

Meeting Minutes

Meeting: Open Call

Date: 08.09.2026

Agenda

1. Projects Overview
 2. Auction Calendar
 3. Short News
 4. Orion
 5. JAO Support Hub
 6. Q&A
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1. Projects Overview

Ongoing Projects

The following project milestones were presented:

- First North Sea Link long-term monthly auctions opens on 17.09.2026.
- PTR to FTR switch on North Italy borders (IT-AT, IT-FR, IT-SI) scheduled for 21.09.2026.
- Long Term Flow Based Allocation (LTFBA) scheduled for 30.11.2026.
- Project Pelagonia (GR-MK explicit auctions) long-term auctions planned for November 2026 followed with daily short-term auctions 01.01.2027 onwards.
- Next release of the JAO Support Hub planned for end of September.

LTFBA Status Overview

The following status update was presented:

- **eCAT**
 - Baseline scope development and additional change request package completed.
 - Training and two rounds of functional testing completed successfully with signoff from all TSOs and RCCs.
 - Procedural testing ongoing; rounds 1, 2 and 3 completed, with round 4 expected to be completed by mid-September.

- **Publication Tool**
 - Development for Core and Nordics completed according to approved scope
 - Nordic RCC files are being successfully transmitted, and functional testing is in progress.
- **External Parallel Run**

Combined LTFBA and LTCC parallel run is ongoing.
- **SAP (Invoicing Tool)**
 - Implementation guide approved.
 - Development remains on track and aligns with the testing timeline.
- **Supporting Documents**

It was noted that ACER and ENTSO-E have organized eight workshops related to long-term flow-based allocation. Supporting documentation and event links are available on [JAO's website](#).

2. Short News

The following updates were presented:

- Public release notes available on JAO's website.
- The updated roadmap for 15-minute MTU implementation is under assessment.
- JAO aims to replace its annual survey with shorter, event-based and service-based surveys. Please share your feedback by completing the surveys that are currently conducting:
 - [Auction platform](#)
 - [Communication](#)
 - [Credit Limit](#)
 - [Publication Tool](#)

3. Auction Calendar

General Information

- [Certificate](#) renewal/review process highlighted.
 - [Credit limit](#) management highlighted.
 - Auction Calendar 2027 is expected in mid-October.
 - New Y+2 Switzerland-Italy auctions highlighted.
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4. Orion – JAO’s new allocation platform

Objectives

Orion is intended to provide:

- Higher reliability.
- Improved user experience.
- Modern APIs.
- Support for future market evolution.

It was stated that **Unicorn** was selected as the provider.

Roadmap

- Integration test preparation is planned for January 2027, with intensive testing expected around March-April 2027 onwards. The Orion go-live target remains September 2027

User Management

- Organizations will receive a master user (Primary Authorized Person).
 - This “admin users” can:
 - Create users.
 - Remove users.
 - Manage entitlements on border level.
- Certificate-based user login will be removed.
- Orion will use standard multi-factor authentication.

Dashboard

Dashboard will provide:

- Auction overview.
- Auction status.
- Countdown functionality.
- Credit limit visibility.
- Favorite auctions filter
- Bank holiday information.

Market Participant Functionality

- Copy-paste bid submission from external spreadsheets.
- Credit limit breakdown.
- Detailed bid status visibility.
- Improved UI navigation.

Main Changes

- **Due to NIS2 requirements, email will no longer be a primary communication channel for operational data exchange. Market Participants can download the auction files via UI or API.**
- Orion will introduce a REST API replacing the current SOAP-based API. MP API documentation has already been drafted and is under validation

Upcoming Activities

- Connectivity Test Phase 1 with three user group members in September 2026.
- Connectivity Test Phase 2 with all user group members in November 2026.
- Connectivity Test Phase 3 with all market participants in January 2027.

5. JAO Support Hub

- More than just a ticketing platform, it also supports account management related activities. With the next release, Market Participants will be able to easily initiate modifications on their Participation Agreement and amendments directly in the JAO Support Hub.
- The registration/onboarding process is now digitalized and available in the JAO Support Hub.
- Providing digitalized and seamless processes