

Case study: coupling project Italy and Western Balkan 6

AIMS MCP: Market Coupling Project between
Albania- Italy-Montenegro-Serbia

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Background

- On 27th April 2016 the WB6 MoU was signed with the aim to create a regional electricity market in WB Region, to be integrated with EU market.
- On 5th September AEEGSI joined the WB6 MoU and on 21 September attended to the first PSC of DAMI Programme as a full member.
- On 17th November GME was invited as an observer at the Second DAMI PSC meeting.
- At beginning of 2017, 3 bilateral meetings (26 January AEEGSI-AERS; 9 February AEEGSI-ERE; 10 February AEEGSI-RAE) were organized to discuss how to launch a Market Coupling project among Albania, Italy, Montenegro and Serbia (AIMS MCP) within the scope of the DAMI Programme.
- On 31st March 2017 Terna signed the WB6 MoU and attended to the third PSC meeting (26 April 2017) as a full member, while GME was invited as an observer.
- **On 5th May 2017, the first meeting of the AIMS WG took place in Rome.** NRAs, TSOs and PXs of the 4 countries attended the meeting.

Geographical scope

- The AIMS MCP is a sub-regional project targeted to join the Multi Regional Coupling (MRC) when all conditions requested by MRC will be met.
- The AIMS MCP is meant to be part of the DAMI Programme.
- Precondition for the full implementation of the AIMS MCP is the creation of the electrical border between Italy and Montenegro following the enter into operation of a submarine cable presumably in the second semester of 2019.
- Different go live dates for each involved border may be set, according to the development of each national market.

Technical requirements

- The AIMS MC should be based on the same terms and conditions or methodologies applied in the MRC, in order to meet the requirements to join the MRC.
- Implementation of national and regional agreements is a precondition to join the pan-European agreements.
- In particular, market results should be calculated through the PCR algorithm, the gate closure time should be the same as in MRC (12:00).

Governance

- Involved parties (TSOs and PXs) are requested to establish a Cooperation Agreement where targets are defined and responsibilities clearly assigned, including criteria for cost sharing.
- The Cooperation Agreement shall be submitted to NRAs for approval.
- Involved parties are requested to draft a Work Plan where objectives, activities, timing and costs are specified.

Next steps

- TSOs and PXs are in the process of drafting the Terms of Reference of the AIMS WG.
- NRAs are in the process of checking the preconditions for cooperation with the support of the relevant TSOs and PXs.

Support to the project

- With a view to share the knowledge on market coupling processes, the Central Europe Initiative (CEI) financed a project of know-how exchange (KEP).
- The project foresees 4 workshops, where the relevant aspects of MRC as well as CACM GL will be explained.
- Each workshop will be hosted in a different country participating in the project.
- Know-how providers are AEEGSI, Terna and GME.
- Beneficiaries are the NRAs of Albania, Montenegro and Serbia (travel and accommodation costs will be refunded).
- TSOs and PXs of Albania, Montenegro and Serbia are invited to the workshops (travel and accommodation costs will not be refunded).



Thank you for the attention!

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