



MARKET CONSULTATION ON BALANCING TARIFFS IN THE BELUX AREA FOR 2027

14 August 2026 – 11 September 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 1st of January 2027 and 31st of December 2027).

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 2026 shall be taken into account in order to determine the neutrality charge for the next tariff period.

At the end of June 2026, the BeLux neutrality account was amounting to -1.401.509€.

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 positive, the application of negative neutrality charges was needed to bring the account closer to balance. In our forecasts last year, with a zero neutrality charge applicable in 2026, the neutrality account was expected to be almost in balance by the end of 2026.

With the impact of the gas prices and volatility due to Middle East crisis and the market participant behaviour since the new settlement methodology introduced in 2024, the neutrality account at the end of 2026 is expected to remain negative. We therefore propose to apply a neutrality charge of 0,01 €/MWh for 2027 (payable by market participants pro rata to provisional exit energy allocation on domestic exit points). With this proposal, we expect the BeLux neutrality account to be balanced by the end of 2027.

If the evolution of the gas prices has a significant impact on the projected trajectory of the neutrality account, it is possible to introduce to the CREG and ILR a reviewed tariff proposal¹ – based on this consultation² – with an adapted neutrality charge.

Small Adjustments and Incentivizing Factors

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 there is no need at this stage to define a higher incentive for shippers to be closer to the equilibrium end-of-day. We

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

² 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

therefore propose maintaining 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 causer if he uses more than 20% of the total flexibility of the market when a settlement is done.

Concerning the within-day settlements, as some shippers continue to use a major part of the market flexibility during the day, Balansys wishes to encourage them to continue to respect their balancing position during the day. In this context, Balansys proposes 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 and this before 5.00 p.m. on 11 September 2026. 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.