



Communication to Market Participants

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Central Western Europe Flow-Based Market Coupling (CWE FB MC)

Subject: Updated project planning with main next milestones

Dear Market Participant,

After one entire year of external parallel run and the recent start of the daily publication, CWE project partners would like to inform you about the next main project milestones and go-live target date.

The CWE FB MC Project partners encountered several challenges in the past months mainly linked to the postponement of the NWE go-live date to February 2014 and delay in internal technical readiness which are both prerequisites for the extensive common integration tests with finalized environments in the full NWE perimeter. As a consequence, project partners took several mitigation measures to secure the CWE FB MC go-live in 2014 but unfortunately this wasn't possible without impact on the planning.

Last week, with the delivery of the industrialized version of the FB Common System which enables the daily publication of parallel run results, the Project has achieved a major step towards the implementation of FB MC. Indeed, IT tools used for the daily parallel run contain all methodological functionalities for go-live. Future system deliveries will only contain improvements for operators and technical functionalities for extensive integration tests which are planned to take place between June and August 2014.

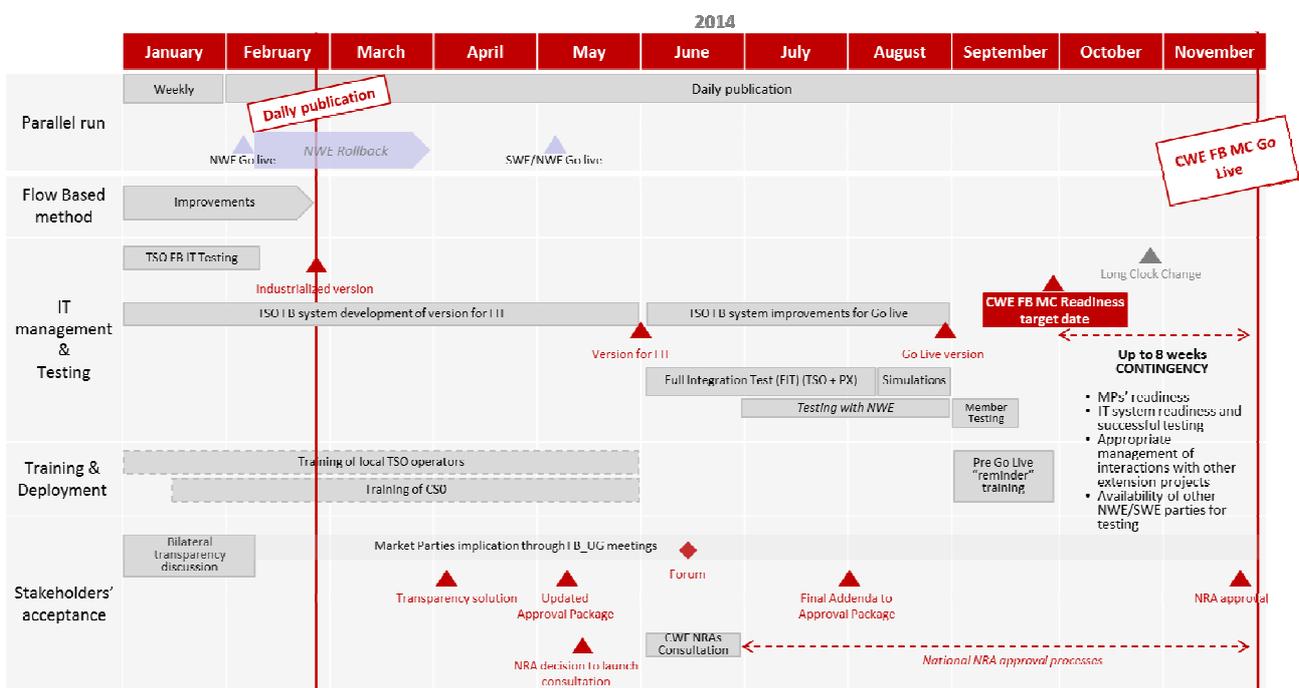
The CWE Project partners aim at a readiness target date end of September 2014 with a contingency period of maximum 8 weeks. The go-live of course relies upon several dependencies such as Market Parties' acceptance and readiness, readiness of IT systems and successful testing, approval by National Regulatory Authorities, appropriate management of interactions with other extension projects as well as availability of other NWE/SWE parties for testing.



The CWE FB MC Project is still interacting with Market Parties through the FB User Group and working on solution to improve transparency to further support Market Parties in their preparation of FB MC.

The final approval package for Regulators will be submitted in May by project partners and a Forum for Market Participants will be organized in June.

Please see the updated project planning below:



Best Regards,

The CWE Flow-Based Market Coupling project partners