

# Electricity Security Assessment Framework

Extending the framework beyond borders

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# Keeping the lights on while transforming the power system



- **Electricity security is increasingly urgent:**
  - Share of electricity is growing fast and delivering it reliably is critical to the global economy.
- **Maintaining the security of the electricity supply is key for social and political support for decarbonisation.**
- **Increasingly connected power markets means increased exposure to external risks**
- **IEA activities on electricity security:**
  - IEA Electricity Security Action Plan (ESAP)
  - February 2016 publication, “Re-Powering Markets,” addresses electricity security issues in-depth.

# Electricity security: a multifaceted challenge



# Key features of the framework



- Integrated framework to facilitate IEA member country peer review processes (ERR, IDR)
  - Developed by Doug Cooke in 2013
- Areas of focus:
  - Governance and market arrangements
  - Power system security
  - Power system adequacy
- Should also consider temporal issues
  - Short-term (system operations, emergency response, etc.)
    - ◆ IEA context: Emergency Response Reviews
  - Long-term (system planning, resource adequacy, fuel security)
    - ◆ IEA context: In-depth Reviews

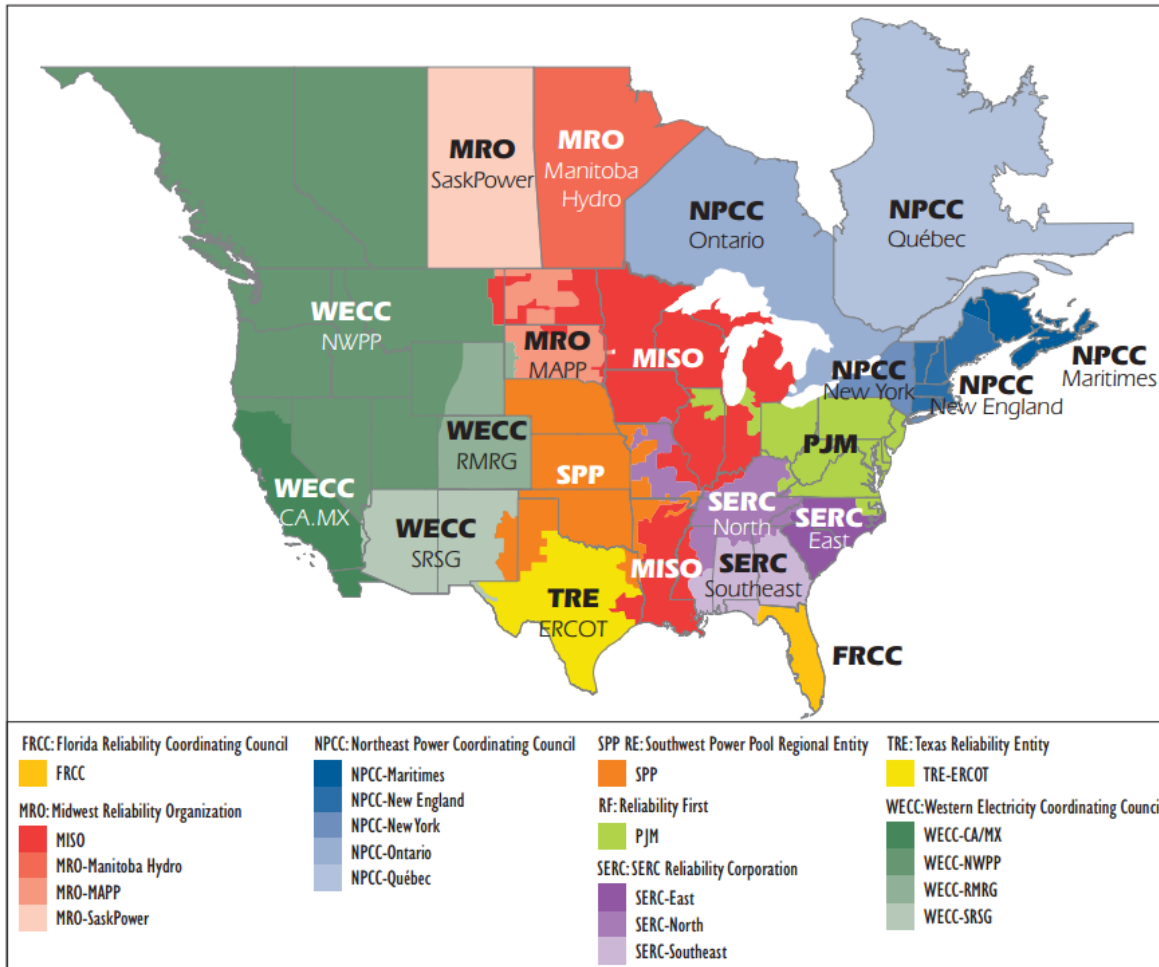
# Why update the framework?



- Current framework focuses on national or jurisdictional electricity security
- Many recent blackouts extend across borders
  - Italy-Switzerland 2003; US-Canada 2003; Europe 2006; India 2012
- Power flows are less predictable, more dynamic, and moving across longer distances
- Cross-border security issues are currently peripheral to IEA assessment goals
  - Contribution of neighboring jurisdictions to local security
- No comprehensive IEA analysis on regional security

# What do we mean by “across borders”?

Map 7.2 • RTOs, ISOs and NERC regional entities



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Source: IEA, 2014d.

- Primary focus is borders between balancing areas
- Inherent tensions between various jurisdictional boundaries:
  - State vs Federal
  - National vs Supra-national

# Framework: Governance across borders



- **Legislation, rules and standards**
  - Proper incentives for cross-border security
  - Clearly defined roles and responsibilities
  - Harmonized security standards
- **Regulatory and institutional frameworks**
  - Transparent and inclusive regulatory practices
  - Policy alignment
  - Regional institutions
- **Market arrangements**
  - Common or harmonized market designs
  - Appropriate investment and operation signals

# Framework:

## System security across borders



- **Emergency response resources**
  - Cross-border resource assessments
- **Situational awareness**
  - Regular or real-time sharing of information
  - Jointly managed control centers
- **Coordination**
  - Joint emergency response and power restoration activities
- **Communication**
  - Established communication protocols
  - Clear lines of responsibility

# Framework:

## Resource adequacy across borders



### ■ Resource adequacy

- Sharing of reserves
- Coordinated or joint system planning
- Joint development of fuel infrastructure (pipelines, storage)

### ■ Diversity

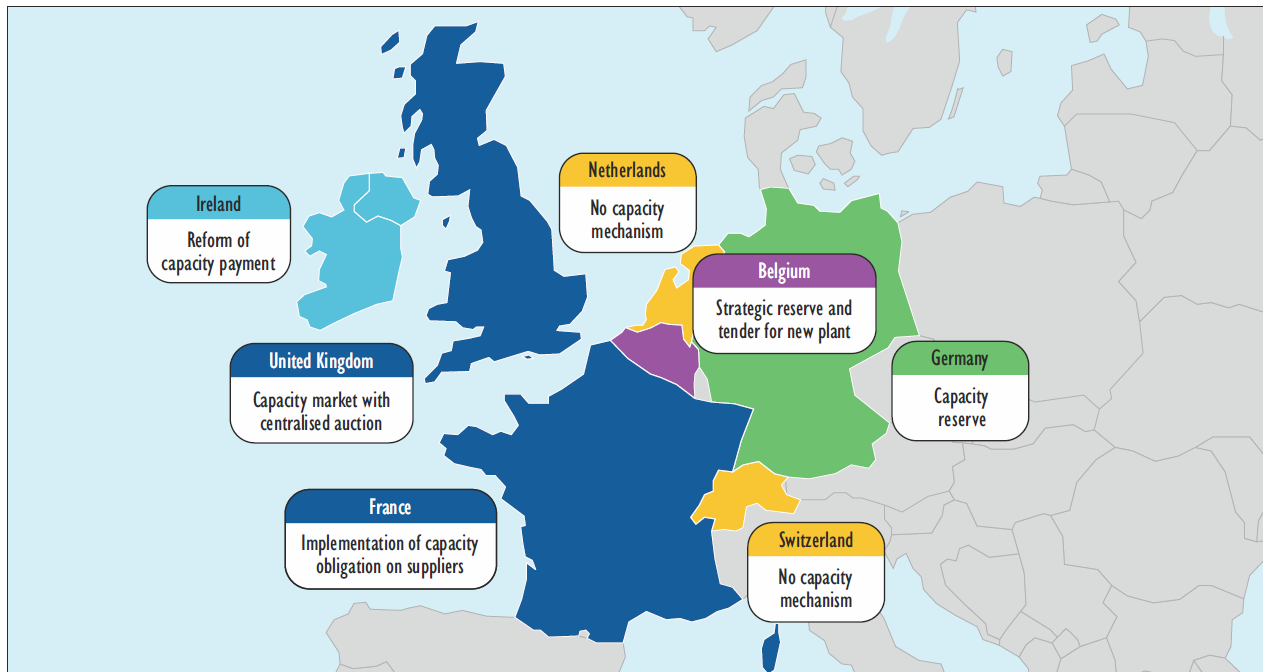
- Interconnections to leverage regional resources

### ■ Flexibility

- Degree of inter-regional trade
- Stability limits on interconnections

# Cross-border trading of capacity

## Neighbouring capacity mechanisms in North-West Europe



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***Europe is moving toward a common wholesale market design (market coupling) but divergent capacity market designs***

# Next steps



- **Developing a formal framework for evaluating electricity security at a regional level**
- **Regional case studies (tentative)**
  - **Focus on regions?**
    - ◆ Europe
    - ◆ North America
    - ◆ Southern Africa
    - ◆ Southeast Asia
  - **Or focus on topics?**
    - ◆ Market coupling in the EU
    - ◆ Establishing regional institutions to support security (e.g. NERC)
    - ◆ Developing power pools in Africa
- **Electricity Security Across Borders publication (2017)**

# Some open questions



- Where are the best examples of maintaining cross-border electricity security?
- Which requires more work: short-term (operational) issues or on long-term (adequacy) issues?
- What is the appropriate balance between jurisdictional versus supra-regional authority?
- What is the proper role for the IEA in addressing this question?
- Does the assessment framework capture all relevant focus areas (governance, system security, adequacy)?



Thank you