Question received:

- *What is the current status of this project? Is there a timetable when will a separate country join? In March it was said that the CEE region is supposed to be included in the flow-based market coupling by the first quarter of 2019, but I heard some mentioning also Q3 2018. What is the correct date?*
- *And also, are there any plans to integrate also other countries like for example Serbia into this coupling scheme?*

CEWE project answer:

It is unclear whether the question is related to the NWE-CEE FB MC project (the project aiming to implement FB MC in the CEE region) or to CEWE project. Since the question has been received via the CEWE email address, it is answered from the CEWE project perspective. For further information on the NWE-CEE FB MC project, we would advise to contact Mr. M.PILS being the chairman of the NWE-CEE FB MC project (manfred.pils@apg.at)

In March 2016 the TSOs of the CWE and CEE regions agreed together to launch the CEWE project in, with the objectives to:

- *design and implement a common Day-Ahead Flow-Based Capacity Calculation (FB DA CC) method; and*
- *subsequently to merge the CWE and CEE capacity calculation regions.*

This agreement has first been materialized by the signature of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and has consecutively been made legally binding by the entry into force of a Cooperation Agreement in August 2016. This work is organized in the CEWE FB CC project.

Together with the MoU and the Cooperation Agreement, a High Level Roadmap has been defined and is currently being executed.

- *First objective is to deliver a common DA FB CC methodology which is to be submitted for NRA approval by Q1 2017*
- *In the meantime, TSOs will establish the framework and governance for a merged region*
- *After NRAs approval on the common DA FB CC methodology (currently foreseen Q3 2017), the implementation phase will start. The subsequent merger of the CWE and CEE CCRs will be implemented at the latest when the common DA FB CC methodology is implemented (i.e. Q1 2019)*
- *A test with Market Parties is foreseen in Q3 2018*

The CEWE project focuses on the CEE and CWE TSOs and did not yet plan any further extension to other countries into this coupling scheme. The regional scope relates to the capacity calculation regions as (to be) defined under the CACM Regulation.
Extension of market coupling towards other countries, to complete the implementing the single day-ahead and intraday couplings, is discussed in other projects (MRC project and XBID project).

Currently the CEWE project is progressing and further communication to the Market is expected by end of Q1 2017. Until that moment we would like to refer to the presentation posted on the ENTSO-e website, which presents the project objectives, approach and High Level Roadmap.