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**Regional Specific Annex for the CCR Core  
to the Harmonised Allocation Rules for  
long-term transmission rights in  
accordance with Article 52 of Commission  
Regulation (EU) 2016/1719 of 26  
September 2016 establishing a Guideline  
on Forward Capacity Allocation**

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*Revised by NRAs*

TSOs of the Core CCR (“Core TSOs”), taking into account the following,

### Whereas

- (1) This document (hereafter referred to as the “Core Specific Annex”) is developed by the Transmission System Operators of the CCR Core (hereafter referred to as “Core TSOs”) as defined in the decision No 04/2024 of the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators of 17 November 2016 pursuant to Article 15(1) of the Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/1222.
- (2) The Core Specific Annex sets out specific requirements applicable to the CCR at regional and bidding zone border level pursuant to Article 52(3) of Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/1719 establishing a guideline on Forward Capacity Allocation (hereafter referred to as the “FCA Regulation”).
- (3) The Core Specific Annex constitutes an Annex to the harmonised allocation rules for long-term transmission rights on EU level (hereafter referred to as “HAR”) in accordance with Article 51 of the FCA Regulation as approved in its latest version by ACER with its decision No. 08/2025 from 17 September 2025.
- (4) The initial Core Specific Annex was proposed by the Core TSOs on 13 April 2017 and approved by all National Regulatory Authorities of the CCR Core (hereafter referred to as the “Core NRAs”) by 20 October 2017 (CERRF Decision on 03 October 2017).
- (5) On 08 May 2018 Core TSOs proposed an amendment to the Core Specific Annex for the introduction of a compensation cap for the newly introduced long-term allocations as of 2019 on the CZ-SK bidding zone border. On 16 November 2018 Core TSOs received a request for amendment on this proposal by the Core NRAs (CERRF Decision on 05 September 2018). On 16 January 2019 Core TSOs responded to the request for amendment and the amended Core Specific Annex was approved by the Core NRAs on 08 April 2019 (CERRF Decision on 18 March 2019).
- (6) On 08 August 2019 Core TSOs proposed a 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment of the Core Specific Annex where the cap on compensation applicable to the BE-DE/LU border in accordance with Article 59(2) of the HAR was added and border specific stipulations for the Hungarian/Romanian bidding zone border was deleted. The 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment of the Core Specific Annex was consulted in accordance with Article 6 of the FCA Regulation from 20 May 2019 until 20 June 2019. The Core specific Annex was approved by Core NRAs on 02 October 2019.
- (7) On 24 June 2021, Core TSOs proposed a 3<sup>rd</sup> amendment of the Core Specific Annex where the cap on compensation applicable to the HU-SI border in accordance with Article 59(2) of the HAR. The 3<sup>rd</sup> amendment of the Core Specific Annex was consulted in accordance with Article 6 of the FCA Regulation from 03 May 2021 until 03 June 2021. The Core specific Annex was approved by Core NRAs on 02 December 2021.
- (8) With the 4<sup>th</sup> amendment of the Core Specific Annex, the Core TSOs propose:
  - a. To include the bidding zone border between the Single Electricity Market of Ireland and Northern Ireland (SEM) and France (FR) (hereinafter: “SEM-FR”) to the HAR regional annex.
  - b. Add a cap on compensation which shall be applicable to the SEM-FR bidding zone border in accordance with Article 59(3) of the HAR.The above amendments shall be applicable as of the SEM-FR bidding zone border becoming effective, i.e. from the date of operation of the interconnector on the respective bidding zone border, meaning once commissioning is finalized and the technical conditions allow commercial operations to begin.
- (9) The present amendment of the Core Specific Annex was consulted in accordance with Article 6 of the FCA Regulation from 22 September 2025 until 22 October 2025.

(10) This document includes the following titles:

- a. The first title covers general provisions of the proposal;
- b. The second title addresses the applicability of a cap on compensations for curtailments in accordance with Article 59 of the HAR;
- c. The third title details further regional or bidding zone border specificities applicable to the CCR Core in accordance with Article 52(3) of the FCA Regulation.

The Core TSOs agreed on the following regional specific annex for the CCR Core to the Harmonised Allocation Rules for long-term transmission rights:

## **TITLE 1**

### **General Provisions**

#### **Article 1**

##### **Subject matter and scope**

1. In accordance with Article 4 of the HAR, regional or border specificities may be introduced for one or more Bidding Zone borders. Rules described in this regional specific annex apply to the borders of the CCR Core.
2. This annex may be reviewed based on request of the relevant National Regulatory Authorities. In case this annex needs to be amended based on a decision of the National Regulatory Authorities, Article 68 of the HAR shall apply.
3. If there is an inconsistency between any of the provisions in the main body of the HAR and this annex, the provisions in this annex shall prevail. The capitalised terms used in this annex are defined in the HAR to which this annex is attached.

## **TITLE 2**

### **Cap on compensation**

#### **Article 2**

##### **Bidding zone borders where a cap is applicable**

For the purposes of this proposal and the HAR, a cap on compensation shall only apply to the bidding zone borders listed in the present title.

#### **Article 3**

##### **Austria - Czech Republic (AT-CZ)**

A cap on compensation shall be applicable to the AT-CZ border in accordance with Article 59(2) of the HAR.

#### **Article 4**

##### **Austria - Germany/Luxembourg (AT-DE/LU)**

A cap on compensation shall be applicable to the AT-DE/LU border in accordance with Article 59(2) of the HAR.

## **Article 5**

### **Austria - Hungary (AT-HU)**

A cap on compensation shall be applicable to the AT-HU border in accordance with Article 59(2) of the HAR.

## **Article 6**

### **Austria - Slovenia (AT-SI)**

A cap on compensation shall be applicable to the AT-SI border in accordance with Article 59(2) of the HAR.

## **Article 7**

### **Belgium - France (BE-FR)**

A cap on compensation shall be applicable to the BE-FR border in accordance with Article 59(2) of the HAR.

## **Article 8**

### **Belgium - Germany/Luxembourg (BE-DE/LU)**

A cap on compensation shall be applicable to the BE-DE/LU border in accordance with Article 59(3) of the HAR.

## **Article 9**

### **Belgium - Netherlands (BE-NL)**

A cap on compensation shall be applicable to the BE-NL border in accordance with Article 59(2) of the HAR.

## **Article 10**

### **Croatia - Hungary (HR-HU)**

A cap on compensation shall be applicable to the HR-HU border in accordance with Article 59(2) of the HAR.

## **Article 11**

### **Croatia - Slovenia (HR-SI)**

A cap on compensation shall be applicable to the HR-SI border in accordance with Article 59(2) of the HAR.

## **Article 12**

### **Czech Republic - Germany/Luxembourg (CZ-DE/LU)**

A cap on compensation shall be applicable to the CZ-DE/LU border in accordance with Article 59(2) of the HAR.

## **Article 13**

### **Czech Republic - Poland (CZ-PL)**

A cap on compensation shall be applicable to the CZ-PL border in accordance with Article 59(2) of the HAR.

## **Article 14**

### **France - Germany/Luxembourg (FR-DE/LU)**

A cap on compensation shall be applicable to the FR-DE/LU border in accordance with Article 59(2) of the HAR.

## **Article 15**

### **Germany/Luxembourg - Netherlands (DE/LU-NL)**

A cap on compensation shall be applicable to the DE/LU-NL border in accordance with Article 59(2) of the HAR.

## **Article 16**

### **Hungary - Slovenia (HU-SI)**

A cap on compensation shall be applicable to the HU-SI border in accordance with Article 59(2) of the HAR.

## **Article 17**

### **Hungary - Slovakia (HU-SK)**

A cap on compensation shall be applicable to the HU-SK border in accordance with Article 59(2) of the HAR.

## **Article 18**

### **Hungary - Romania (HU-RO)**

A cap on compensation shall be applicable to the HU-RO border in accordance with Article 59(2) of the HAR.

## **Article 19**

### **Ireland-France (SEM-FR)<sup>1</sup>**

A cap on compensation shall be applicable to the SEM-FR border in accordance with Article 59(3) of the HAR.

## **Article 20**

### **Poland - Slovakia (PL-SK)**

A cap on compensation shall be applicable to the PL-SK border in accordance with Article 59(2) of the HAR.

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<sup>1</sup> As soon as the bidding zone border SEM-FR becomes effective, i.e. from the date of operation of the interconnector on the respective bidding zone border.

## Article 21

### Poland - Germany/Luxembourg (PL-DE/LU)

A cap on compensation shall be applicable to the PL-DE/LU border in accordance with Article 59(2) of the HAR.

## Article 22

### Slovakia-Czech Republic (SK-CZ)

A cap on compensation shall be applicable to the SK-CZ border in accordance with Article 59(2) of the HAR.

## TITLE 3

### Further regional or bidding zone border specific requirements

## Article 23

### Constraints of the optimization function for CZ-SK-DE/LU-PL borders

1. The following definition is added:

**Technical Profile** means a combination of Biding Zone borders which have a common technical limit and represent the limit for commercial transactions on Interconnectors or parts of a national transmission system creating constraint of the optimisation function in form of relevant Offered Capacity in accordance with Article 35(3) of Allocation Rules.

2. Some bidding zone borders and their subsets between Czech Republic, Germany/Luxembourg, Poland and Slovakia have a common technical limit and therefore may create a Technical Profile.

3. Technical Profiles are listed below:

<b>Set of Bidding Zone borders and/or their subsets having a common technical limit</b> List of responsible TSOs	<b>Technical Profile</b>
<b>Czech Republic (CZ)</b> CEPS <>	PSE->(50Hertz+CEPS+SEPS) (50Hertz+CEPS+SEPS)->PSE
<b>Slovakia (SK)</b> SEPS <>	
<b>Germany/Luxembourg (DE/LU)</b> 50Hertz <>	
<b>Poland (PL)</b> PSE <>	50Hertz -> (PSE+CEPS) (PSE+CEPS) -> 50Hertz
<b>Czech Republic (CZ)</b> CEPS <>	

4. The present article is valid until go-live of the Core long term flow-based allocation.

## **Article 24**

### **Specificities for the Belgium-Germany Interconnection**

In deviation to Article 38(2) of the HAR, Returned Long-Term Transmission Rights shall be either a constant band of whole MW(s) over the specific timeframe of the subsequent Auction or a constant value of whole MW(s) during the days out of the Reduction Period(s). This second case applies only if the Long-Term Transmission Rights to be returned at a subsequent Auction contain exactly the same Reduction Period(s) as the ones of the subsequent Auction itself.

## **Article 25**

### **Specificities for the France-Ireland Interconnection**

In deviation to Article 38(2) of the HAR, Returned Long-Term Transmission Rights shall be either a constant band of whole MW(s) over the specific timeframe of the subsequent Auction or a constant value of whole MW(s) during the days out of the Reduction Period(s). This second case applies only if the Long-Term Transmission Rights to be returned at a subsequent Auction contain exactly the same Reduction Period(s) as the ones of the subsequent Auction itself.

## **Article 26**

### **Entry into force**

This annex, as amended, shall enter into force at the date and time specified in the amendment notice sent to Registered Participants by the Allocation Platform according to the procedure laid down in Article 68(2) of the HAR and subject to prior approval by the relevant National Regulatory Authorities in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 4 of the FCA