

ACER workshop: designing electricity network tariffs to fit the energy transition

Monday, 30 September 2024, 14:00 - 17:00 CEST

CEER premises, Cours Saint-Michel 30a, box F (5th floor), 1040 Brussels

Hybrid

Indicative time	Workshop items	
13:30 - 14:00	<i>Welcome coffee and registration</i>	Starts promptly at 14:00
14:00 - 14:05	Introduction Rafael MURUAIS GARCIA, ACER	
14:05 - 14:10	Keynote speech: The EU Grid Action Plan: the role of network tariffs in delivering the energy transition Ricardo RENEDO WILLIAMS, European Commission	
14:10 - 14:30	ACER's review on national network tariffs and recommendations Akos HOFSTADTER, ACER Daniel HORTA, ERSE	
14:30 - 15:00	Session I: Network tariff dilemmas & solutions at transmission level Martin SEKÁČ, ENTSO-E Vasiliki KLONARI, WindEurope Inger Kristin HOLM, IFIEC Europe Panel discussion Moderator: Akos Hofstadter, ACER	
15:00 - 15:20	Q&A	
15:20 - 15:40	<i>Coffee-break</i>	
15:40 - 16:30	Session II: Network tariff dilemmas & solutions at distribution level Fernando DOMINGUEZ, EU DSO Entity Laurens RUTTEN, BEUC	

	Jacopo TOSONI, EASE Naomi CHEVILLARD, Solarpower Europe Andrés PINTO-BELLO GÓMEZ, SmartEN Panel discussion Moderator: Daniel Horta, ERSE
16:30 - 16:55	Q&A
16:55 - 17:00	Closing remarks Rafael MURUAIS GARCIA, ACER

Workshop objective:

The electricity transmission and distribution tariffs are crucial for the energy transition. They enable system operators to recover their costs of reinforcing and operating their networks.

Achieving the EU's climate and energy goals requires significant investment in new network capacities, which increases pressure on network tariffs. Electrification of heating, transport, and other energy uses, along with distributed generation and new grid usage patterns (e.g., EV charging stations), add complexity in the electricity system. However, in a decentralised and digitalised energy landscape, these challenges also present opportunities (such as more flexible users and increased automation).

Cost-reflective and transparent network tariffs can encourage efficient network connection and use, reducing costs for users. Setting tariffs is complex, with no 'one-size-fits-all' design, as regulators need to balance different principles and national specifics. Regulators and stakeholders can benefit from discussing challenges and sharing effective tariff solutions.

What's the role of ACER?

Every two years, [ACER reviews](#) national tariff practices and reports on the best practices in the EU. Regulatory authorities must consider ACER's reports when setting up new network tariffs or approving their methodologies.

Ahead of ACER's next network tariffs report (early 2025), ACER organises a workshop to:

- identify the most pressing transmission and distribution tariff dilemmas;
- debate potential solutions and best practices to address them.

Get involved

Ahead of the workshop, ACER invites stakeholders to:

- Read the executive summary of [ACER's latest electricity tariff report \(2023\)](#).
- Share their views on specific network tariff issues:
 - power-based network charges;
 - special tariff designs;
 - locational signals;
 - flexible or interruptible connection agreements.

Contributions are welcome by 23 September 2024 and can be submitted regardless of workshop participation. [Access the survey](#).