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Security of Supply in Central Europe: Transmission System Operator Security Cooperation implements a new Central Service Providing Entity (CSPE)

- CSPE will be headed by Operational Manager Alexander Wirth
- CSPE will lead to more efficiency, quality, coordination and faster realization of new tasks
- CSPE will support the TSO's within TSC and provide central services
- Additional Agents and Analysts will be located at CSPE

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The responsible Transmission System Operators (TSOs) have decided to implement a new Central Service Providing Entity (CSPE). Alexander Wirth (Swissgrid) has been appointed as Operational Manager of CSPE. The new entity will be equipped with further personnel from the TSOs working as Agents and Analysts. CSPE shall contribute to higher system security in the European transmission grid. It will start operation in the second half of 2013 and be based in the area of Munich.

Given the rapid development of renewable energy resources feeding into the grid and the Energy roadmap leading towards Europe 20/20/20 as well as the German *Energiewende*, the challenges for secure transmission operation are growing. This renders regional security initiatives between the TSOs, such as the TSC, ever more important. The CSPE will lead to more efficiency, quality, coordination and faster realisation of new tasks. The CSPE will not affect the current decentralised responsibilities of individual TSOs.



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Before becoming CSPE's Operational Manager, Alexander Wirth has worked in different positions of System Operation, Network Planning and European Affairs at VKW-Netz Austria and Swissgrid Switzerland. By establishing the CSPE, the Transmission System Operator Security Cooperation demonstrates its pioneering nature and its eager commitment to maintaining a high level of security in the European transmission grid.

TSO Security Cooperation

The Transmission System Operator Security Cooperation ("TSC") was launched in December 2008 as an initiative with a decentralized approach to foster regional European cooperation for system security in the countries concerned and in the whole of Europe. Its members are APG (Austria), ČEPS (Czech Republic), 50Hertz, Amprion, EnBW Transportnetze, TenneT TSO (Germany), TenneT TSO (The Netherlands), PSE Operator (Poland), swissgrid (Switzerland), ELES (Slovenia), MAVIR (Hungary) and HEP OPS (Croatia). The involved TSOs set up the "TSO System Security Cooperation" with a permanent TSO Security Panel (group of security experts), new cooperation tools for Control Centres and a common IT platform CTDS for data exchange and performing common n-1 security assessments. TSC's main goal is to ensure the overall system security of the European network, an area with 170 million citizens, and is open to the participation of other TSOs.

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