# Building Common Nordic-Baltic Electricity Market

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# Elering - Independent Estonian Power Transmission System Operator (TSO)

- Elering is a transmission system operator running the national grid under the Electricity Market Act. Our role is to guarantee the functioning of the whole electrical system so that consumers are guaranteed a good quality supply of electricity at all times.
- Elering owns 110 330 kV lines connecting Estonian larger electricity producers, distribution systems and large consumers. Estonian transmission system has connections with Latvia, Russia and Finland.
- On January 27th, 2010 Elering was spun off from state-owned Estonian energy producer and distributor Eesti Energia AS. Elering is 100% owned and governed by Estonian Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications.

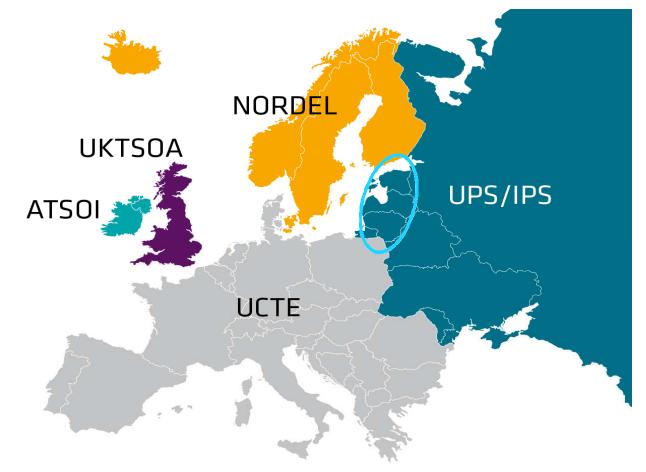


## **Baltic Cooperation, BAU!**





Strategic Goal 1: Common Nordic-Baltic Power Market Based on NPS!



Strategic Goal 2: Synchronous Connection Between Baltics and Central Europe!

#### **Baltic Electricity Market**

## Preconditions for market integration agreed in BEMIP:

Open electricity markets

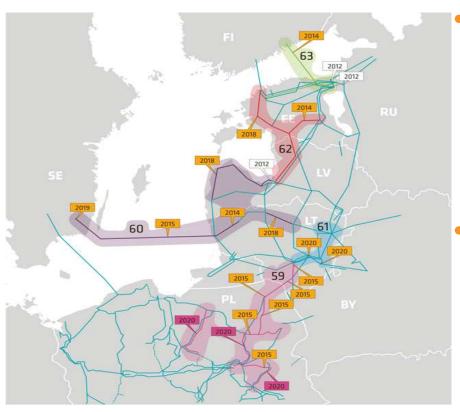
- More cross-border capacities (new infra projects)
- Unbundled TSOs
- Common PEX (day-ahead and intra-day)
- Common reserves and balancing market
- Capacity calculation and allocation method
  - Allocation managed by PEX
- Harmonized market rules
  - Common principles towards third countries

#### **Actual situation:**

- EE 100 %
- LV; LT regulated prices for small customers (more than 60%!). PEX price mostly not related to the real price for customers
- Market support needed for new interconnector projects
- Unbundled TSOs not divided by responsibilities
  - Common PEX, lack of transparency and liquidity in LV (5% sold), LT(23% sold)
- Postponed ID market (Precondition: transparent DA and ID market)
- Capacity calculation and allocation method risk management is missing (FTRs; PTRs, CfD's or EPAD COMBO?)
- Temporary solution in place. 3B and FIN interfaces are different
- Sync operation with CE supports IEA



# Developing Interconnections in the Baltic Region



The Baltic states' transmission network is becoming an increasingly important link for power flows running from Scandinavia to Central Europe.

#### According to TYNDP

- EstLink 2 (2014)
- NordBalt (2016)
- LitPol (2015: 500 MW from Lithuania to Poland; 2020: 1000 MW in both ways)
- Estonia-Latvia 3rd line (2020)

After 2025+ Sync operation between Baltics and CE

- Technically feasible
- Large units (700+MW) and sync are antagonistic!
- Estonia-Latvia 4th interconnection
- Back-to-back DC links between Baltics and Russia

### **Summary**

The key to the energy SoS at a reasonable price is not having definitely (subsidy-based) 100 %+ production capacity in the Baltics, but to be part of a well-functioning Nordic-Baltic power market and joining the Central European synchronous zone.

The SoS of the Baltics is secured if in 2030 the production capacities make up 80% of peak consumption.



