

Updated methodological note for the Country Assessment Sheets ('CASs')

- (1) This methodological note for the assessment of CASs in the fourth Agency's Report substantially relies on the one presented in the Technical Annex II¹ of the second Agency's Report. Therefore, the present note only focusses on the changes to that methodology. For further details on the unchanged elements of the methodology, we refer the reader to the aforementioned document.
- (2) The differences compared to the already adopted methodology take stock of the changed implementation background, at the end of the interim measure phase. Indeed, the changed mostly refer to the evaluation of the application of interim measures, the use of balancing services, and balancing platforms ('BP'). Table 1 includes all changes applied to the previously adopted methodology.

Table 1: Balancing Network Code Country Assessment Sheet

Key elements	Coding	Explanation
Implementation date	2015, 2016, Interim prolonged / terminated, Formerly derogated	The new category "formerly derogated" allows including the balancing zones of Estonia, Finland, and Latvia. For interim measures zones, it is specified if the interim measures are "prolonged" or "terminated".
TSO uses balancing platform	Yes, No	For the balancing zones applying interim measures that have terminated the use of the BP in favour of a trading platform ('TP'), the score is '1'. The same score applies if the BP is prolonged and is liquid. If the BP is prolonged but not liquid, or if it does not exist and there is no TP, the score is '0'.
TSO makes use of balancing services	Yes, No	'Yes', if balancing services are used. 'No', if balancing services are not used. The explanatory box specifies if balancing services are used extensively (more than 50% of total TSO's balancing volume), moderately (between 30% and 49%), limitedly (between 5% and 30%), or minimally (below 5%). A binary scale of '0', for extensive use, and '1', for other uses applies; for envisaged decreased use, a score of 0.5 applies.
Application of interim measures	No, Terminated, Prolonged	A new scoring apply: '-1' if one interim measure was kept, other than the BP '-2' if two interim measures were kept, other than the BP '-3' if three interim measures were kept, , other than the BP