



# MARKET CONSULTATION ON BALANCING TARIFFS IN THE BELUX AREA FOR 2026

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

In accordance with CREG decision (B)150903-CDC-656G/29 and ILR regulation E15/38/ILR of 28 August 2015, Balansys shall introduce a proposal for approval to CREG and ILR, regarding the balancing tariffs applicable during the next balancing period (between 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2026 and 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2026).

In this context, a market consultation is organized on the proposed balancing tariffs applicable during the next balancing period.

The balancing tariffs consist of the neutrality charge, the small adjustments and the incentivizing factor.

## 2 LEVEL OF THE BeLUX NEUTRALITY ACCOUNT

In accordance with CREG decision (B)150903-CDC-656G/29 and ILR regulation E15/38/ILR of 28 August 2015, the level of the BeLux neutrality account by 30 June 2025 shall be taken into account in order to determine the neutrality charge for the next tariff period.

End of June 2025, the BeLux neutrality account was standing at +814.759€.

In accordance with Commission Regulation (EU) No 312/2014 (BAL NC), the level of the BeLux neutrality account is published monthly on the website of Balansys:

<http://www.balansys.eu/contracts-tariffs/>

### 3 PROPOSED BALANCING TARIFFS FOR THE NEXT BALANCING PERIOD

#### Neutrality Charge

In accordance with article 29 of BAL NC, balancing activity must be financially neutral : *“the transmission system operator shall not gain or lose by the payment and receipt of daily imbalance charges, within day charges, balancing actions charges and other charges related to its balancing activities”*.

After several years during which the neutrality account remained largely positive (due to the surge in gas prices following the Ukrainian crisis), the application of negative neutrality charges was needed to bring the account closer to balance.

Estimates for the neutrality account at the end of 2025 suggest that the balance will reach a level near to zero. This is why Balansys is proposing a null neutrality charge in 2026 as the functioning budget of Balansys is expected to be compensated with settlement revenues for 2026.

If the gas price starts again to evolve with significant magnitudes and that has the consequence of deviating from the projected trajectory of the neutrality account, it is possible to introduce to the CREG and ILR a reviewed tariff proposal<sup>1</sup> – based on this consultation<sup>2</sup> – with an adapted neutrality charge.

#### Small Adjustments and Incentivizing factor

As in previous years, the number of settlements for causers remains high, even with the introduction of the incentivizing factor in 2024 which penalizes the shippers causing significant within-day imbalance. We interpret this as a sign that the market is still confident that the BeLux market-based balancing system ensures that settlements will be done at a fair price. As the end-of-day market position does not jeopardize network operations, it seems to be no need at this stage to define a higher incentive for shippers to be closer to the equilibrium end-of-day. To prevent a further possible increase of the end-of-day settlements for causers, we therefore propose to maintain the **small adjustment for main causers** at its current value of **3%** and the **small adjustment to 0% for minor causers**. As defined in the Balancing Code, a shipper is a main

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<sup>1</sup> In accordance with CREG decision (B)150903-CDC-656G/29 and ILR regulation E15/38/ILR

<sup>2</sup> For the sake of clarity, if a reviewed tariff proposal is introduced to CREG for another reason, it will be preceded by a new market consultation

causer if he uses more than 20% of the total flexibility of the market when a settlement must be done.

Concerning the within-day settlements, as some shippers continue to use a major part of the market flexibility during the day, Balansys is still willing to incentivize these shippers to better follow their balancing position during the day. In this context, Balansys will propose to maintain the **incentivizing factor** at **10% for main causers** and **0% for the minor causers**.

Concerning the **small adjustment for helpers** and willing to continue to incentivize the shippers to contribute to the reduction of the market imbalance, we propose to maintain its value at **0%**.

The values of the small adjustments are lower than the limit foreseen in article 22.7 of the BAL NC (10%) and can be reviewed in accordance with CREG decision (B)150903-CDC-656G/29 and ILR regulation E15/38/ILR of 28 August 2015.

This tariff proposal is without prejudice to the possibility to submit a reviewed tariff proposal in the future (at the time of the next tariffs proposal or during the next tariff period if necessary) in accordance with CREG decision (B)150903-CDC-656G/29 and ILR regulation E15/38/ILR of 28 August 2015.

## 4 INVITATION TO REACT

Balansys would like to invite all interested parties to submit any comments they may have on this document by email at following address: [marketing@balansys.eu](mailto:marketing@balansys.eu) and this before 5.00 p.m. on 8 September 2025. We also ask you to specify in your response whether the content is to be treated as confidential or not. Unless otherwise mentioned, all comments will be treated as non-confidential. In case of a confidential response, please provide also a non-confidential version.