Baltic Balancing Capacity Market Go-Live Plan

AS "Augstsprieguma tīkls", Litgrid AB, Elering AS (Baltic TSOs) have jointly developed proposals necessary for the establishment of the Baltic Balancing Capacity Market:

- Baltic Balancing Capacity Market Rules in accordance with Article 33(1) and Article 38(1) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2195 of the European Commission of 23 November 2017 establishing a guideline for electricity balancing;
- Baltic CCR Methodology on Market-Based Allocation of cross-zonal capacity allocation for the exchange of balancing capacity or sharing of reserves in accordance with Article 41 of Regulation (EU) 2017/2195 of the European Commission of 23 November 2017 establishing a guideline for electricity balancing.

Baltic TSOs have previously notified about the intention to apply the market-based cross-zonal capacity allocation methodology from 4 February 2025 (with the first delivery day 05.02.2025).

To determine the amount of balancing capacity needed to be procured in the Baltic balancing capacity market, Baltic TSOs have developed the methodology for reserve dimensioning in line with Article 157 of Regulation (EU) 2017/1485 of 2 August 2017, establishing a guideline on electricity transmission system operation.

Hereby, Baltic TSOs inform stakeholders on the go-live process of the Baltic balancing capacity market and the preliminary amount of balancing capacity to be procured in each stage.

BBCM	Common Baltic balancing capacity market							
FRR	FRR p	FRR procurement aFRR +mFRR						
FCR	FCR procurement 23 MW	FCR procurement 141 MW	FCR procurement 23 MW					
Milestone	BBCM go-live (5 Feb)	Isolated operation and synchronisation (8-9 Feb)	Synchronous operation with CESA (10 Feb)	Baltic aFRR energy exchange enabled (Q1 2025)				

Due to technical reasons beyond the control of the Baltic TSOs, accession to the PICASSO platform has been delayed without a clear indication of the potential accession date. Until a solution for aFRR energy exchange is available (in the form of a reserve solution or PICASSO), Baltic TSOs will commonly procure only mFRR demand. The start of aFRR capacity and energy exchange by Baltic TSO will be announced at least a week in advance.

Preliminary common Baltic balancing capacity procurement volumes:

Period	Baltic demand, MW
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	FCR	aFRR upward	aFRR downwa rd	mFRR upward	mFRR downwa rd
5.02.2025-7.02.2025	23	-	-	781	526
8.02.2025- 9.02.2025	141	-	-	746	681
10.02.2025 until enablement of aFRR exchange	23	-	-	761	513
After aFRR energy exchange enabled (Q1 2025)	23	120	110	642	402

The final Baltic demand will be published on the Baltic Transparency Dashboard no later than 16:00 EET two days before respective delivery day (D-2 16:00). First publication of the demand will take place no later than February 3, 16:00.