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## ***Coreso launches around the clock operations, and now provides security analysis of the electrical grid every 15 minutes***

**Coreso, the first European technical coordination centre, launches today its around the clock operations, providing Transmission System Operators (TSOs) network security analyses and monitoring of the grid every 15 minutes, 24/7, thus confirming the commitment taken at the start of its day-ahead activities in February 2009.**

**This extension of activities to a continuous basis will increase the security of supply in a context characterized by a high variability of power flows due to the development of renewable energy and cross-border exchanges in the European electricity market.**

Since the start of its operational activities on February 16<sup>th</sup>, Coreso has been supplying the control centres of the relevant TSO's with forecasts about the security of the grid in North Western Europe, by performing security analyses, simulating various scenarios and proposing sets of coordinated remedial actions that TSO's can take to master the security of the electrical system in this area. So far, these daily activities had been focusing on the next day.

As of today, the activities of Coreso are now completed on a continuous basis, through updated security analysis every 15 minutes and a permanent monitoring of the electricity network. Coreso updates its studies on the basis of real time data (snapshots) of the Central-Western European grid, provided by the TSOs. Coreso delivers them in return the consolidated analyses it performs, with computational models providing results every 15 minutes.

This near real time scale is especially relevant in the current operational context in the European grid, with a constantly increasing part of renewable energy, which is intermittent by nature, and the further growth of cross-border exchanges in the European electricity market.

The analyses provided by Coreso allow assessing the security of the European electricity system, and help the TSO's to take the proper decisions regarding the security of supply. The data and results are directly relayed to the operators of the TSO's national control centres.

The operational team of Coreso, working in shifts around the clock, is composed of 13 people, from several nationalities (French, Belgian and Swiss), speaking Dutch, English, French and German.

Coreso, the first technical coordination centre to be shared by several TSO's in Europe, was founded on December 19<sup>th</sup> 2008 by Elia and RTE, and joined by National Grid in May 2009. The German TSO Vattenfall ET also supports the initiative while more TSOs have indicated their interest.

Elia, RTE and National Grid are further looking forward to a close cooperation with other TSOs within the European regions that they are part of: Central-West Europe (France, Belgium, Netherlands, Germany) and FUI (France, United Kingdom, Ireland).



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