

RTE response to MP questions on Y+2 auctions following public consultation

In the context of Electricity Market Design Reform and in line with a request from regulators, RTE and neighbouring TSOs have investigated the possibility to hold Y+2 auctions (selling 2026 yearly product as soon as December 2024). After reviewing market participants' feedback gathered during the dedicated public consultation and taking into account legal obligations to implement a coordinated capacity calculation within the CORE region, a Y+2 auction on the France-Switzerland border will be held in December 2024.

To provide further clarity on this auction, here are a few questions and answers:

- Q: On which borders will there be Y+2 auctions in 2024?

A: In 2024, Y+2 auctions (Y-2026 product) will be set on the FR-UK border (as usual) and on the FR-CH border (new product).

On the FR-CH auction:

- Q: Will the capacity allocated for Y+2 be a part of the total capacity for 2026?

A: Yes, it will be. The capacity offered at the auction is released earlier thanks to our experts' assessment and ability to guarantee our network's operational security. Therefore, the Y+2 allocated capacity shall be subtracted from 2026 total yearly capacity after the capacity calculation process in November 2025.

- Q: Will it be possible for TSOs to publish the planned outages two years in advance?

A: Unfortunately, we are not able to publish the outage planning two years in advance at this stage. In the current outage planning process, planned outages can still shift until a final planning is consolidated at the end of the summer from the year preceding the delivery year (Y-1). However, the relatively small volumes offered in Y+2 and our experts' assessment allow us to believe that this input is not a prerequisite to offer these volumes ahead of the Y-1 process.