

## P329 FORUM NOVEMBER 2016

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## 1. Scope June 17 Release

- 1.1 Q: When will the final P329 XSD be available for participants?

A: 18 November 2016 is the target date for the final XSD. This will give attendees time to discuss the changes with their teams after the Forum and raise any further questions. The draft XSD has already been published on the ELEXON June 2017 Release webpage: <https://www.elexon.co.uk/release/june-2017-release/>

## 2. P329 and BMRS Overview

- 2.1 Q: ACER's requirements commence 1 January 2017 however the BMRS platform is not available until end June 2017 - is there any clarification on this? It is difficult for participants to deliver for 1 Jan as ACER has not provided all the technical information needed.

A: Ofgem's decision letter stated that Market Participants would have to implement alternative solutions from 1 January 2017. There is no change on this.

Post event update: ACER has published a revised FAQ. In relation to the above question, look at question 4.1.6/7: [https://www.acer-remit.eu/portal/custom-category/remit\\_questions](https://www.acer-remit.eu/portal/custom-category/remit_questions)

- 2.2 Q: Is there going to be a cross over period for transition?

A: The transition strategy will be finalised in the coming weeks. Our current approach is a hard cutover on 29 June 2017. Therefore from 29 June, only data that conforms to the P329 XSD will be processed by BMRS. Further details will be communicated to participants towards the end of December.

- 2.3 Q: If a market participant submits data in the wrong format what will happen? Will there be an explanation of what the error is?

A: Participants who submit data in the wrong format will receive a negative acknowledgement from BMRS.

- 2.4 Q: During cutover, when submitting via MODIS, if a message is submitted before 29 June but there is a delay in reaching BMRS, how would this be handled?

A: We will consider this when developing the transition arrangements.

Comment: Suggestion from the meeting is for the June 2017 go live to occur during the day rather than at midnight to mitigate against such issues.

Action: ELEXON and National Grid to consider cutover during the day when more resources are available.

- 2.5 Q: Will there be a transition support number for people with queries and problems and what level of support will be provided during transition?

A: The 24 hour BSC Service Desk will be available.

Comment: Request for National Grid to provide service support contact details for MODIS and a coordinated support service.

**Action:** National Grid to communicate MODIS support contact details to Market Participants submitting REMIT data ahead of transition.

**Action:** ELEXON and National Grid to consider support requirements during transition/cutover.

### 3. Revised REMIT XSD

3.1 Comment: Clarification required on Participant\_ACERRegistrationCode. Can we use the EIC code?

Response: Please see below extract from page 87 of ACER's Manual of Procedures on data and reporting. The revised REMIT XSD allows for EIC Code to be used (see below) along with other codes such as ACER Code. The schema provides flexibility to market participants to include any of the codes.

**Data Field No (18) Market participant code** (applicable for schema I. + II. + III.)

No.	Field Identifier	Description	Applicability
18	Market Participant Code	The market participant shall identify itself or shall be identified by the third party reporting on its behalf using the ACER registration code which the market participant received or the unique market participant code which the market participant provided while registering in accordance with Article 9 of Regulation (EU) No 1227/2011.	Mandatory

Accepted Values	Type	Length	Examples
EIC	Alphanumeric characters	16	A00000069.DK
BIC		11	
LEI		20	
GS1		13	
ACER Code		12	

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3.2 Q: We have currently set the number of permitted outage profile segments to be 100. Is this an acceptable number or would require more segments?

A: One participant advised they would need more, and took an action to confirm if they require more than 100 segments. ELEXON also commented that the number of segments should be limited to ensure good usability of the screens.

**Action:** ELEXON to revise the number of outage profile segments based on participant feedback.

Post event update: this action has now been completed and increased to 200.

3.3 Q: Will ELEXON publish guidance on how to use the outage profile segments? How do you expect outage profiling to be used if it will not be passed on to ACER?

A: Yes but it is up to each participant how they prefer to use it.

Comment: Participants want to make as few changes as possible to their systems to lower risk.

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- 3.4 Q: If participants submit the unavailability in the main body of the XML, do they need to also articulate it in the segments?  
A: The profile is optional and we recommend participants use it to articulate the shape of their profile.
- 3.5 Q: The ACER XSD field contains a field called market participant code - is this changed in the revised REMIT XSD?  
A: The Participant\_ACERRegistrationCode field is the same as the Market Participant Code from XSD.
- 3.6 Q: Is the P329 XSD based on the ACER XSD?  
A: The ELEXON P329 XSD includes all of the fields that are required for the ACER web feeds and include additional functionalities such as profiles and data for the GB market.
- 3.7 Q: Can ELEXON publish the differences between the revised REMIT XSD and what will be provided to ACER?  
A: ELEXON can highlight where the field names (from the ACER requirements) have been modified in the REMIT Implementation Guide. ELEXON can also provide the link when ACER publishes the technical specifications.
- 3.8 Q: Can ELEXON confirm whether Bidding Zone is purely GB/Great Britain or another code as this field allows for 16 characters?  
A: ELEXON confirms the bidding zone is GB and will include an example in the implementation guide. Currently participants use 10YGB-----A for submission of transparency data.
- 3.9 Q: Event status, what is the equivalent of closed? Would it be 'inactive'?  
A: Participants should refer to the ACER guidance and MoP for guidance on populating the fields.  
Comment: mRID National Grid naming convention will remain the same.
- 3.10 Q: The ACER specification contains 29 characters for the Message ID, how will it be made up?  
A: For the ACER schema Message ID format, ELEXON will use the first 16 characters of the mRID, a hyphen, and the last 8 characters to make the 25-character "UMM thread ID", and append the revision number (preceded with an underscore) to complete the ACER Message ID.
- 3.11 Q: Revisions, is 999 an ACER limit?  
A: Yes it is.  
Comment: Sometimes more than 999 are required for commissioning. ELEXON has requested for ACER to relax this requirement to 9999 but is yet to be actioned by ACER.
- 3.12 Q: MODIS go live project invisible business rules on top of XSD - will we avoid this this time or communicate them?  
A: National Grid doesn't expect this to be an issue this time. REMIT messages up to participants.
- 3.13 Q: How will participants know if ACER has rejected a message?  
A: Collecting data via RSS and/or ATOM feeds does not work in the same manner as pushing messages to the transparency website. ELEXON has not identified any details published by ACER on how they will communicate non-compliances. We assume ACER will contact ELEXON or the participant if they identify non compliances.
- 3.14 Q: What is being sent to ACER in relation to the outage profile segments?  
A: The outage profile segments aren't part of ACER's XSD so this will not be sent to ACER.
- 3.15 Q: Will the ATOM web feed be publicly available as this is a lot of GB data?  
A: Yes it will be.

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3.16 Q: Has ELEXON considered the robustness and resiliency of BMRS resulting from excessive polling of the ATOM web feed?

A: Yes, ELEXON will monitor and block users for excessive polling. We will also publish REMIT messages over the new datapush service and the RESTful APIs.

**Action:** ELEXON to consider the impact on TIBCO as a result of extra data from outage profiling.

3.17 Q: In relation to the solution, will there be any delay in information being available on the website? How often will you be providing the ATOM web feed?

A: ELEXON will make the data available through all the existing mechanisms at the same time. As the mechanisms are different, there might be slight variations in system lead time to generate the messages.

3.18 Q: When will testing with participants on this take place?

A: Mid May to the beginning of June.

### 4. National Grid MODIS

4.1 Q: Has the underlying technology of MODIS been changed over the years?

A: No but performance has been bolstered with new servers, architecture and hardware.

4.2 Q: Will there be any business validation for the REMIT data?

A: No, just structural validation.

4.3 Q: Will testing be all submission types, any preference on the route to use?

A: Test route should be the route that you use as standard now, all routes will be available at a similar time. MODIS may be ready before the Portal.

4.4 Q: Is MODIS going to be able to cope around robustness and resiliency with the additional data?

A: National Grid will aim to minimise the impact of this.

**Action:** National Grid will ensure the robustness and resiliency of MODIS for P329 transition.

4.5 Q: Will there be a National Grid implementation programme?

A: No, National Grid is working in partnership with ELEXON for P329 implementation and there will be further combined forums and workshops.

4.6 Q: Does National Grid have an open communication channel for documentation changes?

A: Yes these will come out from the National Grid mailbox. Please advise Jayati Dwivedi if you would like to be added to the distribution list.

Comment: Communications need to be improved by NG and ELEXON.

**Action:** ELEXON to add a link to National Grid's MODIS webpage onto the June 17 Release webpage. Link is: <http://www2.nationalgrid.com/UK/Industry-information/Europe/ETR-E-Modis/>

### 5. Participant testing

5.1 Q: If there is no existing data spanning pre and post P329 implementation date would we be able to add it to the system via the backend?

A: ELEXON Test Manager to check with CGI.

- 5.2 Q: What does ELEXON expect from participants in relation to the test plan? Will ELEXON be doing a questionnaire?

A: ELEXON will be requesting the following types of information: mechanism and system used for submitting test messages e.g. MODIS and SFTP or ELEXON Portal and GUI, test scenarios such as submitting revised message to an existing outage, timelines for testing and contact details of the tester. There will be further communication with industry on end to end testing.

- 5.3 Q: How will you handle test data? e.g. amending outages using existing format and populating new test data?

A: ELEXON to advise participants early next year on this.

- 5.4 Q: Can ELEXON advise participants on what date we will take a snapshot of the live data to copy it to the test environment, so they can have a similar set up?

A: We will confirm this closer to the time.

**Action:** ELEXON to advise participants in April of the date we will take a snapshot of data for testing.

- 5.5 Q: Will the test systems i.e. MODIS and ELEXON Portal have the same IP addresses as used in the past?

A: National Grid will communicate the new MODIS IP address to Market Participants in advance of end to end testing. ELEXON doesn't anticipate any change to the ELEXON Portal IP address but we will confirm to participants in April.

- 5.6 Q: Will there be any volume testing?

A: Yes as part of participant testing, as per the previous REMIT release. We may need more records this time. ELEXON Test Manager to check with CGI if this can be addressed as part of OAT as well.

## 6. Further general questions

- 6.1 Q: With the new format coming in one profile, will this increase the number of transactions?

A: Likely to be the same or slightly less.

- 6.2 Q: Will there be an increase in revisions?

A: Not expected.

- 6.3 Q: What is an average volume of outage profiles?

A: We don't know but could check this during testing but shouldn't increase. EDF volunteered to provide some analysis on the number of messages sent by them.

**Action:** EDF to provide analysis on the number of messages sent by them.

Post event update: this has been completed.

- 6.4 Q: Transition approach, when will this be worked out as participants need to know as soon as possible?

A: ELEXON will look to get this done as soon as possible, to be completed before Christmas.

**Action:** ELEXON to publish a FAQ document.