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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS: BIDDING IN VIA THE BRITNED CONNECTION

For questions about this subject, please contact us via info@gopacs.eu

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What is BritNed?

BritNed Development Limited owns and operates the electricity interconnector between Great Britain and the Netherlands. BritNed employs an explicit auction system where transmission rights are auctioned to market participants for utilizing the available interconnection capacity. These transmission rights are separate from obtaining energy in the respective market.

Where is the BritNed connection situated in the Netherlands?

The feed-in from Great Britain to the Netherlands occurs in South Holland, specifically at the Maasvlakte 380kV substation.

Which GOPACS product is applicable?

Market participants that bid in via the BritNed connection make use of the redispatch product. Please read the GOPACS Product Conditions through www.en.gopacs.eu/documents for more information about the Redispatch product.

Which market parties can bid in?

Market participants wishing to make redispatch bids via BritNed must be CSPs to do so. We ask CSPs, who have not previously been active on the BritNed connection, to indicate that you want to use the BritNed grid connection point. You will then receive the required location identifier (an EAN). Are you not yet registered as a CSP or have questions about the CSP process? Please go to the "Partners in Energie" website to register or email to tennetccc@tennet.eu

Do I need to register at GOPACS to be able bid in via the BritNed grid connection point?

All CSPs, including the CSPs that have previously been active on the BritNed connection, need to be registered at GOPACS (again), including the registration of the assigned BritNed grid connection point in your GOPACS account. If you have questions about becoming registered at GOPACS, please contact info@gopacs.eu.

I have previously been active as CSP on the BritNed connection, can I use the same grid connection point as the one I have used before?

The BritNed grid connection point (an EAN 18 code) is the same as the one you have used before.

How can I bid in via the BritNed connection?

CSPs can actively bid through the power exchanges that are connected to GOPACS: ETPA and EPEX SPOT. It is up to the CSP to choose which power exchanges it uses. CSPs that offer flexibility to the System Operators through GOPACS must already have secured the necessary transport capacity on the BritNed interconnector in advance for the relevant delivery period.

Why has the previous possibility to bid in via the BritNed connection been withdrawn?

TenneT decided in 2023 to temporarily stop the ability to bid via the BritNed connection. Bids often proved to be unusable or were not (fully) physically delivered by market participants. By improving working methods and processes, there is more certainty about the delivery of the offered flexibility.

What processes are improved or automated to ensure the delivery of the offered flexibility?

CSPs that offer flexibility to the System Operators through GOPACS must already have secured the necessary transport capacity on the BritNed interconnector in advance for the relevant delivery period. Therefore, upon Go-Live in April 2024, GOPACS verifies the Offered Capacity (OC) at BritNed with the bids from the BritNed connection point. No bids will be accepted that exceed the OC. Next to that, the maximum flexible power is limited to only one open active BritNed auction period instead of all four at the same time in a GOPACS redispatch request. GOPACS monitors possible misuse by CSPs.

Note: GOPACS respects the usage of ITL (Intraday Trading Limit) or RMP (Restriction MarketParty) per auction gate, set by the responsible TSO on the BritNed ATC. This avoids unfulfilled redispatch by a CSP afterwards.

In the press release it is stated that GOPACS and BritNed work on further improvements. What do these improvements entail?

GOPACS and BritNed will continue to work closely together on further improvements and a higher degree of automation within the GOPACS – BritNed congestion management and allocation process. In the final solution GOPACS will ensure that the required capacity is allocated to the relevant CSP, next to maximizing the available flexible power to be bid in. More details will follow in due time.

What happens if there is non-delivery of the redispatch action?

GOPACS monitors the bidding behavior of CSPs. In case there is non-delivery by a CSP, particularly on the BritNed connection, GOPACS will discuss this with the CSP. Based on the outcomes of this discussion, GOPACS could suspend the CSP from bidding via the BritNed connection on the GOPACS platform.

Who should I contact with questions about BritNed?

Please send your questions about BritNed to britned.info@britned.com.

Who should I contact with further questions at GOPACS?

Please send your questions info@gopacs.eu.