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### **European transmission system operators to constantly strengthen their cooperation in the management of the interconnected power system**

**Eight European transmission system operators improve their cooperation with a view to optimising electricity exchange capacities. The strengthened collaboration includes Amprion (Germany), Elia (Belgium), REE (Spain), RTE (France), Swissgrid (Switzerland), TenneT (Netherlands), Terna (Italy) and TransnetBW (Germany).**

In order to tackle increasing challenges in managing the security of power systems while maximising the benefits for the European electricity market, transmission system operators (TSOs) and regional coordination centres (RSCs) are further strengthening their collaboration, both in their forecast studies and in their daily operation, to optimize cross-border exchange capacities at each interconnection, according to system needs and conditions. These procedures are accelerated and coordinated by the regional security coordination centres (the main RSCs active in Central Europe are currently CORESO and TSCNet).

Modelled on the process used in previous years to guarantee security of electricity supply in Switzerland and Belgium, the eight grid operators have outlined a joint action plan to ensure an efficient and harmonized usage of the power system resources.

Cross border exchanges resulting from the optimisation of the interconnections, play a key role in ensuring the security of supply in countries whose power systems are under pressure. This strengthened cooperation will be particularly useful in case of potential generation adequacy issues in a country.

The reinforced coordination will consist in the following main procedures:

- The European TSOs will be in constant contact through a newly-created catalogue of extraordinary measures such as ending some temporary safety margins in the new Flow Based process or the increase of the intraday capacity from Switzerland to France. The objective of this enhanced coordination is to optimise electricity exchange capacities between countries, so

as to meet the needs of energy suppliers and limit the risk of power cuts when the supply-demand balance in different countries becomes strained at critical days.

- Maintenance works on the transmission lines most heavily impacting the cross-border exchanges have been rescheduled in an optimal way to boost electricity exchange capacity between countries and thus draw maximum benefit from the pooling of European generating facilities.

The deployment of these new measures comes in addition to the existing mutual assistance arrangements between TSOs. The speed with which these supplementary measures are being set up demonstrate once again the initiatives already implemented by the Regional Security Coordination Centres and the commitment of European TSOs to strengthening cooperation and solidarity mechanisms, particularly during periods marked by challenges to the electricity system.

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