

WEBINAR

Methodology for ACER's
new cost efficiency
comparison of EU gas TSOs

Wednesday, 15.10.2025
10:00 - 11:00 CEST
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Indicative time	Items
10:00 - 10:10	Introductory remarks and next steps Bart VEREECKE, ACER Miguel MARTINEZ RODRÍGUEZ, ACER
10:10 - 10:40	ACER's new cost efficiency comparison of EU gas TSOs: Proposed methodology Per AGRELL, Sumicsid
10:40 - 10:55	Q&A
10:55 - 11:00	Closing remarks Bart VEREECKE, ACER Miguel MARTINEZ RODRÍGUEZ, ACER

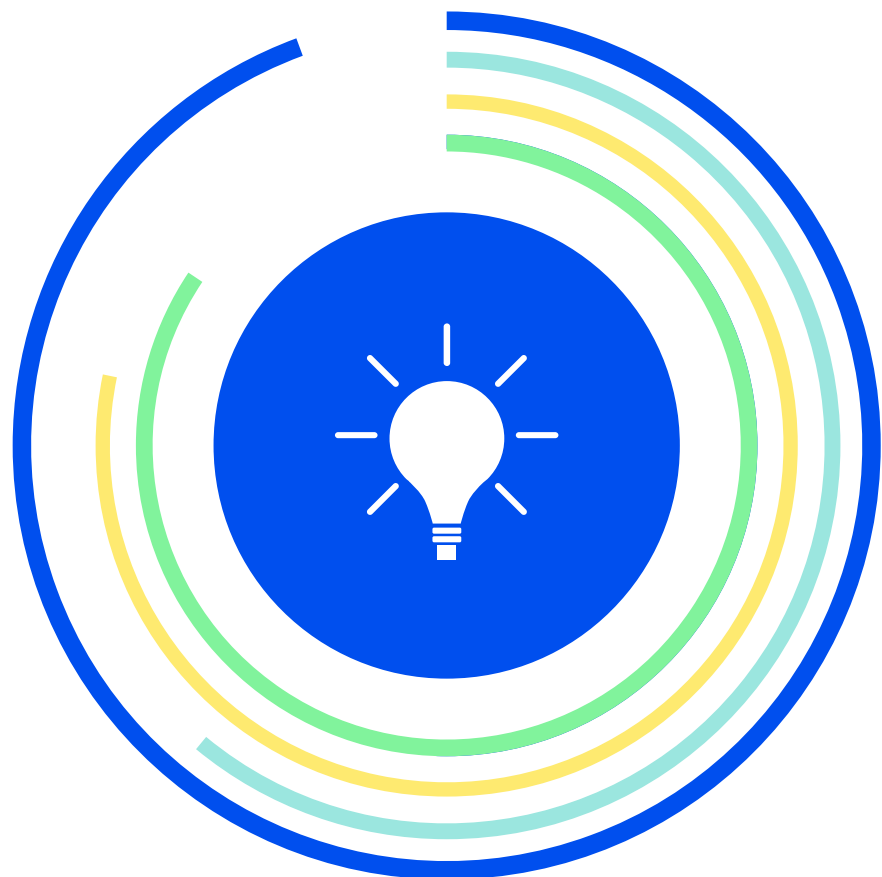
ACER efficiency comparison (AEC): process

Article 19 (2) of Regulation (EU) 2024/1789: Revenue of transmission system operators

The costs of the TSO shall be subject to an efficiency comparison between TSOs. ACER shall carry out that efficiency comparison. By 5 August 2027 and every four years thereafter, ACER shall publish a study comparing the efficiency of TSOs' costs, subject to the protection of data considered by ACER to be commercially sensitive. The relevant regulatory authorities and the TSOs shall provide ACER with all the data necessary for that comparison. When periodically setting the allowed or target revenue of TSOs, the relevant regulatory authorities shall take into account such comparison and national circumstances.



AEC phase I: Stakeholder involvement



AEC Method and Process report (Sumicsid)

- Benchmarking adapted to the context of decarbonisation.
- Three models: Execution Static (ES), Execution Dynamic (ED) and Utilisation Dynamic (UD).
- Combined use of DEA and SFA.
- Measures to ensure comparability across TSOs.



AEC public consultation

- Wide support of measures to ensure transparency and data quality.
- Diverging views, across TSOs and market parties, on the proposed methods and models.
- Support, across market parties, for using utilization parameters.
- Support, from market parties, for instruments to compare TSOs. Critical views from TSOs.



AEC workshop

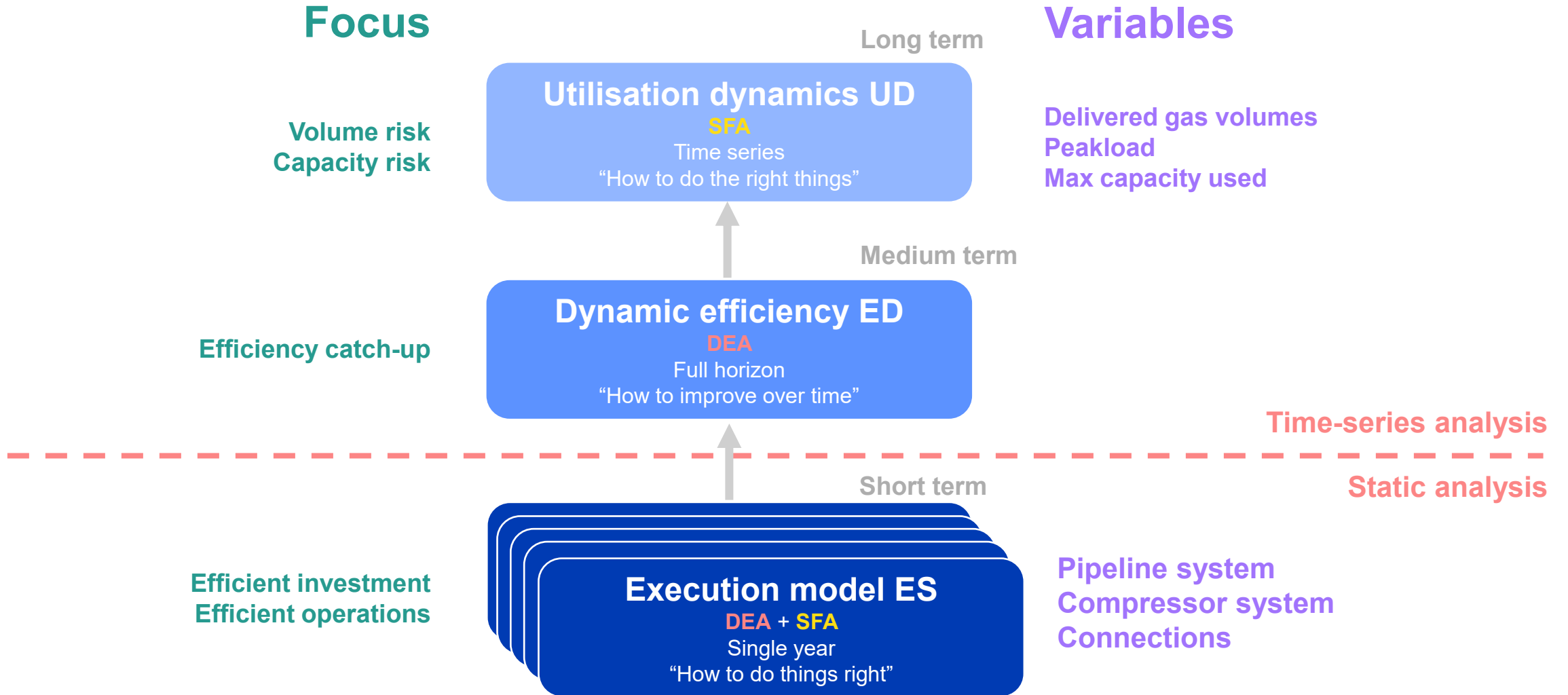
- Distinction between tariffs and TSO cost efficiency is important.
- Static vs dynamic distinction is not robust.
- AEC should consider the “uncertain” nature of data
- The NRA use of the AEC results requires additional discussion.



Expert Group review

- Recommendation to revise the primary / secondary method approach.
- Support to using utilization-based models
- Additional transparency on scaling factors.
- Extensive input on model specifications and on the use of the final results.

AEC execution and utilisation models



8. Transparency across the entire process and publication

AEC supported by extensive documentation, public results and datasets applicable to information that is not commercially/security sensitive.

7. Data quality

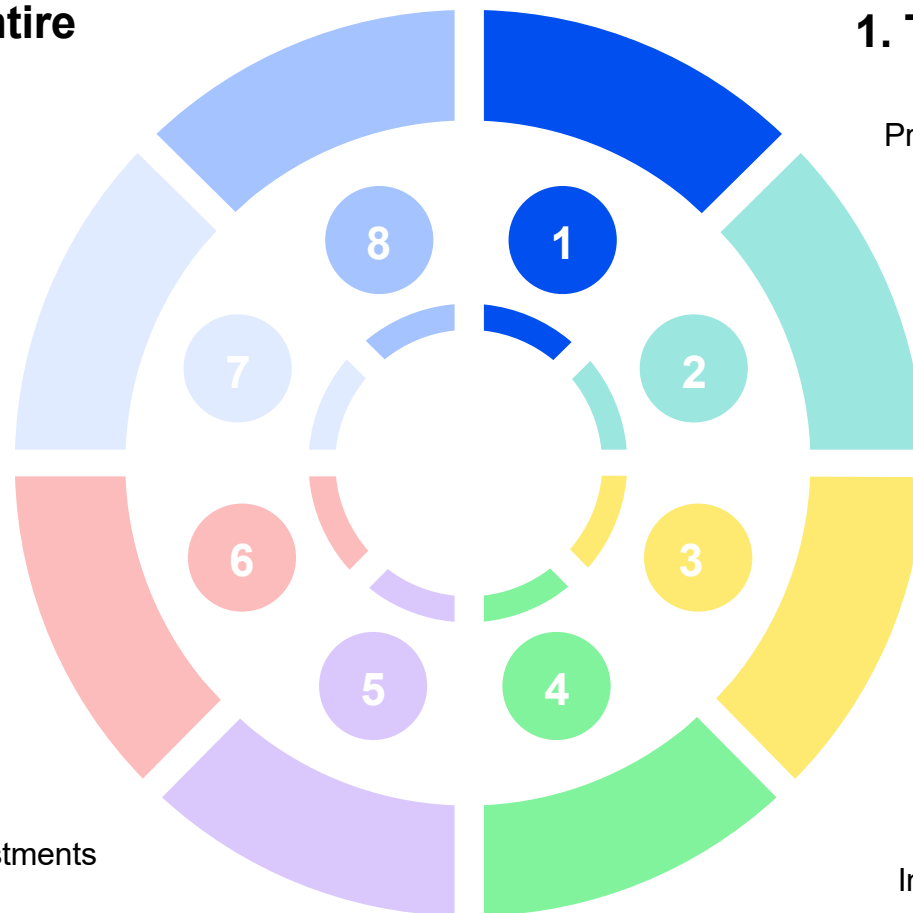
Phase II puts in place a robust process to ensure high quality of the data.

6. Interpretability and use

Sensitivity analyses to facilitate the use of results by NRAs.

5. Legacy investments

Measures to distinguish the efficiency of investments pre- and post- liberalization.



1. Three model approach focusing on execution and utilisation

Provides both, efficiency scores for NRA decisions and long-term utilization-based analyses

2. Robust DEA and SFA methods

Complementary use of well established benchmarking methods

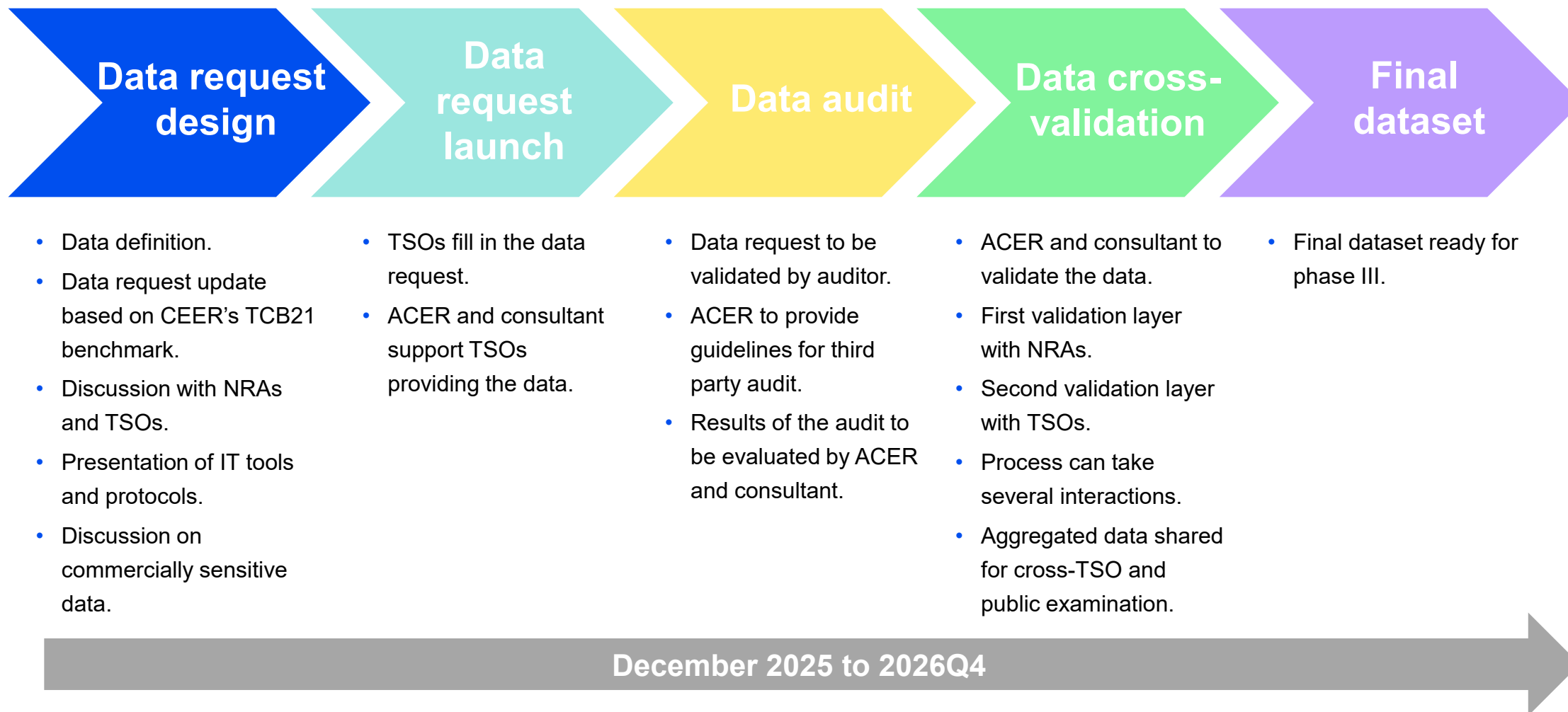
3. Context of decarbonization

Considers key challenges (decommissioning, repurposing, reinvestments and utilization).

4. TSO comparability

Instruments to enable comparability across TSOs (e.g. perimeter of activity, price and currency differences, environmental factors).

Next steps: Data request and validation (phase II)



ACER upcoming publications on AEC phase I

1.

ACER Summary of AEC Phase I

- Process
- Interactions
- Key design features
- Stakeholder input
- Next steps

2.

AEC Method and Process report (Sumicsid)

- Objectives
- Choice of methods
- Models
- Parameters
- Comparability
- Process

3.

Public consultation responses

- Summary of stakeholder input received for the public consultation and during the workshop.

4.

Expert Group Review

- Independent assessment of the AEC public consultation documents by experts in the field of benchmarking.

Q&A session

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