



Risk preparedness

Towards a new regulation on preventing & managing electricity crisis situations

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Public consultation on risk preparedness

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75 replies (mostly companies / company associations)

Main results:

- Broad support for
 - Risk preparedness plans covering preventive & emergency measures
 - Common rules and requirements, in particular as regards emergency situations
 - More regional co-operation & more co-ordination at the EU level
 - Clearer roles and responsibilities
- Clear requests to
 - Take account of ongoing work on network codes & guidelines
 - Learn from what exists

Risk preparedness study

Analysis of legal frameworks & practices regarding crisis prevention & management in all Member States

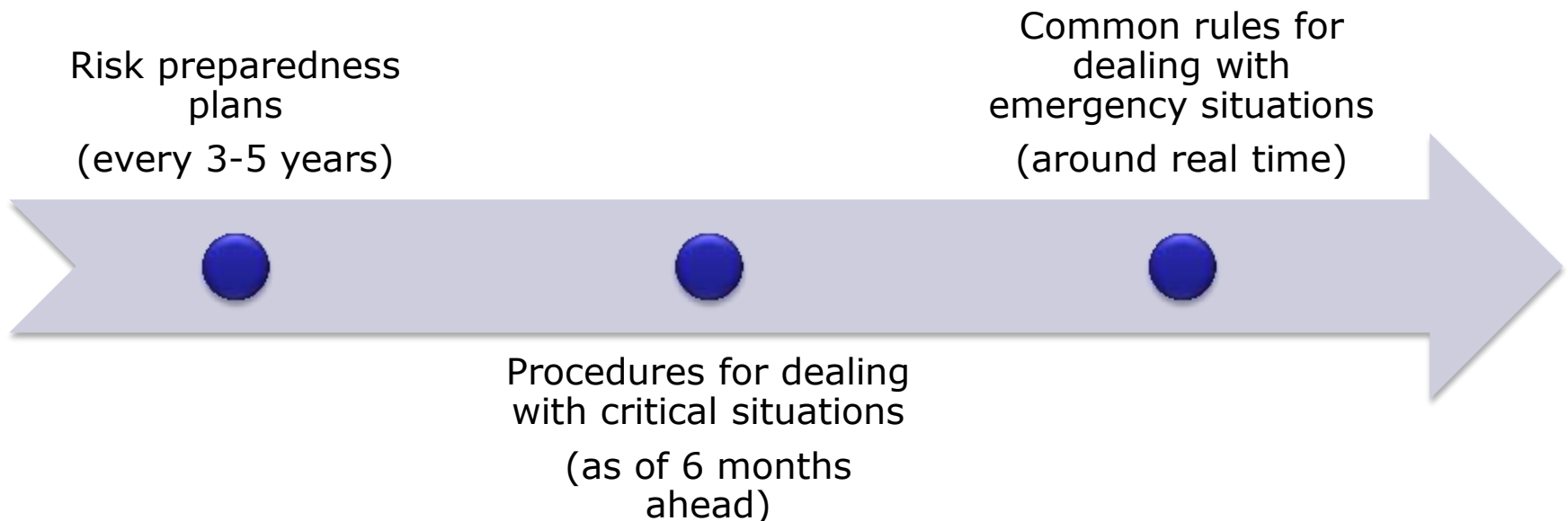
Started with desk research, now stakeholder interviews, final report expected end March 2016

Preliminary findings:

- National regulatory frameworks differ considerably
- Rules, roles and responsibilities are often unclear
- Cross-border co-operation not framed and not systematic, but often organised in practice

Key building blocks

Rules, procedures and definitions to ensure that Member States are prepared for crisis situations, in different time horizons:



Risk preparedness plans

- **Mandatory plans** identifying
 - possible crisis scenarios (incl. simultaneous crisis)
 - how to prepare for and mitigate them
 - who does what
- Based on **common rules** (e.g., as regards cybersecurity)
- Prepared by TSOs but endorsed by governments, with involvement of NRAs, DSOs, ...
- Drawn up in a **regional context**
- **Transparency**: ex ante review by the Electricity Coordination Group & ex post publication (in part)

Procedures for dealing with critical situations

Information & coordination obligations:

- At defined **stages of criticality**
- **'Early warning' procedure** (e.g., seasonal outlook presents serious indications that a crisis situation might occur)
- **Duty to warn / identify mitigating measures / evaluate ex post**
- **In co-operation** with other Member States, with (targeted) **involvement of the Electricity Co-ordination Group**



Rules governing emergency situations

- Common **definitions** (e.g., what triggers emergency)
- '**Market comes first**', e.g.,
 - Introduction of 'non-market' measures subject to a declaration of emergency
 - Possible black-list of prohibited measures (e.g., outright export ban)
- Common rules on **curtailment** (and protected consumers?)
- Co-operation in times of **simultaneous scarcity**