

ACER webinar: Network code on demand response

Thursday, 27 March 2025 | 10:00 - 12:00 CET

Online, MS Teams platform

AGENDA

Indicative time	Webinar items	
09:50 - 10:00	Webinar open for log-in	Starts promptly at 10:00
10:00 - 10:10	Introductory remarks Christophe GENCE-CREUX, ACER	
10:10 - 10:40	Market access rules and service provider qualification process Athina TELLIDOU, ACER	
10:40 - 11:00	Q&A Moderator: Mathieu FRANSEN, ACER	
11:00 - 11:30	Market-based procurement of local services and system operators' coordination Athina TELLIDOU, ACER	
11:30 - 11:50	Q&A Moderator: Mathieu FRANSEN, ACER	
11:50 - 12:00	Closing remarks Mathieu FRANSEN, ACER	

Webinar objective

On 7 March 2025, ACER submitted its [proposal for a new EU-wide network code on demand response](#) to the European Commission. This is the result of close collaboration with network operators and extensive consultation.

In this [webinar](#), ACER will:

- present the revised network code on demand response and the proposed amendments to the three related electricity regulations; and
- explain key decisions made during the drafting process.

What is demand response and why does it matter?

Demand response is when consumers—retail and industrial—intentionally adjust their electricity consumption in response to a change in the electricity market price or a financial incentive to increase, decrease or shift the timing of their electricity consumption. Demand response in electricity markets is increasingly important to support more variable renewable generation being added to the power grid.

This network code will ensure that demand response resources (such as consumers, storage providers, and distributed generation) can fully participate in wholesale electricity markets, providing much needed flexibility to an evolving power system driven by renewable energy and thereby contributing to energy security and the transition to clean energy.

To achieve this, the network code and the related amendments to existing regulations (balancing, system operation, and demand connection) cover four main areas:

- **Market access:** The new EU-wide rules will simplify market entry for smaller energy players and enable standardisation of demand response measurement.
- **Service provider qualification process:** New measures will streamline prequalification, product verification, and participation for all resources.
- **Procurement processes:** Transparent rules will regulate system operator services procurement, with justified exceptions to market-based methods.
- **System operators' coordination:** Stronger collaboration between system operators will improve renewables integration, congestion management, and system stability.

Pre-reading material

ACER encourages attendees to read the [submission package](#) on the new demand response network code before the webinar.

[Read more on the topic.](#)