

elec-sys-data

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README

Welcome to the elec-sys-data wiki!

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This project is a work-in-progress. Feedback and suggestions are always welcome. Please open an issue or refer to the contributing guidelines in the main repository if you would like to contribute.

Automated extraction of open electricity system data from meteorological services, electricity system operators and electricity market operators.

Requirements

- Python 3
- Git
- [ENTSO-E API Python client](#)

Documentation

Documentation is written in the repository's [GitHub Wiki](#). The files can also be found in the folder.

Cloning the repository

To clone the latest version of this repository, including the contents of the submodule:

Using HTTPS

```
git clone --recurse-submodules https://github.com/nmstreethran/elec-sys-data.git
```

Using SSH

```
git clone --recurse-submodules git@github.com:nmstreethran/elec-sys-data.git
```

The GitHub wiki has been [included in this repository as a submodule](#). Once changes to the wiki within the submodule are made (e.g., new markdown files, images), these changes are first committed and pushed to the wiki's branch, before committing and pushing to the main repository's branch.

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Credits

This repository is a continuation and improvement of the work done by [nmstreethran](#) in [ENSYSTRA/short-term-forecasting](#).

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Regions

Territories

The nomenclature of territorial units for statistics (NUTS) classifies territorial units in Europe in different levels:

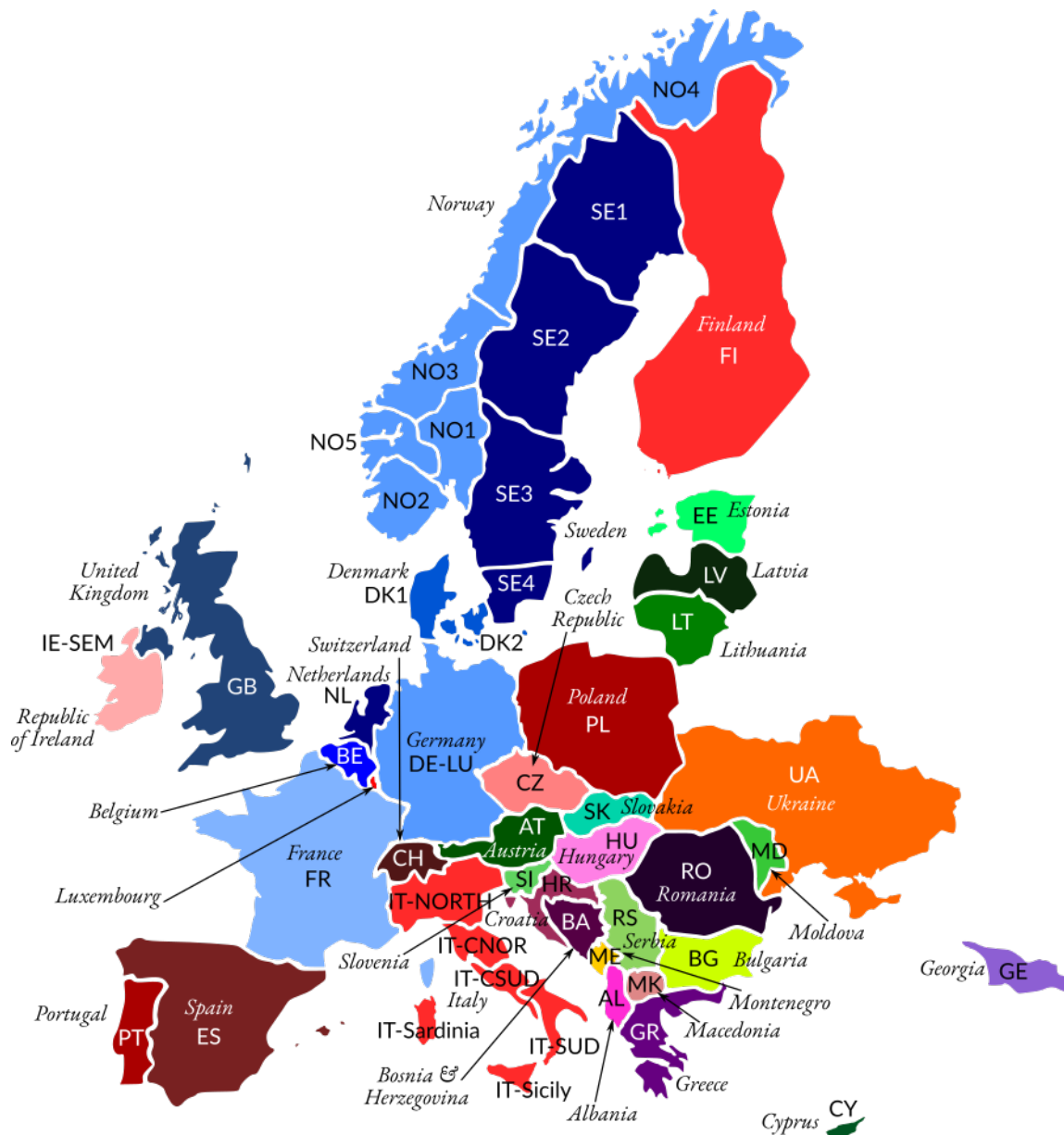
- NUTS 0: country-level
- NUTS 1: major socio-economic regions
- NUTS 2: basic regions for the application of regional policies
- NUTS 3: small regions for specific diagnoses

Bidding zones

A bidding zone is the largest geographical area within which market participants are able to exchange energy without capacity allocation. There are three types of bidding zones:

1. national borders (e.g., France or the Netherlands) - majority of bidding zones in Europe
2. larger than national borders (e.g., Germany and Luxembourg or the Single Electricity Market for the island of Ireland)
3. smaller zones within individual countries (e.g., Italy, Norway or Sweden)

The bidding zones in European electricity markets and surrounding regions are illustrated in the map below.



Bidding zones in Europe. This map is created using the base map with bidding zone borders from ENTSO-E Transparency Platform's cross-border physical flow map as a guide.

The table below lists bidding zones in Europe by country and market operator.

Bidding zones and market operators in Europe.

Country	Markets	Zones
Belgium (BE)	Belpex	BE
Germany (DE)	EEX, EPEX	DE-LU
Denmark (DK)	EEX, Nord Pool	DK1, DK2
France (FR)	EEX, EPEX	FR
Netherlands (NL)	APX	NL
Norway (NO)	EEX, Nord Pool	NO1, NO2, NO3, NO4, NO5
Sweden (SE)	EEX, Nord Pool	SE1, SE2, SE3, SE4
United Kingdom (UK)	APX, N2EX	GB, IE-SEM

The United Kingdom is comprised of Great Britain (GB) and Northern Ireland. Northern Ireland is part of the Single Electricity Market of the island of Ireland (IE-SEM), which it shares with the Republic of Ireland (IE). Prior to 01/10/2018, Germany was part of the DE-AT-LU bidding zone, together with Austria (AT) and Luxembourg (LU), which had split into the DE-LU and AT bidding zones, as reported by European Network of Transmission Systems Operators for Electricity (ENTSO-E) below:

[...] DE-AT-LU bidding zone split on the 23rd of August. BZN|DE-AT-LU will be separated into 2 new bidding zones BZN|DE-LU and BZN|AT.

New bidding zones will be active from the 1st of October, however, first data submissions, like month ahead forecasts, are expected from the 1st of September.

Validity end date for BZN|DE-AT-LU is the end of September 2018. [...]

Mapping bidding zones to NUTS 3 territories is straightforward for Belgium, Germany, France and Netherlands (bidding zone type 1 or 2) – all NUTS 3 territories in these countries have the same bidding zone.

Denmark and United Kingdom are both conveniently separated into two zones that are easily distinguishable. For Denmark, these are Western Denmark (NUTS IDs containing DK03-DK05) and Southern Denmark (NUTS IDs containing DK01-DK02). For United Kingdom, these are Great Britain (NUTS IDs containing UKC-UKM) and Northern Ireland (NUTS IDs containing UKN).

There is no clear indication of the bidding zone boundaries for Norway and Sweden, so some assumptions were made. Both countries have multiple smaller bidding zones (type 3) with flexible borders. This was done to optimise allocation of resources and reduce the overall price of electricity. Norway has five zones and Sweden has four zones. By cross-referencing Nord Pool market data, NUTS 3 data and county maps of Norway and Sweden, the territories are split into the bidding zones as shown in the table below. Nord Pool associates each bidding zone with a major reference city in that zone. However, there were six cities for Norway instead of the expected five. Historical Nord Pool market data for Norway suggests that two cities, Trondheim and Molde, have had the same system price since 2003. The ELSPOT area change log also confirms that Trondheim and Molde are city references for the NO3 bidding zone. Therefore, these two cities are grouped into the same bidding zone, which also satisfies what the maps suggest.

Bidding zones and their territories for Norway and Sweden, approximated based on Nord Pool market data, NUTS 3 data and county maps of Norway and Sweden.

Bidding zone	Reference cities	Counties	NUTS 3 IDs
NO1	Oslo	Oslo, Akershus, Hedmark, Oppland, Østfold, Buskerud, Vestfold, Telemark	NO011-034
NO2	Kristiansand	Aust-Agder, Vest-Agder, Rogaland	NO041-043
NO3	Trondheim, Molde	Sogn og Fjordane, Møre og Romsdal, Trøndelag	NO052-060
NO4	Tromsø	Nordland, Troms, Finnmark	NO071-073
NO5	Bergen	Hordaland	NO051
SE1	Luleå	Norrbotten	SE332
SE2	Sundsvall	Gävleborg, Västernorrland, Jämtland, Västerbotten	SE313-331
SE3	Stockholm	Stockholm, Uppsala, Södermanland, Östergötland, Örebro, Västmanland, Jönköping, Gotland, Västra Götaland, Värmland, Dalarna	SE110-211, SE214, SE232-312
SE4	Malmö	Kronoberg, Kalmar, Blekinge, Halland, Skåne	SE212-213, SE221-231

Transmission system operators and interconnections

Europe has multiple TSOs and cross-border interconnections. These are listed, along with the bidding zones, in the table below.

TSOs and cross-border interconnections in Europe. Data: European Network of Transmission System Operators for Electricity.

Country ¹	TSOs	Cross-border interconnections	Bidding zones
BE	Elia System Operator	FR, LU, NL, UK	BE
DK	Energinet	DE, NO, SE	DK1, DK2
DE	TransnetBW, TenneT TSO, Amprion, 50Hertz Transmission	AT, CH, CZ, DK, FR, LU, NL, PL, SE	DE-LU
FR	Réseau de Transport d'Electricité	BE, CH, DE, ES, IT, UK	FR
NL	TenneT TSO	BE, DE, NO, UK	NL
NO	Statnett	DK, FI, NL, SE	NO1, NO2, NO3, NO4, NO5
SE	Svenska Kraftnät	DK, FI, DE, LT, NO, PL	SE1, SE2, SE3, SE4
UK	National Grid Electricity Transmission, System Operator for Northern Ireland, Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission, ScottishPower Transmission	BE, FR, IE, NL	GB, IE-SEM

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Data

Generation and load data

Generation and load data for each bidding zone are downloaded from the [ENTSO-E Transparency Platform \(ENTSO-E TP\)](#). The descriptions of the data are adapted from [ENTSO-E Transparency Platform’s Knowledge Base](#). ENTSO-E TP aggregates data by following electricity production types:

- Biomass
- Fossil brown coal/lignite
- Fossil gas
- Fossil hard coal
- Fossil oil
- Geothermal
- Hydro pumped storage
- Hydro run-of-river and poundage
- Hydro water reservoir
- Nuclear

¹ CH - Switzerland; CZ - Czech Republic; ES - Spain; FI - Finland; IT - Italy; LT - Lithuania; PL - Poland; SK - Slovakia.

- Other
- Other renewable
- Solar
- Waste
- Wind offshore
- Wind onshore

Actual generation per production type

This dataset is the actual net electricity generation output in MW, aggregated by production type for each bidding zone per market time unit. These are available at different resolutions depending on the country, which is summarised below.

Temporal resolution of actual generation per production type dataset by country:

- 15 minutes: AT, DE, HU, LU, NL
- 30 minutes: CY, IE, UK
- 1 hour: BA, BE, BG, CH, CZ, DK, EE, ES, FI, FR, GE, GR, HR, IT, LT, LV, ME, MK, NO, PL, PT, RO, RS, SE, SI, SK

Each data point represents the average of all available instantaneous net generation output values on each market time unit. The values are estimated if unknown. The actual outputs of small-scale generating units may be estimated if there are no real-time measurements from these units. The data are published on ENTSO-E TP no later than one hour after the operational period.

Installed capacity per production unit

This dataset contains information about production units (existing and planned) with an installed generation capacity of at least 100 MW, which includes the following:

- unit name
- code
- installed net generation capacity (MW)
- voltage connection level (kV)
- bidding zone (denoted using Energy Identification Codes (EICs))
- production type (e.g., fossil gas, wind offshore)

This information is published annually on ENTSO-E TP at the start of the year and is valid for the three following years.

Load

This dataset represents the actual total load in MW per bidding zone per market time unit. These are available at different resolutions depending on the country, which is summarised in below.

Temporal resolution of electricity load dataset by country:

- 15 minutes: AL, BE, DE, HU, LU, NL
- 30 minutes: CY, IE, UK
- 1 hour: AT, BA, BG, CH, CZ, DK, EE, ES, FI, FR, GE, GR, HR, IT, LT, LV, MD, ME, MK, NO, PL, PT, RO, RS, SI, SK, SE, UA

The total load is defined as equal to the sum of power generated by plants on both TSO and DNO networks, from which the following are deduced:

- the balance (export-import) of exchanges on interconnections between neighbouring bidding zones
- the power absorbed by energy storage resources

The load is calculated using the average of real-time load values per bidding zone per market time unit.

Actual total load (including losses without stored energy)
= Net generation - Exports + Imports - Absorbed energy

For these calculations, the net generation is preferred. However, gross generation may be used if it is available with the better precision. The TSOs responsible for each area decide whether to use gross or net generation, but they are required

to keep their choice consistent per bidding zone. Absorbed energy is also provided as separate information with the aggregated generation output of the hydro pumped storage. The physical flow on the tie line is measured as agreed by neighbouring TSOs or bidding zones, where applicable. This dataset is published on ENTSO-E TP no later than one hour after the end of the operating period.

Market data

Nord Pool

Historical market data from Nord Pool is stored as `.xls` files can be accessed in their [historical market data site](#).

- [Membership list - Nord Pool](#)

Meteorological data

Germany

Weather data for Germany is extracted from [Deutscher Wetterdienst's Climate Data Center \(CDC\) OpenData](#). `windHourly_de.py` and `solarHourly_de.py` are the scripts used to extract hourly wind and solar data respectively.

Automating the data extraction process

ENTSO-E Transparency Platform's Restful API

The [ENTSO-E TP](#) has a dashboard with various electricity system data tables and visualisations available to the public. All users must first accept the platform's [terms and conditions](#) and [privacy policy](#) before gaining access to the dashboard. However, in order to export datasets in various formats (such as `.csv` and `.xml`), as well as gain additional functionalities, it is required to [register for a free account on ENTSO-E TP](#). ENTSO-E TP's Restful application programming interface (API) can then be used to automate the data extraction process (see the [API implementation](#) and [user guides](#) for more info). Once a free account has been created, request for a security token to access the API by sending an email to the [ENTSO-E TP Helpdesk](#), stating 'Restful API access' in the subject and the email address used to register for the account. Once granted, the security token can be viewed via [account settings](#).

The [ENTSO-E API Python client](#) is used to easily query the required data and return them as Pandas dataframes or series. The queries for generation and installed generation capacity per unit return dataframes, while the query for load returns a series. `entsoe-api.py` is the script used to perform this.

```
import pandas as pd
from entsoe import EntsoePandasClient
from entsoe.mappings import DOMAIN_MAPPINGS, BIDDING_ZONES
# combine domain and bidding zone keys and values into the
# DOMAIN_MAPPINGS dictionary
DOMAIN_MAPPINGS.update(BIDDING_ZONES)
```

The bidding zones in Europe, mapped to their corresponding EICs as shown in the table below, are used when querying using the Pandas client. Note that `DE-LU` only works for timestamps starting 01/10/2018. Use `DE-AT-LU` for timestamps prior to this date.

Bidding zones in Europe and their corresponding EICs.

Zone name	Bidding zone	EIC
Albania	AL	10YAL-KESH---5
Belgium	BE	10YBE-----2
Bosnia and Herzegovina	BA	10YBA-JPCC---D
Bulgaria	BG	10YCA-BULGARIA-R
Switzerland	CH	10YCH-SWISSGRIDZ
Cyprus	CY	10YCY-1001A0003J
Czech Republic	CZ	10YCZ-CEPS---N
Germany and Luxembourg	DE-LU	10Y1001A1001A82H
Western Denmark	DK-1	10YDK-1----W
Eastern Denmark	DK-2	10YDK-2----M
Estonia	EE	10Y1001A1001A39I
Spain	ES	10YES-REE---0
Finland	FI	10YFI-1----U

Zone name	Bidding zone	EIC
France	FR	10YFR-RTE—C
Georgia	GE	
Great Britain	GB	10YGB—A
Greece	GR	10YGR-HTSO—Y
Croatia	HR	10YHR-HEP—M
Hungary	HU	10YHU-MAVIR—U
Ireland (Single Electricity Market)	IE-SEM	10Y1001A1001A59C
Centre-North, Italy	IT-CNOR	10Y1001A1001A70O
Centre-South, Italy	IT-CSUD	10Y1001A1001A71M
North, Italy	IT-NORTH	10Y1001A1001A73I
Sardinia, Italy	IT-Sardinia	10Y1001A1001A74G
Sicily, Italy	IT-Sicily	10Y1001A1001A75E
South, Italy	IT-SUD	10Y1001A1001A788
Lithuania	LT	10YLT-1001A0008Q
Latvia	LV	10YLV-1001A00074
Moldova	MD	
Montenegro	ME	10YCS-CG-TSO—S
North Macedonia	MK	10YMK-MEPSO—8
Netherlands	NL	10YNL—L
Oslo, Norway	NO-1	10YNO-1—2
Kristiansand, Norway	NO-2	10YNO-2—T
Trondheim and Molde, Norway	NO-3	10YNO-3—J
Tromsø, Norway	NO-4	10YNO-4—9
Bergen, Norway	NO-5	10Y1001A1001A48H
Poland	PL	10YPL-AREA—S
Portugal	PT	10YPT-REN—W
Romania	RO	10YRO-TEL—P
Serbia	RS	10YCS-SERBIATSOV
Luleå, Sweden	SE-1	10Y1001A1001A44P
Sundsvall, Sweden	SE-2	10Y1001A1001A45N
Stockholm, Sweden	SE-3	10Y1001A1001A46L
Malmö, Sweden	SE-4	10Y1001A1001A47
Slovenia	SI	10YSL-ELES—O
Slovakia	SK	10YSK-SEPS—K
Ukraine	UA	10YUA-WEPS—0

Terms of use

Deutscher Wetterdienst

- [Terms of use for data on the CDC ftp server](#)

NordPool

- [Terms and conditions for use](#)

ENTSO-E Transparency Platform

- [GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE USE OF THE ENTSO-E TRANSPARENCY PLATFORM](#)
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