department	
Bulgartransgaz	
CEGH	
CRE	Observer
EEX	
ELIA	
Energinet	
ENTSOG	
Gas Transmission Operator GAZ-SYSTEM S.A.	
Gestore dei Mercati Energetici S.p.A.	
GIE	
GME	
HUPX	
JAO	
MIBGAS S.A.	
Nordpool	
OMIE	
PRISMA	
RTE	
SEEBURGER AG	
Solien	



Represented institutions	Remarks
Webware Electricity	

1. OPENING

1.1 Introduction and approval of the agenda

After the welcome address and the introduction of the presenters, the agenda of the meeting was approved.

2. ACER ACTIVITIES

2.1 Inside information collection analysis

ACER presented the activity of analysing the market coverage of Inside Information Platforms (IIPs) and Transparency Platforms (TPs) based on the ACER code, i.e. the EU-27 Member State of registration, of the Market Participants (MPs) publishing the Urgent Market Messages (UMMs) collected by ACER in 2021. ACER explained that the findings had been shared with each platform individually and with the NRAs. A stakeholder requested that when ACER publishes the findings, they should clarify that the indication of an IIP within a national market does not necessarily overlap with the policy of the IIPs regarding the allowed commodity, type of UMM, and country of registration of MP users of the IIP services.

ACER presented to the participants the most common errors observed in the reporting of UMMs that may eventually cause data polling issues. ACER identified three main errors related to the change of the Event Status without changing the UMM version, the zeroing of capacity values when the message is dismissed and the reporting of values not compliant with the schema (including differences such as reporting “production unavailability” instead of “Production unavailability”).

ACER updated the stakeholders with regard to the retirement of V1 of electricity and gas UMM schemas on 1 September 2022, which are substituted with the version 2 published in April 2021. The date of the discontinuity had been postponed as per stakeholder requests from June to September 2022.

2.2 Automatic reports sent to IIPs

ACER presented the current status of the automated report development sent to IIPs, and highlighted that they would be released on 30 June 2022 for testing and in July the functionality can be tested with IIPs. Upon ACER’s inquiry, some stakeholders stated they would be available to test the reports and proposed include in them more details on the specific errors in order to enable more efficient solutions. ACER also clarified that the reports would be communicated to IIPs via email.

ACER highlighted that during the 2022 Roundtable meeting with Associations of Energy Market Participants (AEMPs) on 13 June 2022, the discussion touched on the issue of MPs not being aware of the back-up solutions used by the IIPs where they are registered. ACER informed AEMPs that the listed IIPs were currently offering back-up solutions and that the compliance of platforms with this requirement had been closely monitored by ACER in the recent years.

ACER recognised that the assessment of the implementation of back-up solutions carried out only by ACER is not enough to offer full assurance to MPs which need to trust that IIPs fulfil the minimum requirements. For this reason, ACER identified with the NRAs that the responsibility of constant monitoring of the compliance of back-up solutions of the IIPs with the minimum requirements should be shared among ACER and the NRAs on the one hand, and IIPs and MPs on the other.

During the discussion with AEMPs, the possibility of publishing the type of the provided back-up solution or website on ACER's REMIT Portal was explored.

ACER suggested to the IIPs to share how the MPs are informed about the back-up solutions offered and the procedures in place in case of any downtime of the platform. The main solutions presented by IIPs were: redirection of the MP to a back-up website or a parallel tool which may turn "active" only in case of downtime of the main platform, sharing the back-up link (usually by email) with MPs only when downtime occurs, collaborations with other IIPs that MPs can use instead during downtimes.

Participants clarified that it would not be possible to enter into a legal agreement with MPs guaranteeing 100% availability of the platform.

A stakeholder commented that ACER should consider the possibility of MPs subscribing with other IIPs as back-up solution. ACER took the comment into consideration.

3. TOUR DE TABLE FROM IIPs

Continuing the discussion on the suggestion to publish the provided back-up solution or website on ACER's REMIT Portal, some stakeholders expressed they were against this proposal, since in some cases both the primary platform and the back-up solution are active all the time, and the back-up could therefore be used by MPs by mistake.

Regarding the activity of informing MPs in case of downtime, some platforms explained that they inform MPs via an e-mail containing information about the back-up website, while others have systems to automatically redirect the MP from the main site. Another solution presented by some participants is the automatic notification to MPs when a UMM is not published on the platform.

4. AOB

No other business to discuss.