

Belgian NC implementation: Proposed approach

How to organise the Users' Group debate and discussions leading towards the implementation in Belgium of EU Network Codes

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Background & Goal

- 10 European Network Codes are currently being developed:
 - NCs are in different stages of development, but today no NC has finalised the Comitology Process required to enter into force.
 - NC CACM is expected to be the first fully approved in NC Q1 2015. All other codes will follow in the following months (and years).
 - The European Commission will adopt a 1-by-1 approach for approval. Hence, no packages of NCs to be approved at once are planned.

- Once approved and entering into force, NCs will require implementation in Belgium:
 - Timing for BE implementation will depend on timing of NC adoption
 - “Implementation” should be considered in a broad sense, i.e. NCs impact on different “deliverables” ranging from laws, grid codes, contracts to processes and procedures.
 - Several elements directly concern grid users and TSOs, other items first require action from, for instance, ENTSO-E or regional platforms.

Belgian NC implementation concerns several items impacting on TSOs, grid users and their interrelationships. Therefore, the UG provides a good forum to reflect on the BE implementation.

Proposed approach

Phase 1: Topic-wise discussion in the relevant WGs to determine the goals for a Belgian implementation without directly jumping to details of actual deliverables

- Relevant topics, concepts, issues coming from NCs will be identified when NCs are getting approved and/or when topics are considered mature enough. Hence, the SCOPE is the ‘implementation’, not the development itself of the network codes.
- Depending on the topic an open discussion, developing a UG position, informing of UG by Elia, ... can be considered as the most appropriate format.
- The treatment of a single topic may require a slot on several consecutive meetings.

Topics from NC DCC and NC RfG will serve as first cases in WG Belgian Grid in the upcoming meetings.

Phase 2: At a later stage, when a better view on the actual implementation goals is reached a more dedicated implementation structure can be organized.

A deliverable oriented structure is likely to be required (e.g. oriented to FTR, regulated contracts).

Proposed allocation of NCs to UG WGs

NC	Lead WG (*)
DCC: Demand Connection Code	Belgian Grid
RfG: Requirements for Generators	Belgian Grid
HVDC Connections	Belgian Grid
CACM: Capacity Allocation and Congestion Management	European Market Design
FCA: Forward Capacity Allocation	European Market Design
EB: Electricity Balancing	TF Balancing
LFCR: Load Frequency Containment & Reserves	TF Balancing and System Operation
OS: Operational Security	System operation
OPS: Operational Planning and Scheduling	System operation
E&R: Emergency and restoration	System operation

(*) *Lead WG*: This WG (or TF) takes the lead in discussing a particular NC as its scope matches best with the scope of the NC. This does not imply that it might be useful to discuss some specific items (also) in another group.