



FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME REPORT (INTERIM)

APRIL – JUNE 2026

ALL-ISLAND GOVERNANCE

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STRATEGIC MARKETS PROGRAMME (SMP)	1	Reintegration of SEM into the Internal Energy Market Reintegration work package under SMP covering transmission rights, ex ante coupling and cross border balancing arrangements once the SEM is physically connected with continental Europe via the Celtic interconnector.	Multi-year work with an anticipated delivery in Spring 2028	Extensive engagement with TSOs on revised planning and cost submission	Decision on Multi-NEMO arrangements and Shipping proposals from TSOs and NEMOs. RAs to receive submission from NEMOs on rules and procedures. Submission from CORE TSOs regarding intraday Capacity Calculation Methodology (5 th Amendment).
	2	Balancing Market Reform Balancing market enhancements under SMP covering enduring scheduling, dispatch and settlement treatments for storage, nonpriority dispatch renewables and demand side units, introduction of treatments for dispatchable demand and delivery of a full market model for low carbon sources of inertia, and EGBL compliance assessment and capacity calculation integration to Core Capacity Calculation Region (CCR).	Multi-year project	RAs provided comments on the TSOs proposed Hybrid Legal Version of the MARI bid conversion methodology	The RAs and TSOs will hold workshops on the RAs' feedback between April and June 2026.
	3	SEM-GB Arrangements Assessment of Physical Transmission Rights (PTRs) and Financial Transmission Rights (FTRs) in line with the Post-Brexit Trading Arrangements set out in the SMP. Ongoing engagement with TSOs to support the EC-UK Specialised Committee's request for the development of a prototype calculator for Multi-Regional Loose Volume Coupling (MRLVC).	Timeframe for delivery will be kept under review depending on progress under the Common Understanding		RAs continue to monitor this strategically important topic.
MULTI-YEAR PLAN	4	All Island Programme (AIP) Governance and Project Management Office Maintain the current AIP arrangements, including delivery programme plans and ongoing engagement, and undertake a project to review the effectiveness of these arrangements as set out in the programme document.	Multi-year project	Review of effectiveness of arrangements ongoing. The SEM Multi-Year plan forum took place in April 2025.	Finalise review of arrangements and develop process documents to aid governance and delivery as appropriate.
	5	Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) Review consequences of implementation of CBAM to electricity imports from GB.	EU CBAM commences 1st January 2026	No material update following Common Understanding from May 2025 regarding the linking of UK and EU Emissions Trading Systems.	CBAM is a watching brief at present while we await UK-EU summit date TBC June 2026

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SCHEDULING & DISPATCH	6 Clean Energy Package - decision on priority dispatch	A consultation and decision will be undertaken as part of a wider review of the priority dispatch hierarchy. This work will align with the requirements of the EU Clean Energy Package.		No progress to report	Delayed - work on this has paused until the Scheduling and Dispatch project has progressed further.
	7 Scheduling and Dispatch Programme	The programme will continue to progress in collaboration with the TSOs to update and improve how electricity is scheduled and dispatched across the SEM.	Delivery is anticipated for second half of 2026, with approval of Mod_01_25 targeted in May 2026.	SDP_01 Non-Priority Dispatch Renewables workshops held between TSOs and RAs in January. Work continues to progress this initiative. TSOs and RAs are continuing to work together to deliver SDP_06 Synchronous Condensers.	TSOs and RAs are continuing to progress SDP_01: NPDR renewables SDP_06: Sync Comps initiatives The TSOs have advised activity is progressing to support go-live of SDP_03 Fast Frequency Response and SDP_05 Reserve Services. EMS and MMS deployments are targeted in June 2026.
FUTURE OF SYSTEM SERVICES (FASS)	8 Progression of the Future Arrangements System Services (FASS) Project	The FASS project aims to design and implement a competitive framework for procuring System Services that will enable the secure and efficient operation of the electricity system as levels of non-synchronous renewable generation continue to grow.	Multi-year project with an anticipated delivery in May 2027.	Decision published on Parameters and Scalers in December 2025 (SEM-25-074). RAs and TSOs have agreed on a path to publish a Non-Reserves consultation, which was published in April.	Priority for April to June is progress workstreams on TSO Licence Modifications to give effect to the System Services Code, and to progress Market Power proposals, with a SEMC consultation proposed for publication in May/June
	9 TSO operational changes to develop markets to integrate low carbon sources	Low-Carbon Inertia Services Phase II will include a detailed review of the TSOs' proposals, ensuring that insights and lessons from Phase I are fully embedded into the next stage of development. Phase II will oversee the procurement of 14,000 MVA-s of low-carbon inertia, with the flexibility to scale up to 18,000 MVA-s across the island of Ireland.	Multi-year project Phase 1 contracts are scheduled to go live in 2027. Phase 2 go-live dates are dependent upon awarded contracts. Contracts targeted to be awarded in Q3 2026	Decision published on LCIS procurement Phase 2 in March 2026 (SEM-26-011).	Ongoing monitoring of the progress of contracted LCIS Phase I projects. Engage with TSOs on progressing of tendering for contracts following Phase 2 decision.

SEM OPERATIONS

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10	Scheduling and dispatch audit 2024	Oversee the annual Scheduling and Dispatch Audit required under the TSO licences for EirGrid plc and SONI Limited.	Completed on a yearly basis Anticipated delivery in early 2026	On 31 March 2026, the 2024 S&D Audit Report was presented to SEMOC, who directed the TSOs to publish the Assurance Report and the Final AuP Report.	2024 report to be published. 2025 process underway.
11	Directed Contracts (DCs) Modelling	The project will involve completing quarterly DCs modelling for Rounds 29, 30, 31, and 32 ensuring that each round is fully analysed, tested, and prepared in line with the SEMCs directed contract framework.	Completed annually on a quarterly schedule	DC Round 34 was completed successfully (SEM-26-08)	Modelling for DC Round 35 and 36 will be held in Q2 and Q3 this year.
12	Balancing Market Trading and Settlement Code (TSC) modifications	This project supports the ongoing development and governance of the TSC, ensuring the code remains effective, transparent, and aligned with the evolving needs of the SEM. The RAs as part of the TSC Modifications Committee leads this work by overseeing and progressing updates to the code.	Ongoing - continual delivery	In December 2025 was approved Mod_04_25 'Amendment to Payment Deferral'. This Modification Proposal is aimed at addressing potential issues identified with the calculation of Payment Deferral under Section F.22.3 of the TSC.	The RAs will continue to review and progress TSC Modifications as they arise.
13	Fuel Mix disclosure	Publish Annual Fuel Mix disclosure decision and publish consultation and decision on Fuel Mix disclosure methodology amendments. Publish the Annual Fuel Mix Disclosure decision, along with a consultation and subsequent decision on proposed amendments to the Fuel Mix Disclosure methodology.	Completed on a yearly basis		The next Fuel Mix Disclosure (FMD) Report is due to be published Autumn 2026. Work on updating the FMD methodology is progressing.
14	Generator Financial Performance (GFP)	This project involves the production of the GFP Report, which provides aggregated analysis of generator profitability in the SEM, including detailed insights by fuel type.	Report expected to be published early 2026.	Report published March 2026.	SEMC is considering how to improve generator financial performance reporting. These recommendations will be consulted on during 2026.

CAPACITY RENUMERATION MECHANISM (CRM)

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CRM OPERATIONS	15 T-4 2029/30 capacity auction	Oversee the T-4 2029/30 capacity auction by setting key auction parameters, reviewing qualification decisions, monitoring compliance, assessing system operator analysis, approving auction documentation, addressing disputes, and confirming final auction results.	Auction scheduled for 26 March 2026	SEMC made Final Qualification Decisions in February. Final Auction Information Pack published 3rd March. Auction ran on 26 March.	Auction results to be issued to participants on 5 May, following that project complete.
	16 Monitor and respond to capacity delivery	Oversee the Capacity Market Code (CMC) modifications process, the formal mechanism for updating the legal rules governing the CRM, contributing to the assessment of proposed modifications and support the SEMC in making final decisions.	Ongoing - continual delivery	Decisions made on the following modifications; CMC_16_25 CMC_17_25 CMC_07_24 Applications received from interested parties. The evaluation committee to review the applications by end of March.	Expect decision on CMC_08_25, CMC_18_25, CMC_19_25, CMC_20_25, CMC_21_25 and CMC_22_25 in coming months. Plan to publish note and impact assessment on CMC_11_21 in April. Evaluation committee to recommend potential members to SEMC in April, with the aim to have the successful applicants in place by end of June.
CRM DEVELOPMENT	17 Assess the CRM to ensure compliance with Climate Environment and Energy Aid Guidelines (CEEAG)	Assess measures to reduce carbon emissions within the current CRM framework. In the context of evolving EU policy, particularly the CEEAG, and tightening climate targets in Ireland, Northern Ireland, and the EU. Exploring potential decarbonisation options and develop recommendations for proposals that align the CRM with emerging climate and energy objectives.	Work ongoing throughout the year	Reviewing feedback to consultation that closed on 6 March 2026.	This workstream will now be progressed within the wider CRM Development Programme i.e. feeding into the next State aid application.
	18 Development of policy regarding cross-border participation in the CRM	This project focuses on developing the high-level principles needed to enable explicit cross-border participation in the SEM CRM once the Celtic Interconnector goes live in 2028, as required under EU Regulation 2019/943.	Multi-year project with an anticipated delivery in 2028.	Reviewing feedback to consultation that closed on 27 February 2026.	Decision expected June 2026 (May SEMC)
STATE AID	19 Commence preparation for next State aid application	This project will involve a comprehensive review and plan for the next State aid application, including an assessment of the current CRM, legislative alignment, international best practice, interaction with other functionalities such as flexibility incentives and long-term strategic design.	Project planning commenced in 2025 on next State aid application. Project update to be published shortly.	Update published in early March. Industry workshop held on 24 March.	CRM review ongoing. Continued engagement with regular stakeholders. Consultation on design proposals July 2026.

ADDITIONAL WORKSTREAMS

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MARKET INCENTIVISATION	20	Demand Side Units (DSU) Energy Payments	Review of energy payments for DSUs. The proposed Revised Phase 1 solution aims to provide energy payments to DSUs.	March 2026, with potentially further consultation and decision to follow	Proposed decision published	Consultation on Supplier Compensation Price to follow
	21	Decision on Administered Scarcity Pricing	Publish decision and progress work on any Trading and Settlement/ Capacity Market Code modifications as required.	Decision to be published in Q2 2026, with work on Trading and Settlement Code modification to follow.	TSC modification proposal submitted in March.	TSC modification proposal to be considered in the TSC workshop in April.
GCS & NRAA	22	Review and approval of annual All-Island Resource Adequacy Assessment (AIRAA)	Oversee the annual AIRAA, the successor to the Generation Capacity Statement and now the primary assessment of system adequacy produced by the TSOs. Review and provide feedback on the AIRAA's methodology, assumptions, outputs, and adequacy findings.	Completed annually	Project completed	
	23	Work towards All-Island Resource Adequacy Assessment (AIRAA) 2027-2036 that is compliant with the ERAA methodology	This project will deliver the 2027-36 AIRAA with full incorporation of the Economic Viability Assessment to ensure full compliance with the European Resource Adequacy Assessment (ERAA) framework.	Completed annually	The process for the 2027-36 iteration of the report has commenced.	TSO consultation to be published in April, due to close in May. Engagement with TSOs to continue.
DISPATCH DOWN	24	Dispatch Down	Working with the TSOs to improve the operation of power system to facilitate increased levels of renewable generation and minimise dispatch down levels. The scope also includes concluding the consultation on Article 13(4) reporting.	Ongoing	The latest figure for calendar year 2025 shows wind at 22% in Northern Ireland. The January 2026 Northern Ireland dispatch-down figure is 22.3%.	Engagement continues with TSOs on this topic. SONI-UR-DfE working group continues to monitor action plan to mitigate Dispatch Down.