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# Physical Stakeholder Workshop

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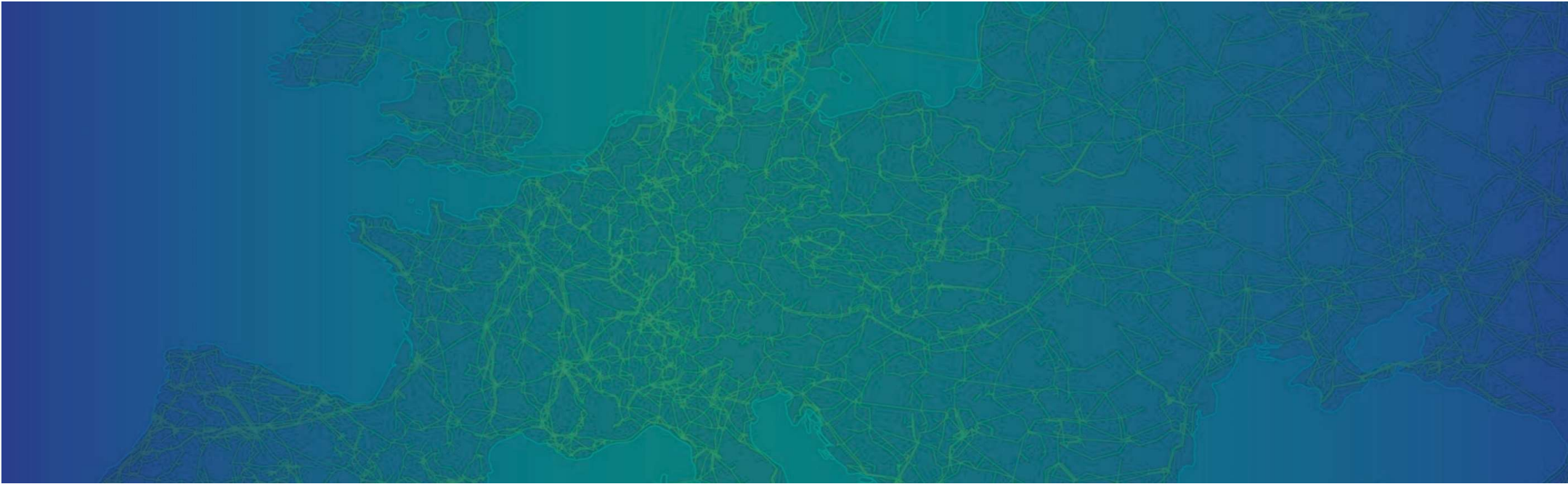
# Agenda

Topic	Speaker(s)	Duration (presentation+Q&A)	Time
<b>Intro</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tour de Table</li> <li>Intro and objectives of the day</li> <li>Timeline</li> </ul>	Samy/Ioannis	15 min	09:30
<b>Session 1 – Boundaries of the methodology and general approach</b>	Mario	45 + 25 min	9:45 am
<b>Session 2 – Flexibility needs covered</b>	Mario/Hubert		10:55 am
Break		10 min	10:55 am
<b>Session 3 – Input scenarios and sets of data</b>	Ewa/Mario	40 + 20 min	11:05 am
Lunch		60 min	12:05 pm
<b>Session 4 – Elements of methodology for system needs</b>	Kristof	30 + 15 min	1:35 pm
Break		10 min	2:20 pm
<b>Session 5 – Elements of methodology for congestion needs</b>	Daniel	30 + 15 min	2:30 pm
<b>Final Q+A</b>	All	30 min	3:15 pm
<b>Conclusion</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Next steps - timeline</li> </ul>	Samy	20 min	3:45 pm

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# Intro

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# Tour de Table

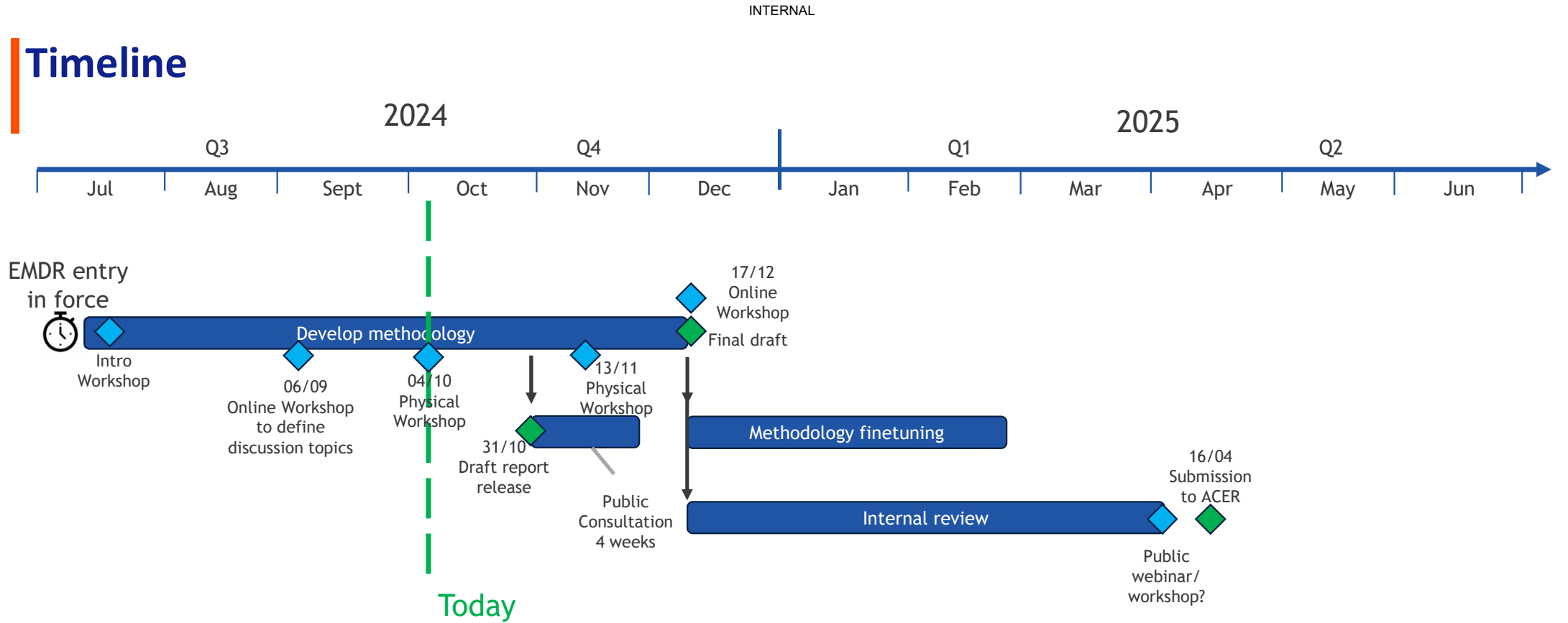
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## Intro and Objectives of the day

- During the workshop ENTSO-E and EU DSO Entity will provide content on the topics prioritized as part of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Stakeholder webinar.
- The content aligns with the text of the methodology that the two association are drafting, **represents work in progress possibly subject to changes**, and focuses on the key principles driving the drafting activities.
- The stakeholders are invited to provide feedback to the content presented
- Prioritized topics not addressed in the first physical workshop will be addressed in the second one

# Timeline

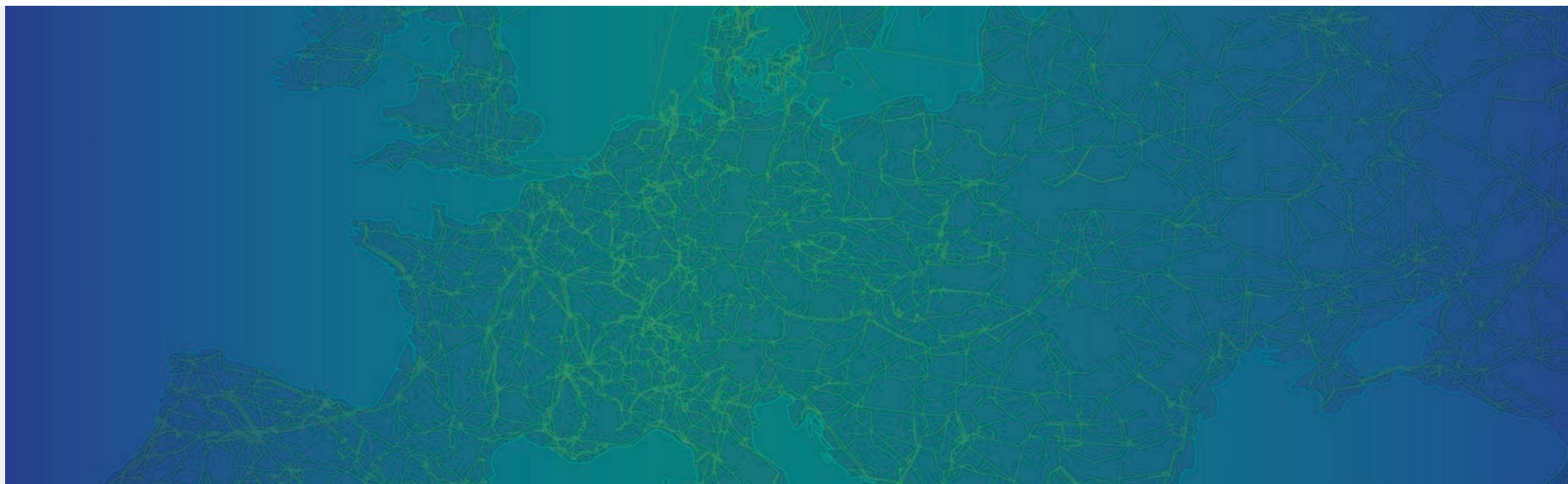


- ◆ Report related
- ◆ Stakeholder interaction

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# Session 1 – Boundaries of the methodology and general approach

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# Definition of flexibility needs

## From the EMDR...

EMDR  
Def.

“**Flexibility**” means the ability of an electricity system to adjust to the variability of generation and consumption patterns and to grid availability, across relevant market timeframes

...The report referred to in paragraph 1 shall at least:

(a) evaluate the different types of **flexibility needs**, at least on a seasonal, daily and hourly basis, **to integrate electricity generated from renewable sources in the electricity system**, inter alia, different assumptions in respect to electricity market prices, generation and demand;

...develop a methodology for the analysis by transmission system operators and distribution system operators of the **flexibility needs**, taking into account at least:

(i) all available sources of flexibility in a cost-efficient manner in the different timeframes, including in other Member States;

(ii) planned investment in interconnection and flexibility at transmission and distribution level; and

(iii) **the need to decarbonize the electricity system** in order to meet the Union’s 2030 targets for energy and climate, as defined in Article 2, point (11), of Regulation (EU) 2018/1999, and its 2050 climate neutrality objective laid down in Article 2 of Regulation (EU) 2021/1119, in compliance with the Paris

Agreement adopted under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

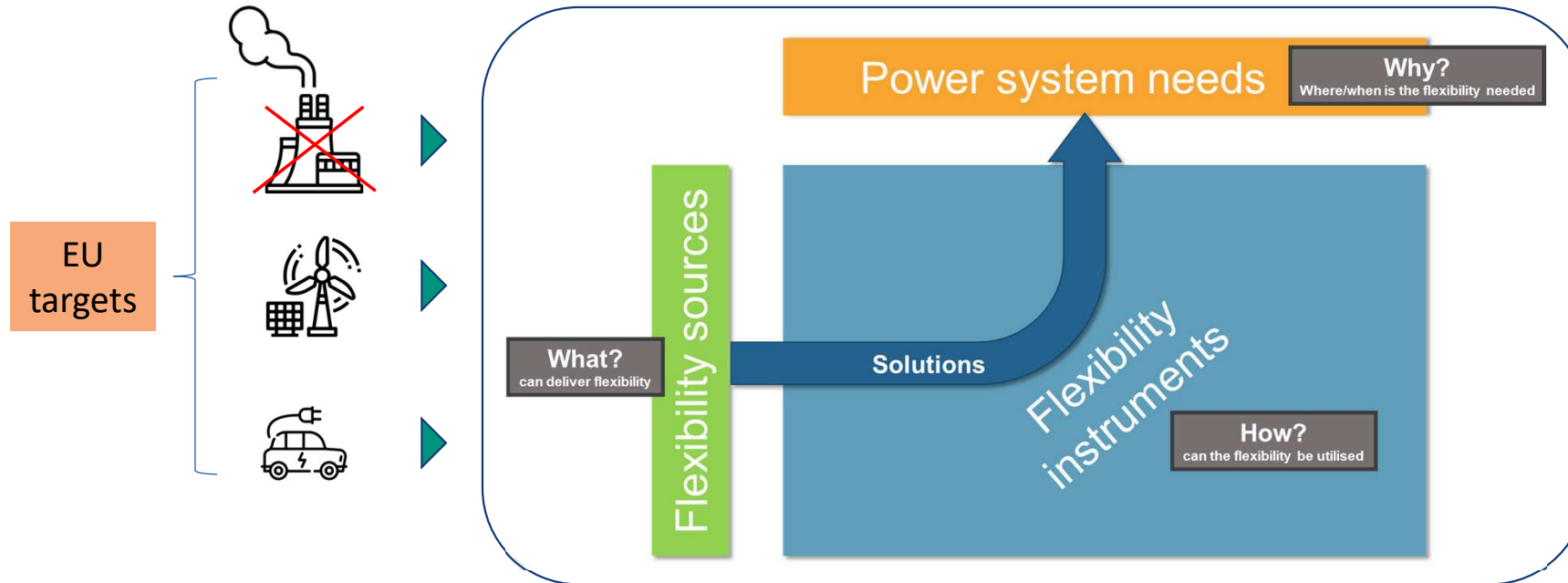
Art 19e



# Definition of flexibility needs

## *What is a flexibility need? When does it occur?*

In a fully carbon neutral system, based on electrified consumption and variable renewable energy sources, flexibility will be essential to complement the variability of both generation, demand and grid availability and to address the increase of system complexity

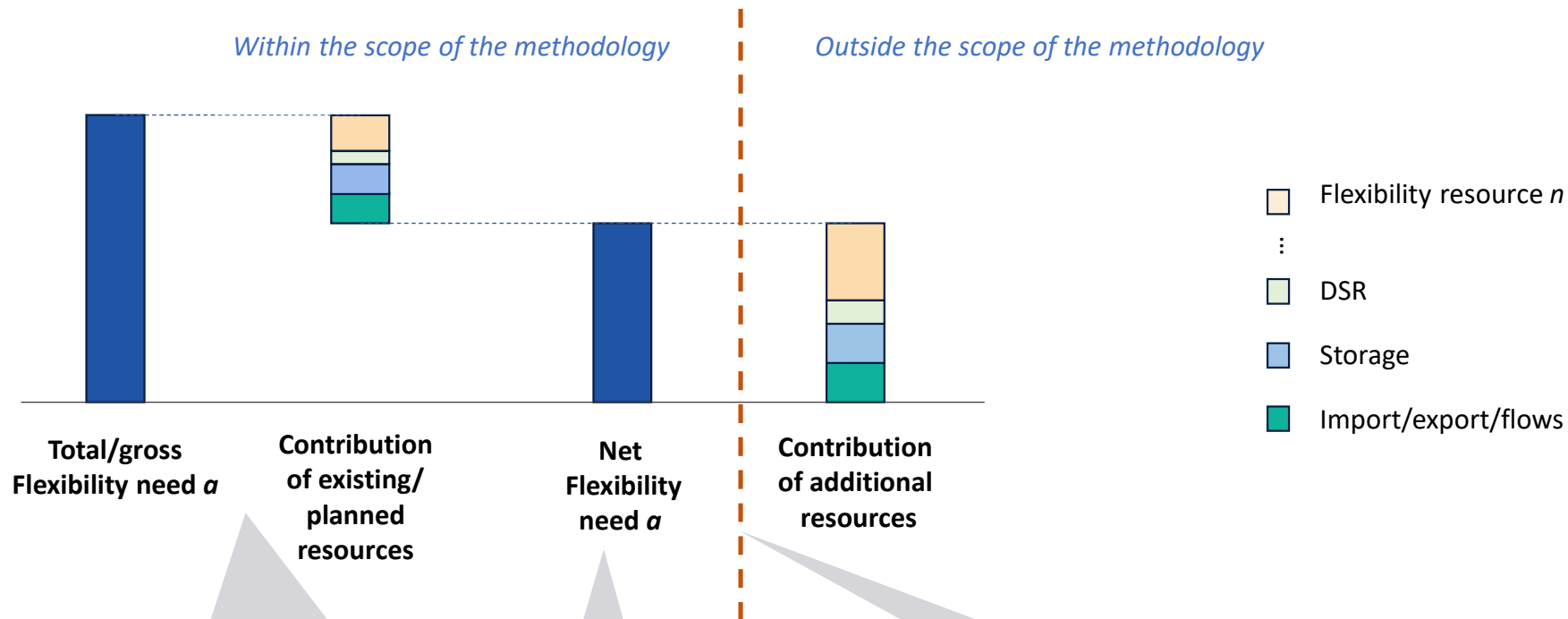


“Flexibility” means the ability of an electricity system to adjust to the variability of generation and consumption patterns and to grid availability, across relevant market timeframes

A flexibility need occurs when the power system is not able to cover this variability and availability

# Definition of flexibility needs

## Boundaries of the methodology



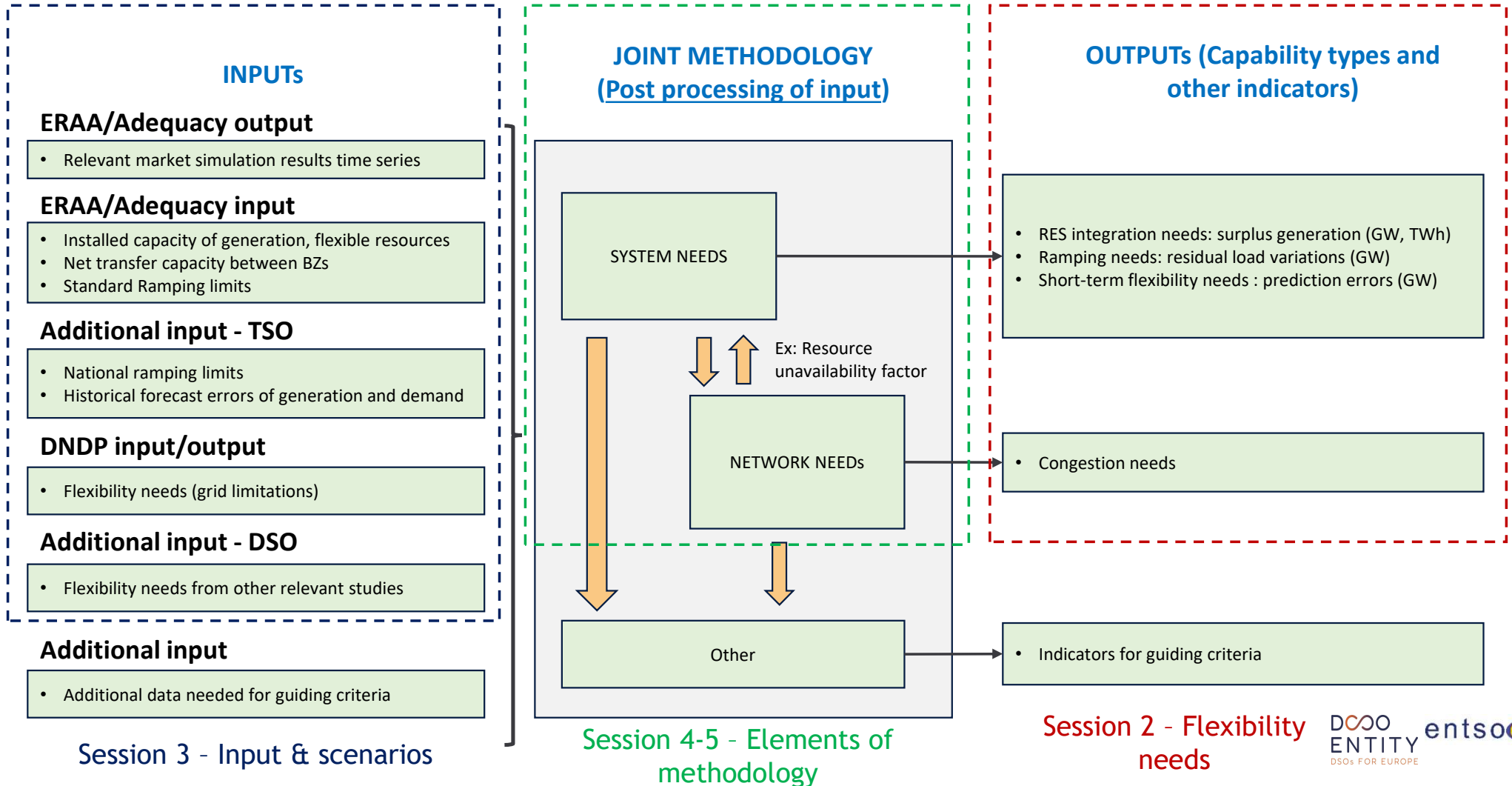
The methodology will consider appropriate **reference conditions** to account for:

- Planned investments in grid/flexibility
- Cost-efficient contribution of existing/planned flexibility resources
- Different assumptions in respect to electricity market prices, generation and demand

Flexibility needs are to be provided **through capability types**, i.e. actionable metrics (capacity, energy) **useful to policymakers** that keep technological neutrality

The methodology will also provide for **guiding criteria** to best interpret flexibility needs and orient policymakers to the identification of most suitable flex resources to cover them

# General approach



# Guiding principles to quantify system needs and support policy decision

- Define achievable, necessary and sufficient requirements for each Member State taking into account availability of information/tools and time constraints
  - Manage complexity in view of additional information it brings (avoid complex 'to be developed' methods)
  - Take into account existing constraints on availability of data/tools and effective implementation within the Regulation timeframe
  - Provide a base case assessment + additional options for Member States to conduct additional analysis, sensitivities, indicators whenever deemed possible/relevant
- Ensure consistency with ERAA/NRAA (in line with Article 19e of the EMDR)
  - Assessment mostly based on output data of ERAA/NRAA
  - Align with ERAA/NRAA scenarios and assumptions on sector coupling, non-fossil fuel resources, interconnections, ....
  - Base case assessment based on post-processing of ERAA/NRAA output, without involving additional simulations
  - Revisions of ERAA/NRAA input data, methodologies or outputs are out of scope of the FNA methodology
- Reference condition should reflect ERAA/NRAA evolutions and national needs
  - Assessment based on at least one reference scenario of ERAA/NRAA and associated market dispatch availability
  - Possibility for national TSO to run assessments based on additional reference conditions, including after adequacy step
- Ensure complementarity with ERAA/NRAA studies
  - Indicators such as RES surplus, Residual Load variations and prediction errors not accounted in ERAA/NRAA
- Enrich system needs results with insights on the TSO-DSO networks only when/where information is available and relevant
  - Limitations of generation output due to congestion (when/where available and not already accounted in ERAA/NRAA input data)
  - Availability of existing flexible assets on T/DS-level (when/where available and not already accounted in ERAA/NRAA input data)

## Guiding principles to quantify network needs and support policy decision

- Define achievable, necessary, and sufficient requirements in each Member State taking into account availability of information / tools and time constraints
  - Manage complexity in view of the additional information it brings (avoid complex ‘to be developed’ methods)
  - Take into account existing limits on availability of data / tools and effective implementation within the Regulation timeframe
  - Provide a base case assessment + additional options for Member States to conduct additional analysis, sensitivities, indicators whenever deemed possible / relevant
- Ensure consistency with national studies
  - Network needs assessment mostly based on output of Network Development Plans and needs for local services
  - Consistency requirements of NDP include consistency between themselves, with National Energy and Climate Plans ...
- Ensure complementarity with existing studies
  - DNDP focus on local services, while other studies can provide further assessments
- Enable to enrich system needs results with insights on the DSO networks only when / where information is available and useful
  - Limitations of generation output due to congestion (when/where available and not already accounted in ERAA/NRAA input data)
  - Availability of existing flexible assets on T/DS-level (when/where available and not already accounted in ERAA/NRAA input data )

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## Session 2 – Flexibility needs covered

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# Reminder of topic/aspect agreed at the webinar

## *Flexibility needs covered*

### *General Description*

- The methodology will evaluate the different types of flexibility needs to integrate electricity generated from renewable sources in the electricity system and due the electrification of consumptions
- Flexibility needs can be broadly split into system and network needs
  - System needs include for instance those associated to RES excess, management of Residual Load ramps and management of forecast errors of generation and demand
  - Network needs address those associated to congestions or voltage issues



### *Agreed aspects/questions to be to addressed and discussed at the workshops*

- Most relevant flexibility needs to be covered as part of the assessment
- Complementarity with other type of needs (e.g. adequacy needs)
- Consistency with adequacy, ERAA and other studies of TSO/DSOs
- *Definition of need (covered in previous point)*



# Reminder of topic/aspect agreed at the webinar

## *Expected outcomes - Capability types*

### *General Description*

- The results of the assessment will be needed by policymakers to define indicative national targets for Demand Side Response, Storage and other flexibility resources to be included in National Energy and Climate Plans
- Whenever possible the type and format of the outcomes of the assessment should serve this scope
- To this aim flexibility needs could be possibly expressed in terms of capability type, intended as indicator of a given need, expressed with relevant metrics (capacity, energy, duration...), while keeping technological neutrality



### *Possible relevant aspects/questions to be addressed and discussed at the workshops*

- Most suitable metrics for each need to be covered
- How to ensure simultaneously reliability of results and technological neutrality
- *Time characterization (daily, weekly...short, medium, long)*





## Type of flexibility needs covered

### System Needs

Inertia

Restoration

Short-term: prediction errors

Ramping: residual load variations

RES integration: surplus  
generation

Adequacy & RES shortage

*Out of scope following  
very TSO specific nature*

*Covering both TSO balancing  
and market portfolio  
balancing*

*Already covered in ERAA/NRAA*

### Network needs

Congestion management

Voltage control\*

\*Included in DSOs studies

Choice of needs to be included in the assessment follows principles of compliance with the EMDR, relevance, complementarity with respect to other assessments and practical implementation

# System needs – Overview

Seasonal → Daily → Hourly → Real time

## RES integration needs : surplus generation

- Study downward flexibility needs based on behavior of the ERAA/NRAA surplus energy indicator in terms of energy, duration and intervals and periods and conditions at risk.
- Refine flexibility needs into different timeframes (daily, weekly, monthly) based on optimizing a dummy flex variable on overgeneration volumes

## Ramping needs: residual load variations

- Quantify flexibility shortages associated to the management of up- and downward residual load ramps over a period of 60 minutes or lower based on the ramping constraints of dispatched units (ERAA / NRAA)
- Based on comparison with residual load variations (ERAA / NRAA input, or output when accounting curtailment)

## Short-term flexibility needs : prediction errors

- Quantify flexibility shortages associated to the management of up- and downward residual load / generation prediction errors based on the margins of dispatched units (ERAA / NRAA)
- Based on comparison with residual load prediction errors (ENTSO-E TP, national data,...)



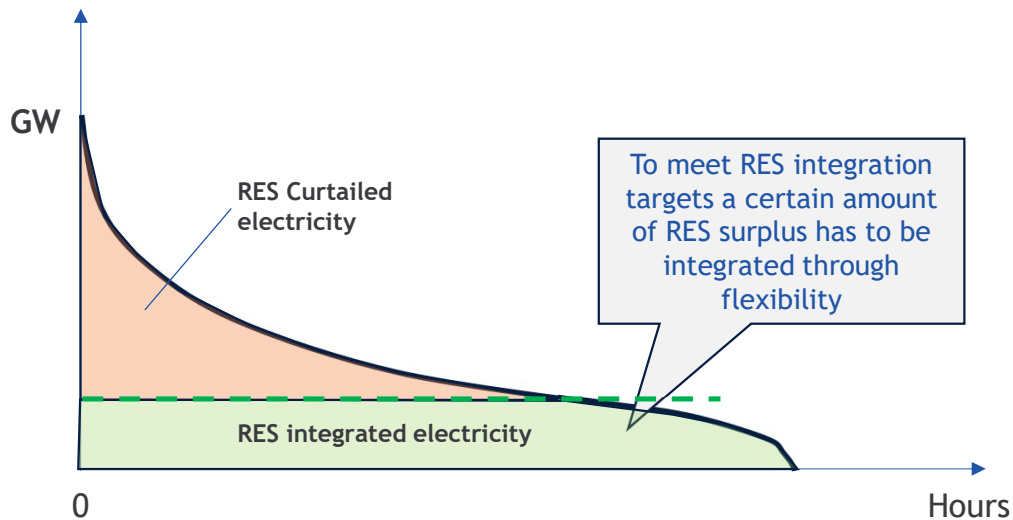
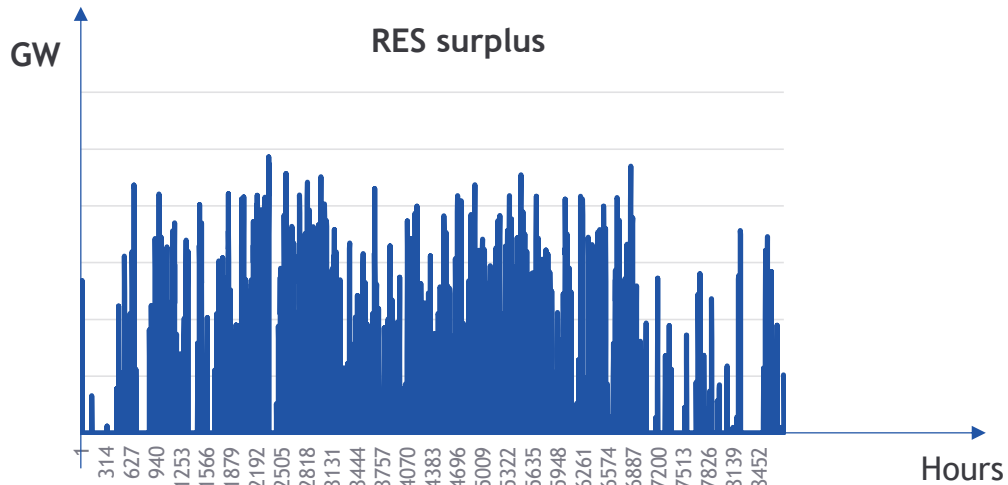
Pending relevance and availability of data

- Injection constraints on T/DS-level (where not already accounted in ERAA/NRAA)
- Availability of existing flexible assets on T/DS-level (where not already accounted in ERAA/NRAA)

System needs

Network needs

## System needs – RES integration needs



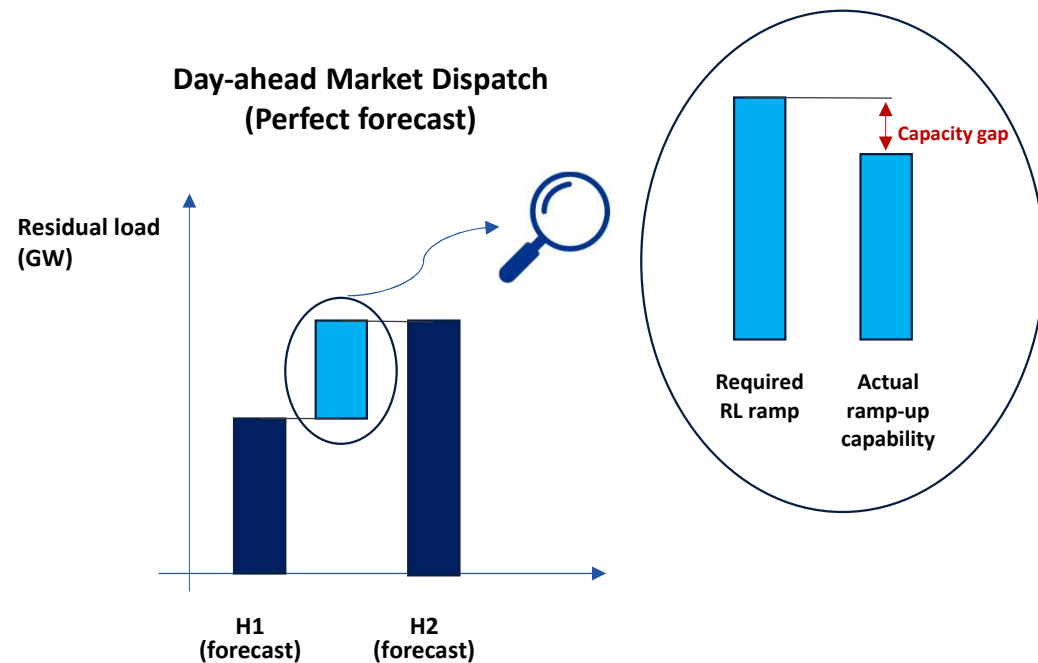
### When it occurs? Why is important?

- As a result of the increasing RES installed capacity, **RES surplus conditions will become structural**
- When RES surplus cannot be integrated in the system (technically and economically) it results in **curtailed electricity**
- Member States are requested to meet their individual **RES integration targets** defined in National Energy & Climate Plans or other national policies
- In this context a **flexibility need occur when the RES curtailed electricity does not allow the Member State to meet its RES integration targets**

### Expected metrics/Capability type

- Max, min, mean percentile values of RES surplus (TWh, GW) across relevant timeframes (hourly, daily, weekly, monthly/seasonal)
- Probabilistic distribution of RES surplus (TWh, GW) across relevant timeframes (hourly, daily, weekly, monthly/seasonal)
- Other relevant representations (heat maps, correlation)
- Capacity of dummy & technology neutral flex resources (GW) to reduce daily, weekly and monthly needs while meeting RES integration targets

# System needs – Residual Load variation



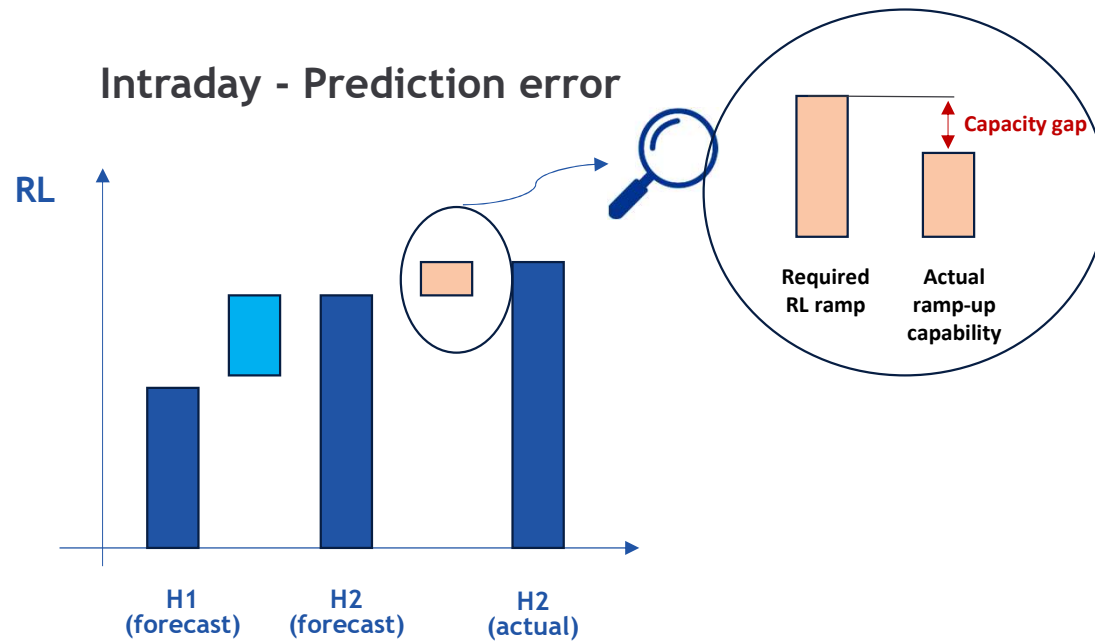
## When it occurs? Why is important?

- Flexible units are normally needed and used to **manage forecasted variations of Residual Load**, broadly defined as the difference between demand, RES generation and Must Run generation
- **Actual ramping capability** of existing/planned flexible units **can be constrained** by their **technical limits** and **availability factors**
- In this context a **flexibility need occurs when actual ramping capability is not enough to meet the required RL ramp**

## Expected metrics/Capability type

- Technology-neutral capacity gap (GW) to meet ramp-up/down requirements
- Max, min, mean, percentile and other characterization across different Climate Years

# System needs – Prediction errors



## When it occurs? Why is important?

- Flexible units are also needed to **manage unexpected variations of Residual Load** due to **errors in the prediction** of electricity generation and demand and due to outages
- **Actual ramping capability** of existing/planned flexible units **can be constrained** by their **technical limits** and **availability factors**
- In this context a **flexibility need occurs when actual ramping capability is not enough to meet the required RL ramp**

## Expected metrics/Capability type

- Technology-neutral capacity gap (GW) to meet ramp-up/down requirements
- Max, min, mean, percentile and other characterization across different Climate Years

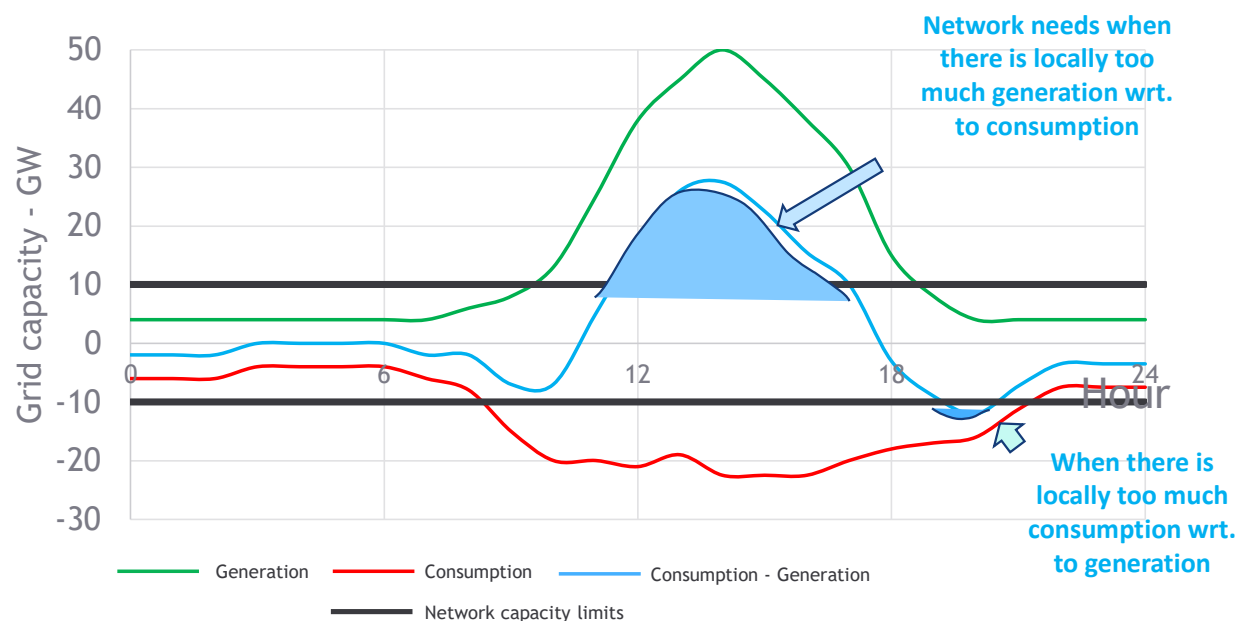
## Network needs – Congestion & Operational Limits

Graph illustrates network needs  
in a high PV area

when the grid is operated  
in **normal “N”** scheme

/!\ Network needs **during outage** have a  
**completely different shape**

(unpredictable start time and duration, quantity  
depending on the load on “recovery” assets)



# Network needs – Congestion & Operational Limits

## When and where it occurs? Why is important?

- A '**congestion issue**' means a situation when the electric current flow through a physical asset exceeds operational limits
- SO **must maintain power flows within operational** limits, which induces flexibility needs to prevent or solve congestion
- Congestion can occur during sunny days (high PV areas), day or night during windy periods (wind farms areas), a combination of both in areas with lots of PV and wind farms.
- Congestion can also occur at any time for durations depending on the unavailable asset and the local and temporal network situation.
- Congestion reduces the amount of generation available to, or demand needed from, the system even if there would be no need from a system « copper plate » point of view.

# Network needs – Congestion & Operational Limits

## Expected metrics / Capability type

### Upwards and downwards data:

- Max GW of RES curtailment or demand outage expected in critical events over the planning time
- If possible : on the critical events, over the planning horizon : Expected TWh/year (split by season if possible) and/or TWh/day (typical days if possible)
- Hourly GW for specific days (if possible / available)
- /!\ The above metrics may be relevant for normal « N » scheme » ; metrics for N-1 (planned/unplanned outage) schemes would be different



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## Session 3 – Input scenarios and sets of data

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# Reminder of Topics agreed at the webinar

## *Input scenarios and sets of data*

### *General Description*

- The methodology for flexibility needs assessment will have to be fed by set of data/analysis provided by TSOs and DSOs at national level
- The set of input data shall include only those data which are needed to produce the report on the estimated flexibility needs and comply with the requirements of the Regulation
- Data might refer to specific energy scenarios (for instance to ensure alignment with policy targets), intended as future projections of supply and demand needed to run the assessment within the context of the ongoing energy transition



### *Possible relevant aspects/questions to be to addressed and discussed at the workshops*

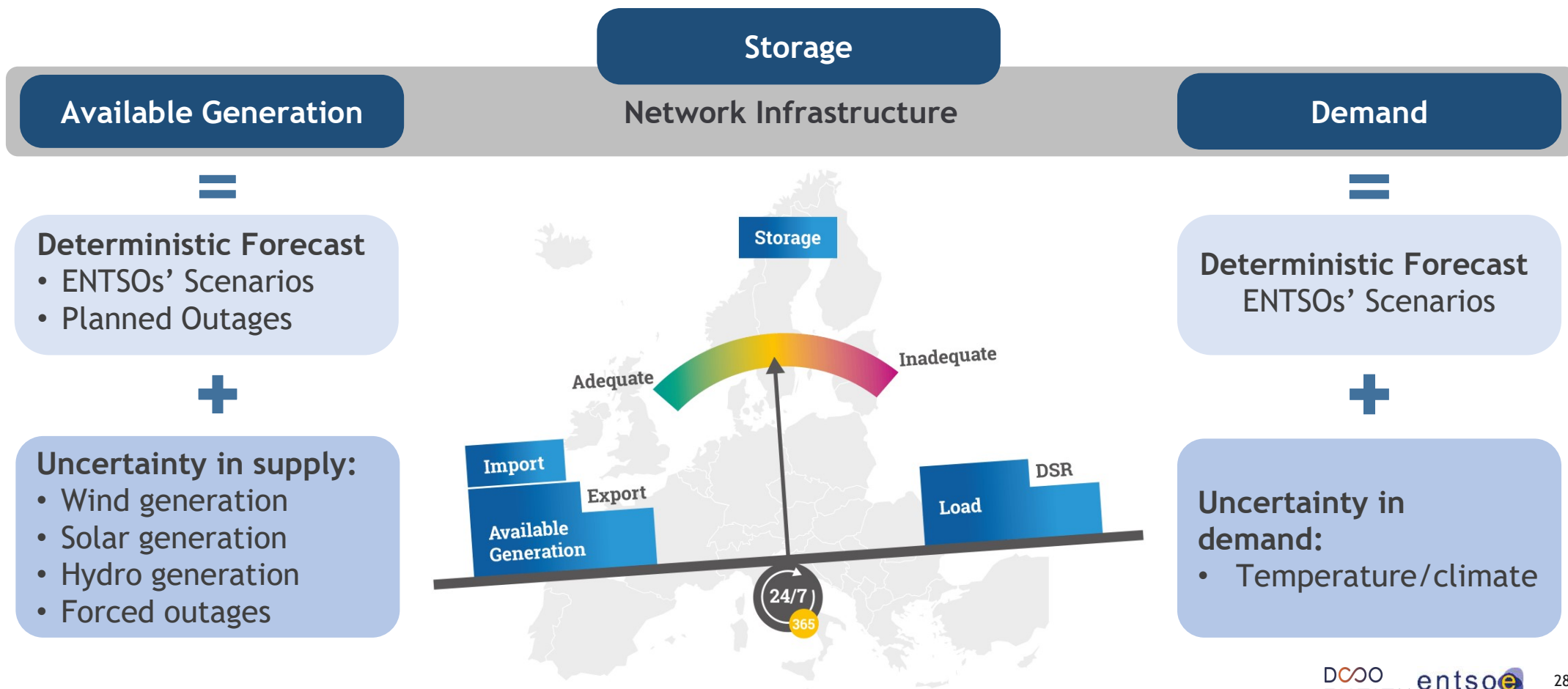
- Alignment with policy targets (e.g. on RES integration, [electrification](#)) and information included in policy scenarios
- Consistency with adequacy, ERAA and other studies of TSO/DSOs
- Use of the scenario data collected for other studies/additional data needed
- Use of national vs pan-EU scenarios and data
- Inclusion of data from different sectors (i.e. Sector Coupling)
- Climate data and conditions to be considered for the assessment (e.g. number of Climate Years, sources of climate data,...)
- [How to account for existing flex resources](#)
- [How to consider grid developments](#)
- [Stakeholder engagement processes during implementation to assess input data](#)
- [System integration to maximize flexibility](#)



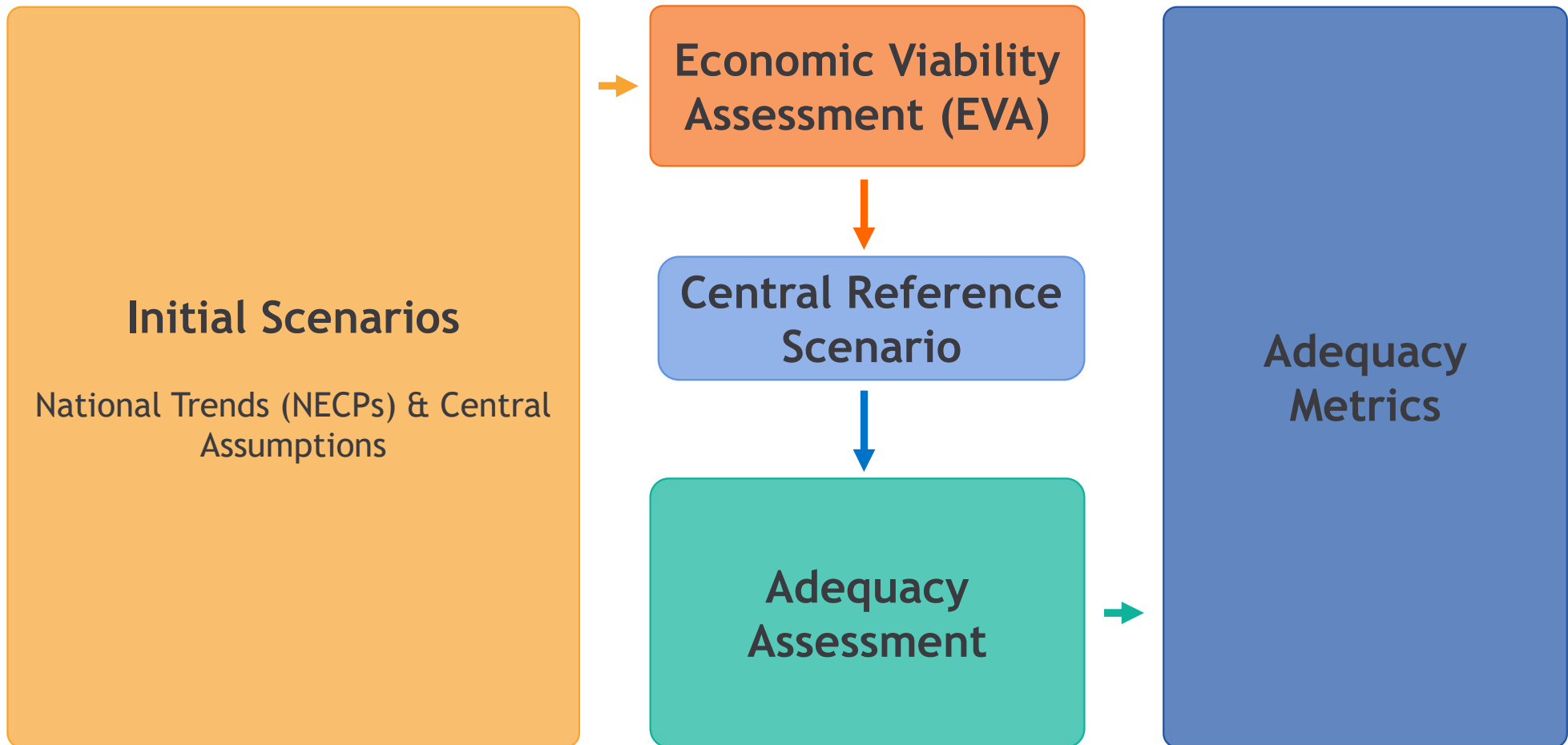
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# ERAA/NRAA methodology vs FNA

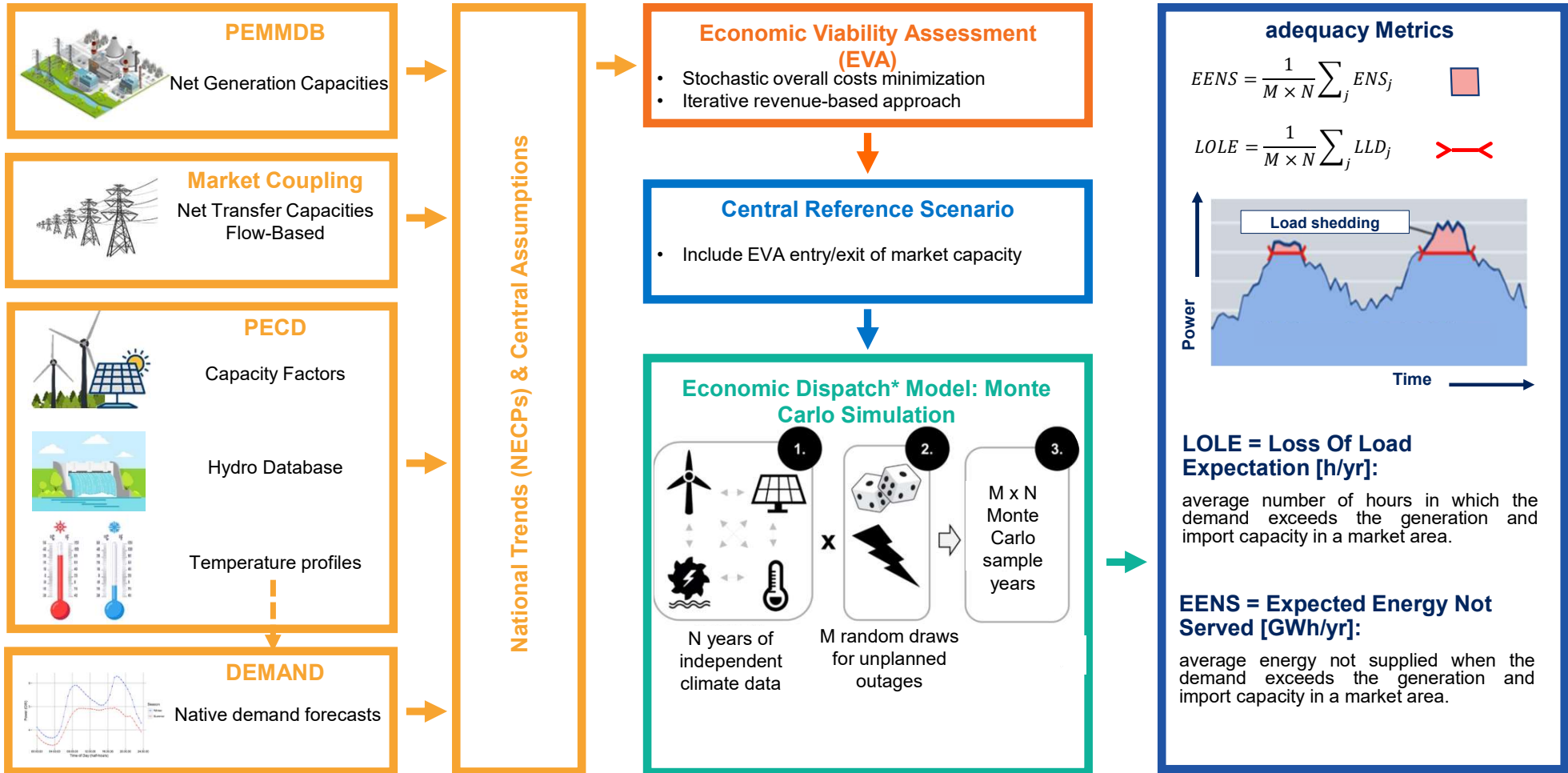
# A grid is adequate when sufficient generation and import capacity allow demand to be met, guaranteeing security of supply



# The ERAA – A multi-step process



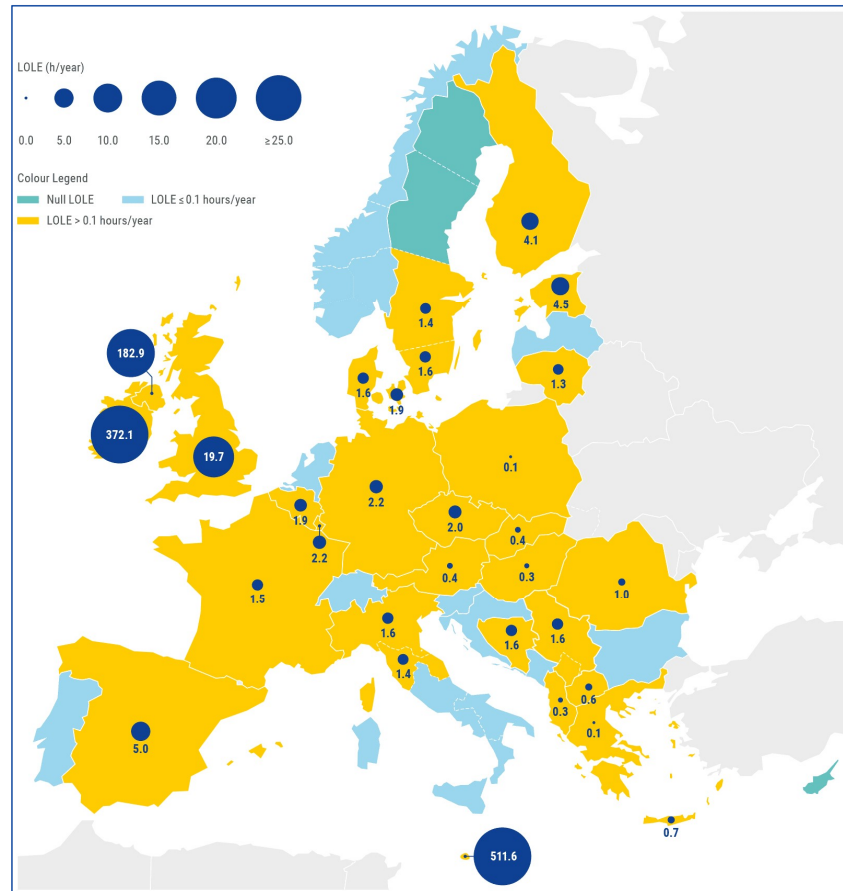
# The Framework of the ERAA



\* The ERAA Economic Dispatch model dispatches resources in the system to meet demand for every hour of the simulation and every study zone, while minimizing costs and respecting a set of constraints (Interconnector capacity for example)

# ERAA adequacy results published – 2023 edition

## Adequacy



## ERAA/NRAA as an input to FNA (1 of 2)

The use of ERAA/NRAA market dispatch output as a starting point for the Flexibility Needs Assessment allows a reliable quantification of needs while complying with the requirements of the EMDR

*“...estimated flexibility needs for a period of at least the next 5 to 10 years”*

*“...achieve security and reliability of supply”*

*“The report shall be consistent with the European resource adequacy assessment and national resource adequacy assessments”*

*“...taking into account the integration of variable renewable energy sources and the different sectors...,... interconnected nature of the electricity market”*

*“potential availability of cross-border flexibility/ take into account sources of flexibility that are expected to be available in other Member States”*

*“consider planned investment in interconnection and flexibility at transmission and distribution level; and*

*the need to decarbonise the electricity system in order to meet the Union’s 2030 targets for energy and climate”*



ERAA/NRAA already cover the + 10 years horizon



Adequacy is part of the security and reliability of supply. FNA complements ERAA/NRAA



Consistency is ensured via ERAA/NRAA output

ERAA/NRAA are already based on policy scenarios accounting for:

- Sector coupling (e.g. hydrogen, P2G)
- Planned interconnections
- Modelling of all EU and relevant non-EU countries and associated RES, demand, generation and flexibility



## ERAA/NRAA as an input to FNA (2 of 2)

The use of ERAA/NRAA market dispatch output as a starting point for the Flexibility Needs Assessment allows a reliable quantification of needs while complying with the requirements of the EMDR

*“...consider the potential of non-fossil flexibility resources such as demand response and energy storage, including aggregation and interconnection, to fulfil the flexibility needs”*

*“...consider all available sources of flexibility in a cost-efficient manner in the different timeframes, including in other Member States;”*

*“...Consider different assumptions in respect to electricity market prices, generation and demand”*

The key input to the FNA is represented by ERAA/NRAA economic dispatch simulations, that already provide as a result the cost-efficient and optima use of existing available sources of flexibility, including those in other Member States

By considering a wide variety of climate conditions, ERAA/NRAA economic dispatch simulations also intrinsically consider different conditions in respect to resulting electricity market prices, generation and demand, while ensuring compliance with policy targets

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# Distribution Network Development Plans

## Background – legal basis for DNDP in Network Code Demand Response

- Framework Guidelines NCDR (95) The new rules shall establish principles for the DSO's NDP described in Article 32 of the Electricity Directive

### 2019/944 Article 32

3. The development of a distribution system shall be based on a transparent NDP that the DSOs **shall publish at least every two years** and shall submit to the regulatory authority. The NDP shall provide transparency on the **medium and long-term flexibility services needed**, and shall set out the **planned investments for the next five-to-ten years**, with particular emphasis on **the main distribution infrastructure** which is required in order to connect new generation capacity and new loads, including recharging points for electric vehicles. The NDP shall also include the use of demand response, energy efficiency, energy storage facilities or other resources that the DSO is to use as an alternative to system expansion.

4. The DSO **shall consult** all relevant system users and the relevant TSOs on the NDP. The DSO shall **publish the results** of the consultation process along with the NDP, and submit the results of the consultation and the NDP to the regulatory authority. The regulatory authority may request amendments to the plan.

## Background – content of the DNDP

- **General principles on the planning criteria**, allowing for taking into account particular characteristics at national and DSO level. On national level, the DSOs shall apply planning criteria that are **consistent between them** and with the planning methodology of the **national TSOs for the TYNDP** where relevant.
- **Scenario data and/or assumptions** shall be sufficiently consistent among all DSOs on national level, taking into account the scenarios used by the national TSO in its planning.
  - Reflect the most plausible futures of the electricity distribution system **for the next five to ten years**, including anticipatory needs defined in accordance with relevant national processes;
  - Be coordinated between the concerned distribution and transmission system operators;
  - Encompass, at least, **current and forecasted electricity demand, generation and storage capacities and consider national energy and climate plans**, local energy strategies and other relevant development factors
- Information on **planned and ongoing investments and on local flexibility services**

## General principles on the DNDP

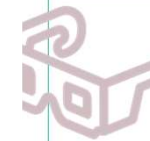
The methodology for planning and identifying needs for local services is described in each DNDP and complies with the following criteria



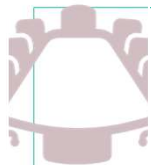
abide national regulation and comply with national requirements for operators



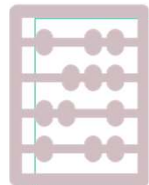
allow for taking into account particular characteristics at national and DSO level (voltage levels, regions)



identify and establish DSOs observability areas



be coordinated with the planning methodology and the scenario building process of the national TSOs



consider development scenario(s)



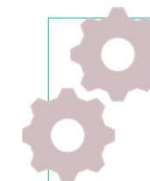
consider congestion local services



consider generation or demand limitations



consider flexible connection agreements (non-firm connection agreement),

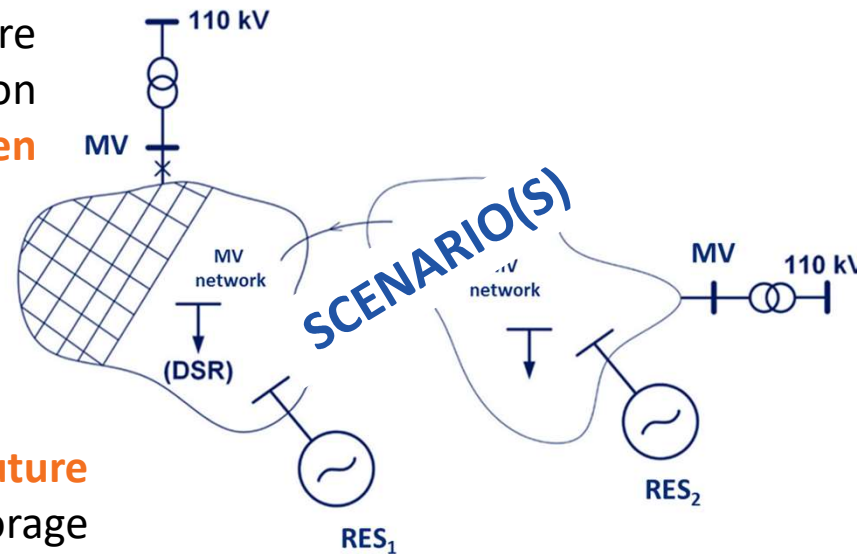


consider other relevant criteria

## Requirements on development scenario(s)

Allow to identify the **future needs** of distribution **network development and local services**

Describe the **most probable prospective(s)** of the future electricity distribution system, in the **five-to-ten** years window



**Encompass existing and future** demand, generation, storage capacities, consider national energy and climate plans, local energy strategies and relevant development factors

**Be coordinated** between concerned DSOs and TSOs and national bodies

Scenario(s) **assumptions** be described comprehensively for stakeholders

# DNDP as an input to FNA for DSO network needs

# 1/2

The use of DNDP output as a starting point for the Flexibility Needs Assessment allows a reliable quantification of needs while complying with the requirements of the EMDR

## Article 19e

*“...estimated flexibility needs for a period of at least the next 5 to 10 years”*

*“...consider the potential of non-fossil flexibility resources such as demand response and energy storage, including aggregation and interconnection, to fulfil the flexibility needs”*

*“...consider all available sources of flexibility in a cost-efficient manner in the different timeframes, including in other Member States;”*

*“potential availability of cross-border flexibility/ take into account sources of flexibility that are expected to be available in other Member States”*

## DNDP shares a vision of needs for local services on a technology neutral basis

- “provide transparency on the medium and long-term flexibility services needed”
- “include the use of demand response, energy efficiency, energy storage facilities or other resources that the DSO is to use as an alternative to system expansion”
- “take into account demand response and other relevant resources and assess future needs for local SO services, in particular as an alternative for grid reinforcement”

## What DNDP contains

- Information to market participants as to future local services needs in the medium and long-term have been taken
- Needs in DNDP may be aggregated, especially at lower voltage levels where the cinematics of the network can depend on a single actual connection application, or the behavior of a single system user

/!\ Actual local services needs being procured may differ from DNDP → in market info

/!\ Network needs may extend beyond local services, in particular considering flexibility relative to connection agreements

/!\ cross border issues are of little relevance for DSO local services

## DNDP as an input to FNA for DSO network needs

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The use of DNDP output as a starting point for the Flexibility Needs Assessment allows a reliable quantification of needs while complying with the requirements of the EMDR

### Article 19e

*“consider planned investment in interconnection and flexibility at transmission and distribution level;*

*“...achieve security and reliability of supply”*

*“...taking into account the integration of variable renewable energy sources and the different sectors...,... interconnected nature of the electricity market”*

*“...Consider different assumptions in respect to electricity market prices, generation and demand”*

*“be consistent with the European resource adequacy assessment and national resource adequacy assessments”*

*the need to decarbonise the electricity system in order to meet the Union’s 2030 targets for energy and climate”*

**DNDP** “set out the planned investments for the next 5 to 10 years, required to connect new generation capacity and new loads, including recharging points for electric vehicles”

**DNDP assumptions and scenarios are consistent with other national existing scenarios, and in particular NECP, and scenario used by TSO in its planning**

Scenario data and/or assumptions shall be sufficiently consistent among all DSOs on national level, taking into account the scenarios used by the national TSO in its planning.

/!\ consistent does not mean and cannot be identical



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## Session 4 – Elements of methodology for system needs

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# Reminder of guiding principles and system needs indicators

## Guiding principles

### FEASIBILITY

Minimum requirements build on existing tools and post-processing accessible (i.e. ERAA/NRAA) allowing for additional specifications where nationally relevant

### CONSISTENCY

Use of scenarios, assumptions and methodologies of existing studies to the extend possible (i.e. ERAA/NRAA)

### COMPLEMENTARITY

Complement shortage indicators studied in existing methodologies and studies (i.e. ERAA/NRAA)

### APPLICABILITY

Technology-neutral metrics (e.g. MW and MWh of surplus energy) enabling the assessment of policy targets and need for measures

### POLICY RELEVANCE

Focus on system needs (variations of generation and demand) and network needs (grid availability) in line with EMDR definition

## System needs indicators

### RES integration needs : surplus generation

- Study downward flexibility needs based on behavior of the ERAA/NRAA surplus energy indicator in terms of energy, duration and intervals and periods and conditions at risk.
- Refine flexibility needs into different timeframes (daily, weekly, monthly) based on optimizing a dummy flex variable on overgeneration volumes

### Ramping needs: residual load variations

- Quantify flexibility shortages associated to the management of up- and downward residual load ramps over a period of 60 minutes or lower based on the ramping constraints of dispatched units (ERAA / NRAA)
- Based on comparison with residual load variations (ERAA / NRAA)

### Short-term flexibility needs : prediction errors

- Quantify flexibility shortages associated to the management of up- and downward residual load / generation prediction errors based on the margins of dispatched units (ERAA / NRAA)
- Based on comparison with residual load prediction errors (ENTSO-E TP or national data)

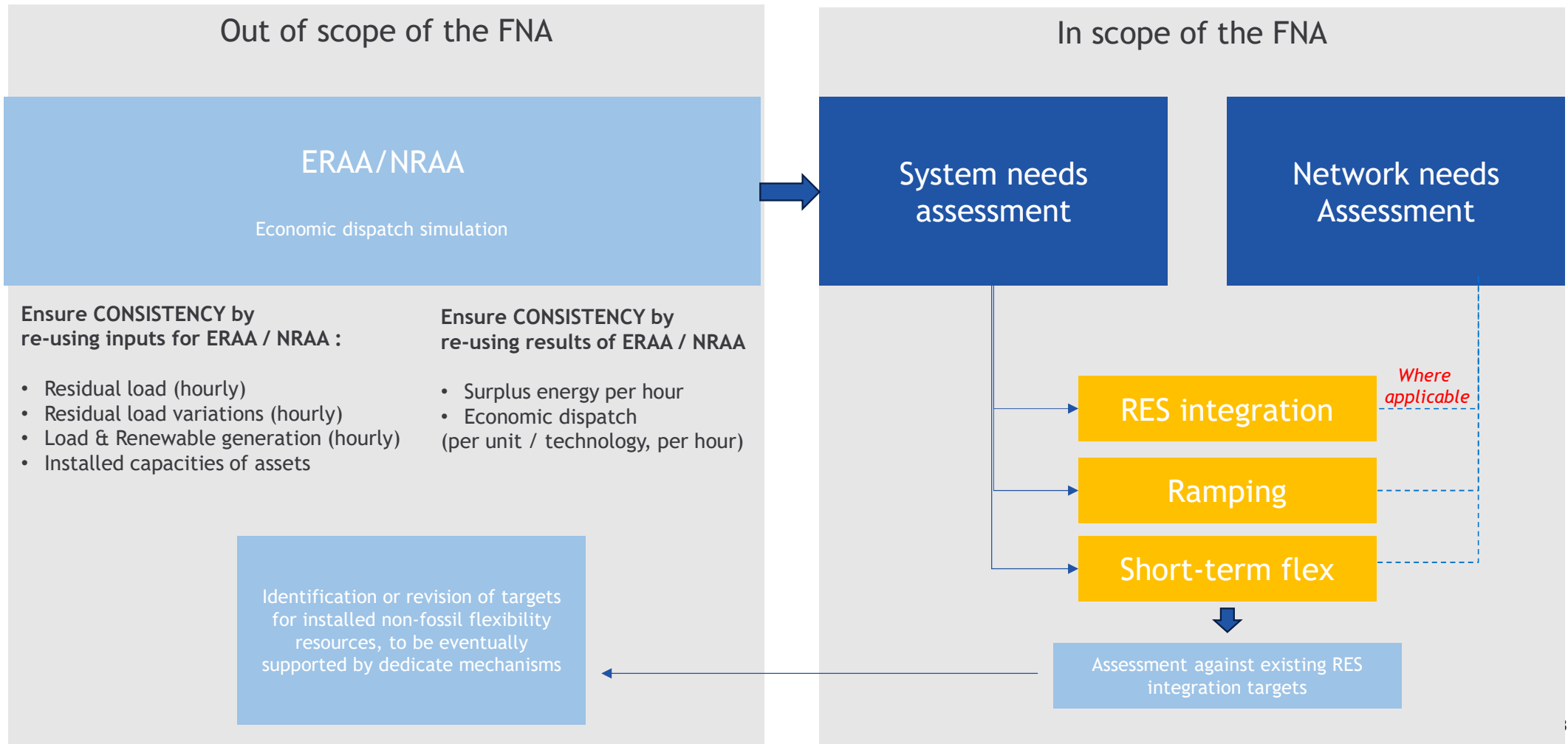
## Network needs

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*RES Injection constraints due to local congestions*



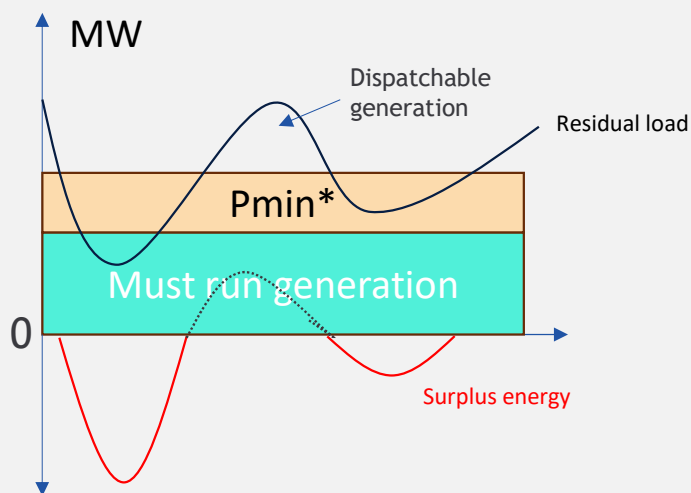
# General approach



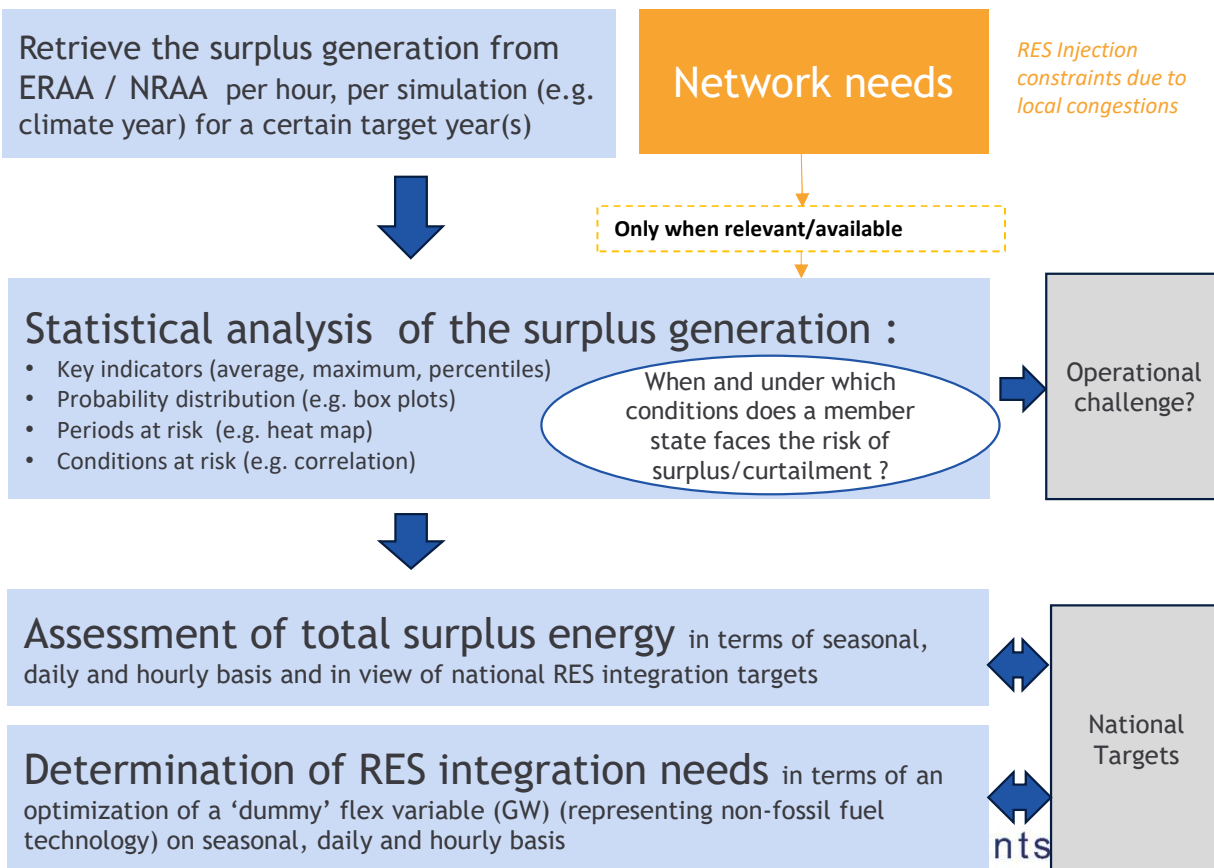
# 1. RES integration needs

The RES integration needs is calculated to cover surplus renewable energy that needs to be curtailed, typically during low demand and high renewable generation conditions. It follows system constraints and cannot be stored, shifted or exported by available storage, demand response or transmission capacity

Illustration of surplus energy



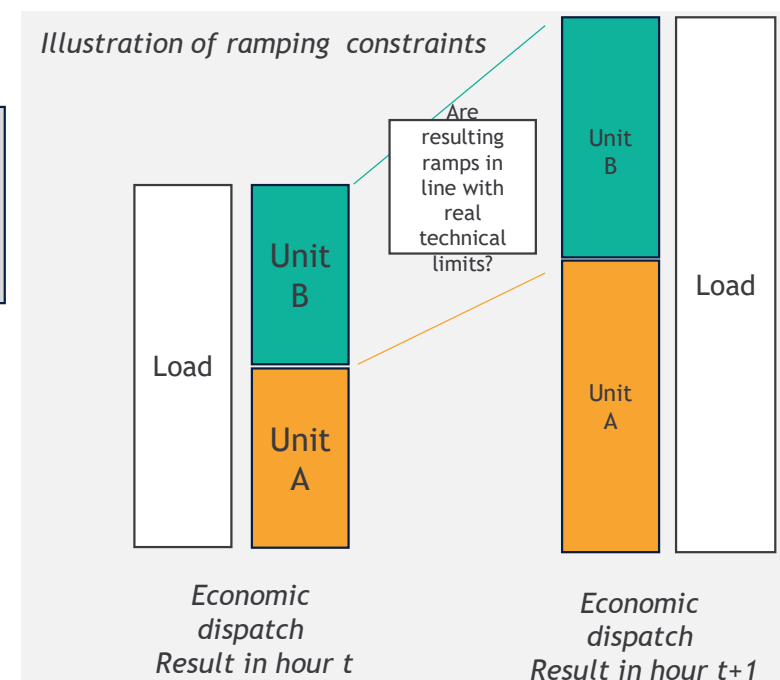
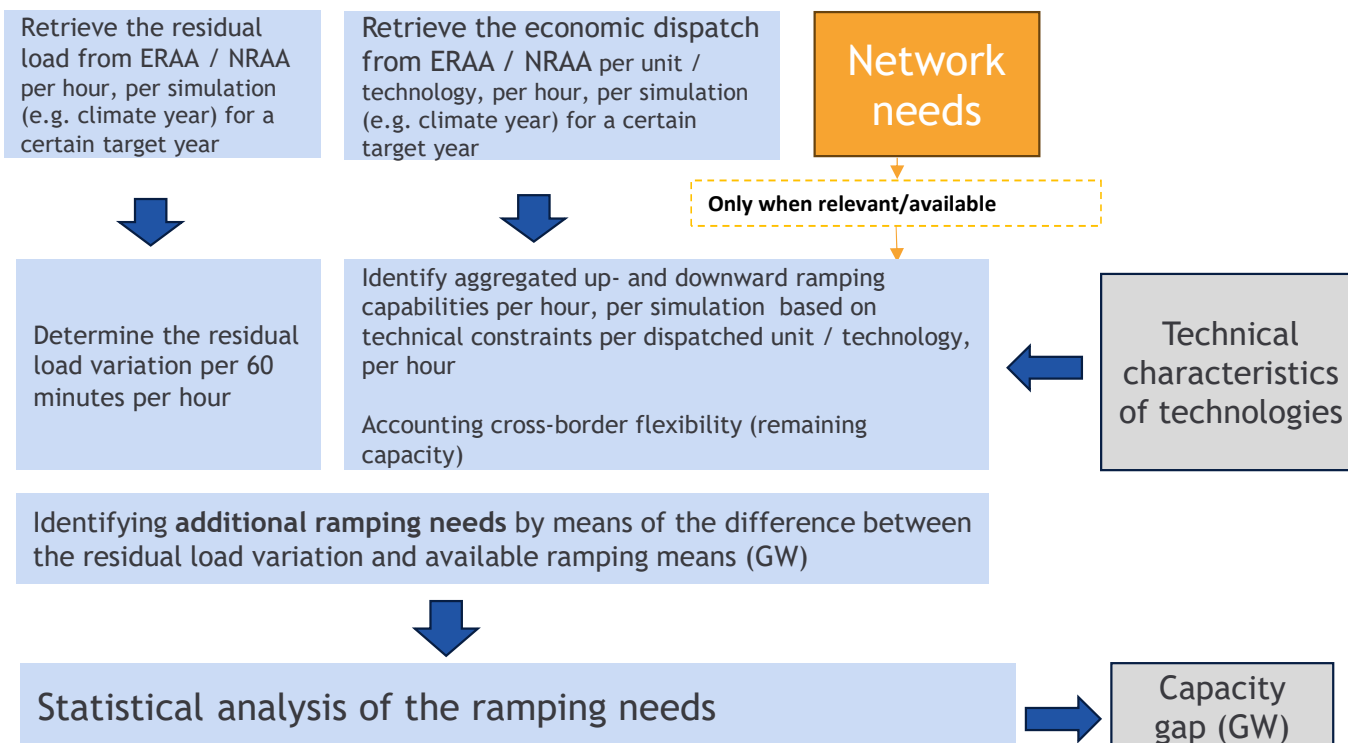
\*minimum generation levels of dispatched units



## 2. Ramping needs

*The Ramping needs is calculated to cover the lost energy (demand shedding or renewable curtailment) following the ramping constraints of controllable units to follow hourly residual load variations*

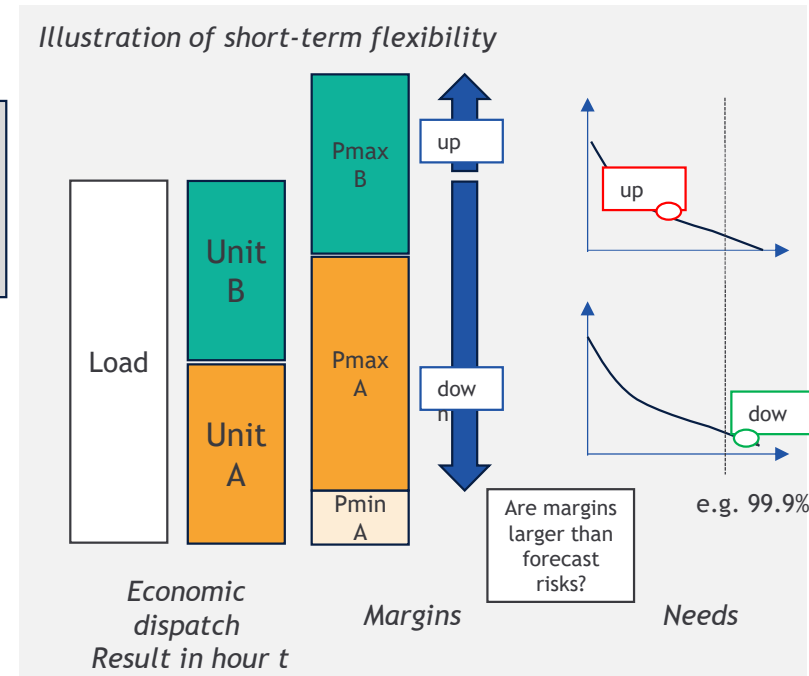
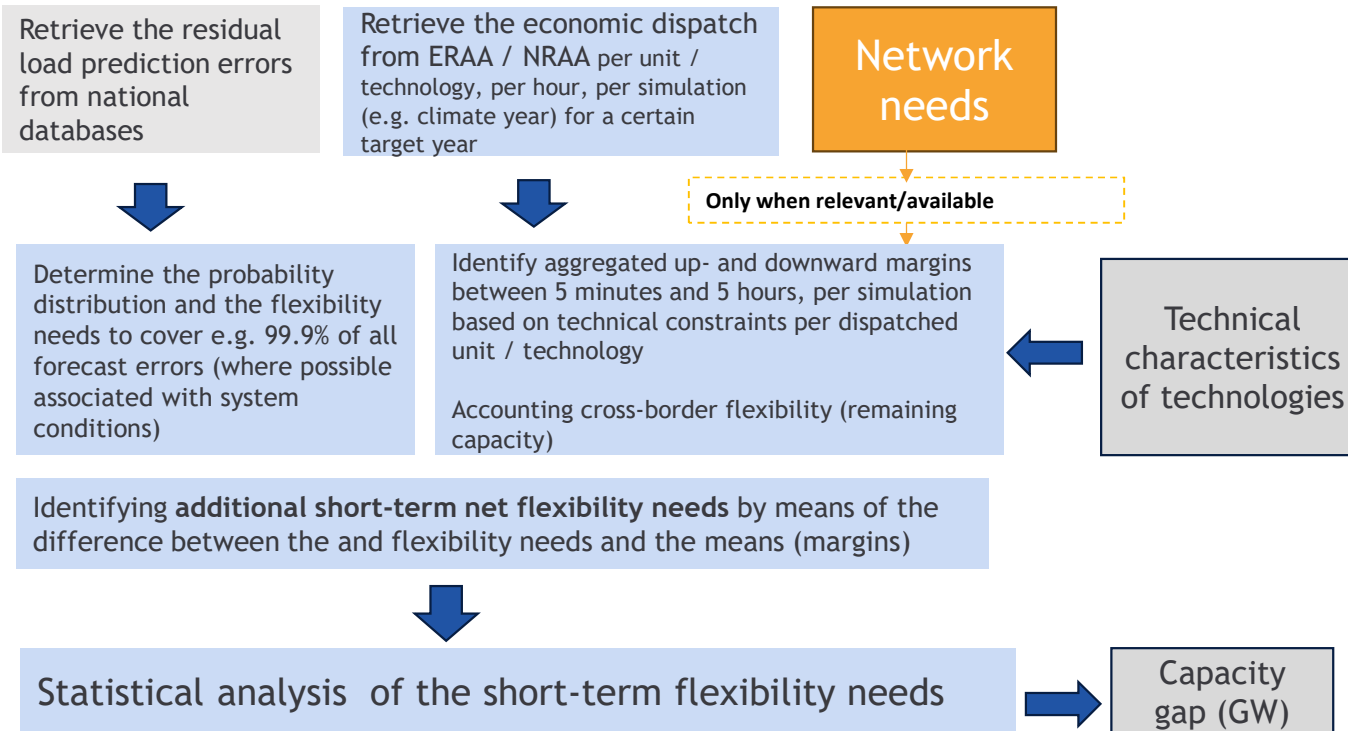
- This analysis complements the simplification of some technical constraints in ERAA / NRAA with lower relevance for adequacy (e.g. simplification of minimum power or start-up / shut-down constraints to manage computation power)
- Member states already accounting such technical constraints in their NRAA can study the behaviour of surplus generation and shortage indicators during non-scarcity related periods



### 3. Short-term flexibility needs

The short-term flexibility needs is calculated to cover the lost energy (shedding/curtailment) following the technical constraints of controllable units to cover unexpected variations of the demand, renewable generation or forced outage of assets

- To give a complete view on flexibility needs during the intra-day and balancing time frame, the method covers flexibility required by the market (to balance portfolios) as well as transmission system operators (to balance residual imbalances)
- This analysis complements the assumptions of ‘hourly resolution’ and ‘perfect forecasts’ in the ERAA assessments



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## Session 5 – Elements of methodology for network needs

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# Network need - Process overview

## Network needs (prevent or solve congestion) : BOTTOM-UP approach

### STEP 1: DSO provide data and analysis to National Entity

- **Each DSO provide flexibility needs** from **DNDP** + flexibility needs from additional assessments if relevant  
→ input for the flexibility assessment from each DSO to national entity

### STEP 2: National Entity synthesises data from STEP 1

- **Overall National needs** to prevent or solve congestion

### STEP 3: DSO and TSO fine tune forecast of system needs **if / where / when needed and relevant**

- **If or where network needs** might have a **relevant impact** on system needs, **fine tune data**
- DSO provides data with better time or locational granularity to TSO and **TSO takes into account for system needs**

### STEP 4: -> Guiding criteria -> policy recommendations



## STEP 1 – Flexibility needs to solve or prevent congestion from each SO

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For the next five to ten years, each SO is responsible to provide data:

- Annual activated flexibility volumes to solve or prevent congestion
- Ranges of daily and hourly flexibility to solve or prevent congestion
- /!\ data will be aggregated, as local data is highly dependent of local dynamics of system users connection application, change of individual injection/consumption patterns, ...

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As default DSO (respectively TSO) shall use annual volumes of local services identified in DNDP used to prevent or solve grid limitations. When these volumes do not encompass all future flexibility needs in their grid, additional assessments shall be performed by the corresponding DSO (resp. TSO). These assessments shall consider:

- Each DSO (resp. TSO) shall perform a forecast based on its available data and NECP scenarios
- Each DSO (resp. TSO) shall consider the grid reinforcements described in DNDP and TYNDP

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Volumes of grid limitations and corresponding flexibility needs from DSO shall be provided to the National Entity based on the template and units defined in this methodology.

## STEP 1 and 2 : Data from each DSO for the methodology

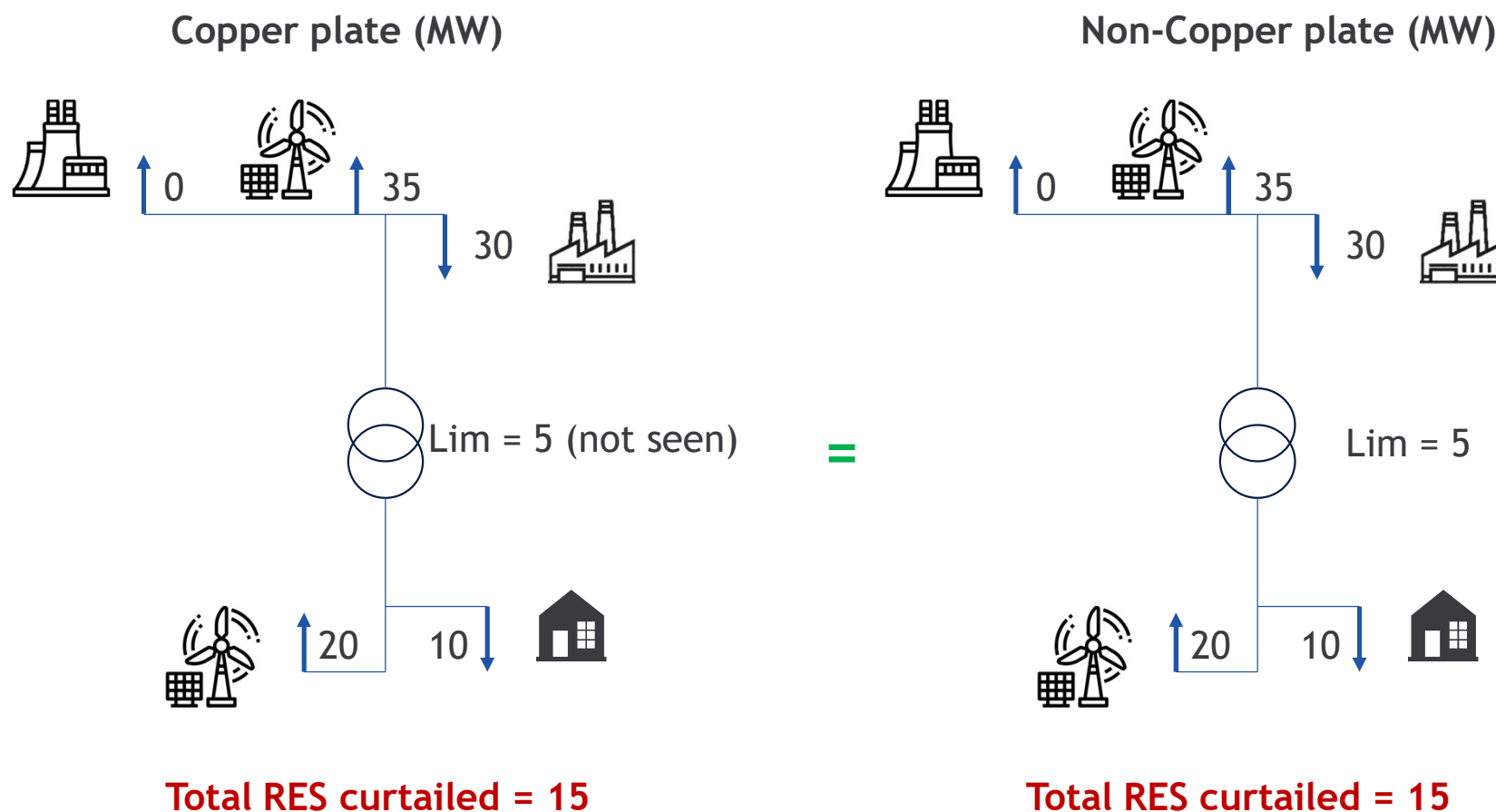
- /!\ Work in progress (to be confirmed if possible to compute / provide)
    - Data on flexibility needs for DSO (based on injection and data for consumption scenario over the planning horizon) - data upwards and downwards
      - Potential metrics (to be confirmed if / where and to which extent possible to compute/provide)
        - ▶ Max GW of RES curtailment or demand outage expected in critical events over the planning time
        - ▶ If possible : on the critical events, over the planning horizon : Expected TWh/year (split by season if possible) and/or TWh/day (typical days / typical network conditions if possible)
        - ▶ Hourly GW for specific days (if possible / available)
        - ▶ Qualitative data where quantitative data is not available
      - /!\ The above metrics may be relevant for normal « N » scheme » ; metrics for N-1 (planned/unplanned outage) schemes would be different
    - /!\ Data only for DSO network needs – does not concern resources activated for TSO (network or system needs) purposes
    - Where relevant, data from some DSO can be extrapolated based on the data provided by other DSO.
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- **Still to be addressed : guiding criteria**
    - Max possible downwards flex when there is excess generation. For example, for assessing max possible downwards flex, we should consider all other flex means than curtailing generation

## STEP 3 – Fine tuning if /where / when needed and where data is available or relevant

- TSO and DSO can **fine tune the estimation of system or network needs** by exchanging data that feeds associated quantification approaches, depending **on the relevance to fine-tune and to yield more accurate data**
  - **when comparing orders of magnitude** of DSO network needs, TSO network needs, system needs and the impact of uncertainty and assumptions on DSO / TSO / system needs
  - **when considering the relevance of providing granular / local data with assumptions and uncertainty with respect to aggregated data with more certainty**, or the capability to provide such additional data
- This additional information allows to revise the system needs upwards or downwards in function of:
  - Additional RES integration / ramping / short-term needs following moments with local congestions while **avoiding double counting** during simultaneous local congestions and surplus RES energy in the system
  - Additional or reduced RES integration / ramping / short-term needs following moments with reduced or additional availability of local flexibility resources
  - Scheduled generation and consumption by affected area to increase the accuracy of the assessment
- TSO and DSOs shall agree on
  - Identification of the DSO grid areas affected by congestions, where fine-tuning would be useful
  - approaches for annualization of results if additional data is provided for specific conditions (e.g. representative days of the year, renewable generation and load conditions)
  - on coverage approaches in case factors are representative for only a sub-set of DSOs at national level,

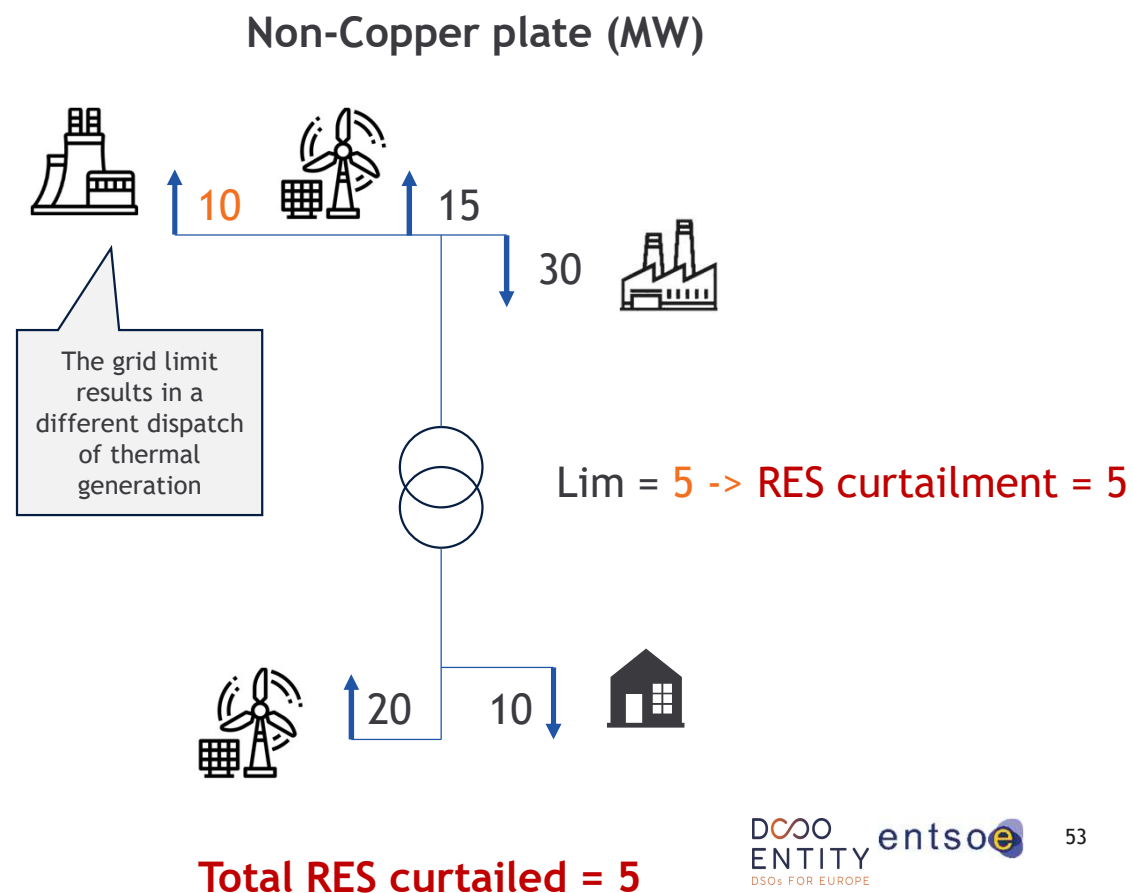
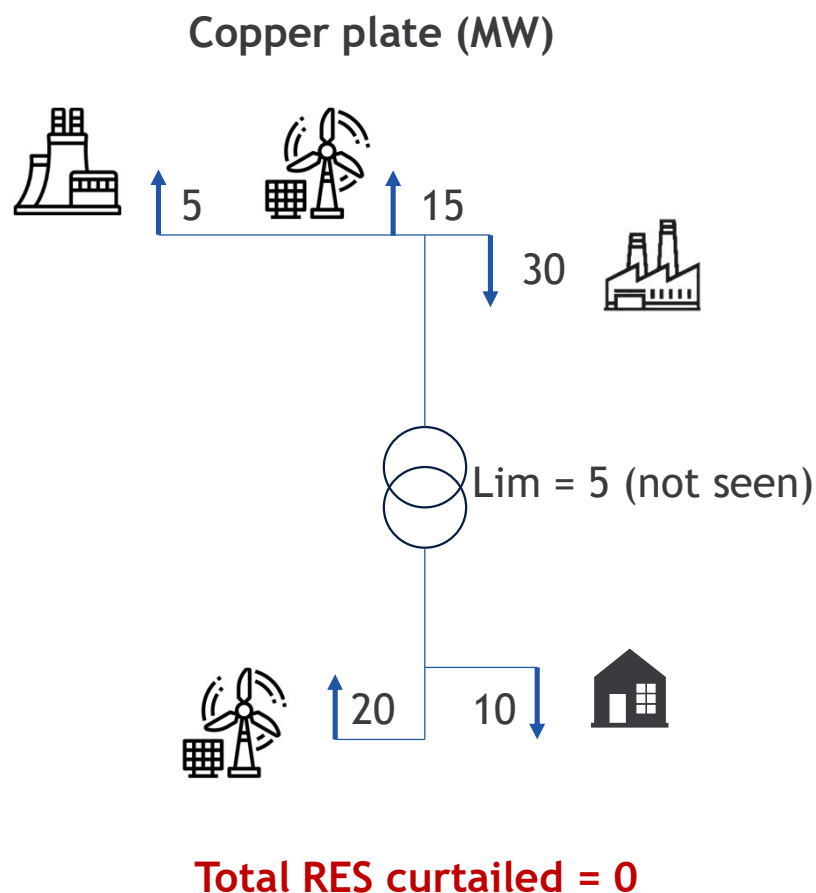
## STEP 3 – Fine tuning: situation where it is not necessary

When the whole system is in RES excess condition, system need assessment already address RES curtailment due to local congestions



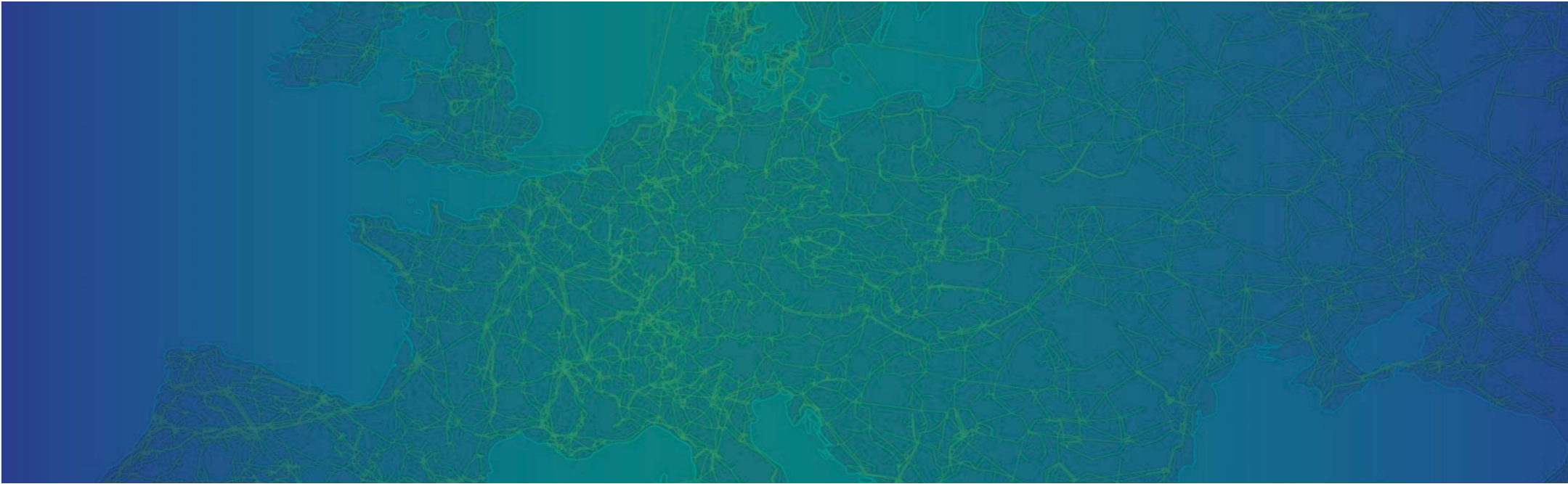
## STEP 3 – Fine tuning : situation where it is useful

When the whole system **is not in RES excess condition**, system need assessment does not assess RES curtailment due to local congestions, thus underestimating overall RES curtailment



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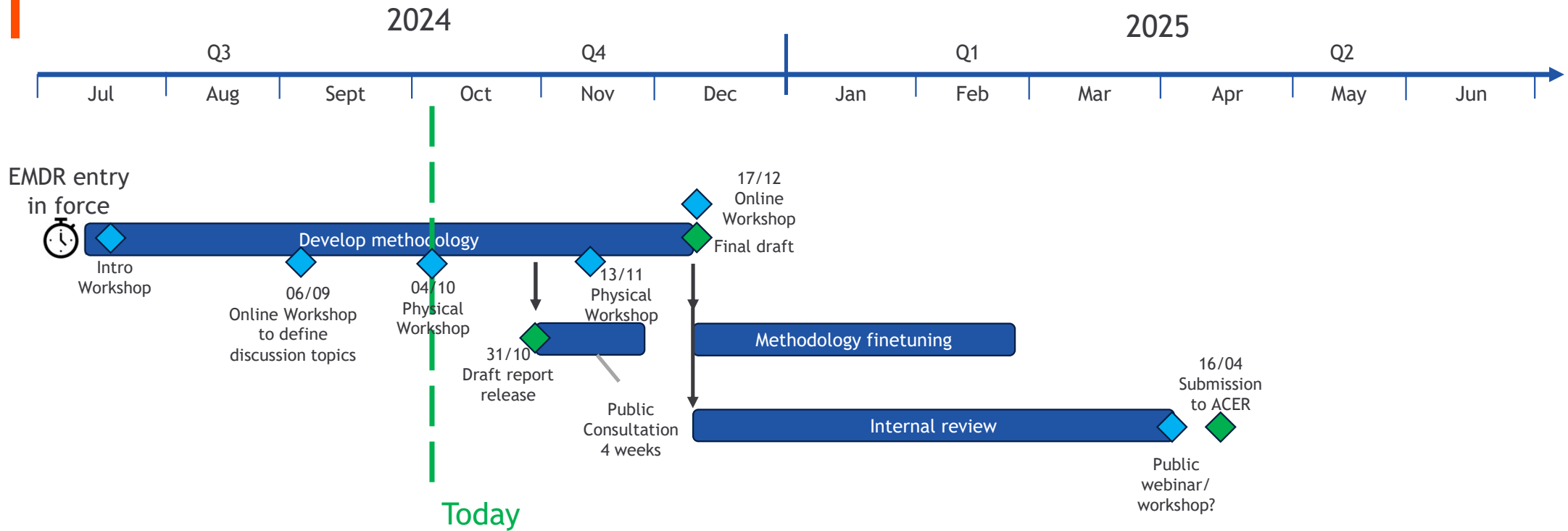
## Next steps



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# Next steps



- Consultation window opening at end of October

◆ Report related  
◆ Stakeholder interaction

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## Feedback for next workshop

Stakeholders are invited to bring forward their views on the current methodology