

A map of Europe is shown on the left side of the slide. It is divided into several colored regions representing bidding zones: Ireland (orange), Central Europe (blue), Baltic (orange), and other regions in green and yellow. The map is overlaid on a background image of a city skyline at sunset.

2022-2025

Optimizations for an ideal Bidding Zone Configuration in Europe

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Bidding Zone Review (BZR) project



Background

- Legal requirement according to EU Regulation 2015/1222 (CACM) and "Clean Energy Package"
- Aim: Rethink bidding zone layouts and orient them to actual network bottlenecks.
- Joint project of all ENTSO-E TSOs, [method definition](#) by ACER

Central Europe via 

Target year 2025

3 climate scenarios: 1989, 1995, 2009

7+2 configurations + price sensitivity

7 split scenarios + 2 combinations thereof

Commodity and CO2 prices



ACER Methode for BZR

Preliminary study:
Calculation of LMPs
(for the identification of
network bottlenecks)

August 2022
Definition of alternative
bidding zone
configurations

2022 until April 28, 2025
Main Study
(using APG-Tool „VAMOS“ in
CE)

Decision on potential
zone changes

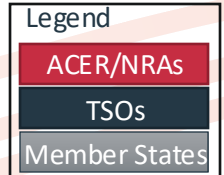
Downloads

- ACER Decisions
- [Methodology](#)
- [Definition of alternative configurations](#)
- [Final Report and further information / data](#)

Role of Optimization

- Combination of various software tools and solvers
- First cross-TSO project to realize a complete integrated modelling chain for FB-simulation

Implementation
timeframe:
approx. 3-5 years

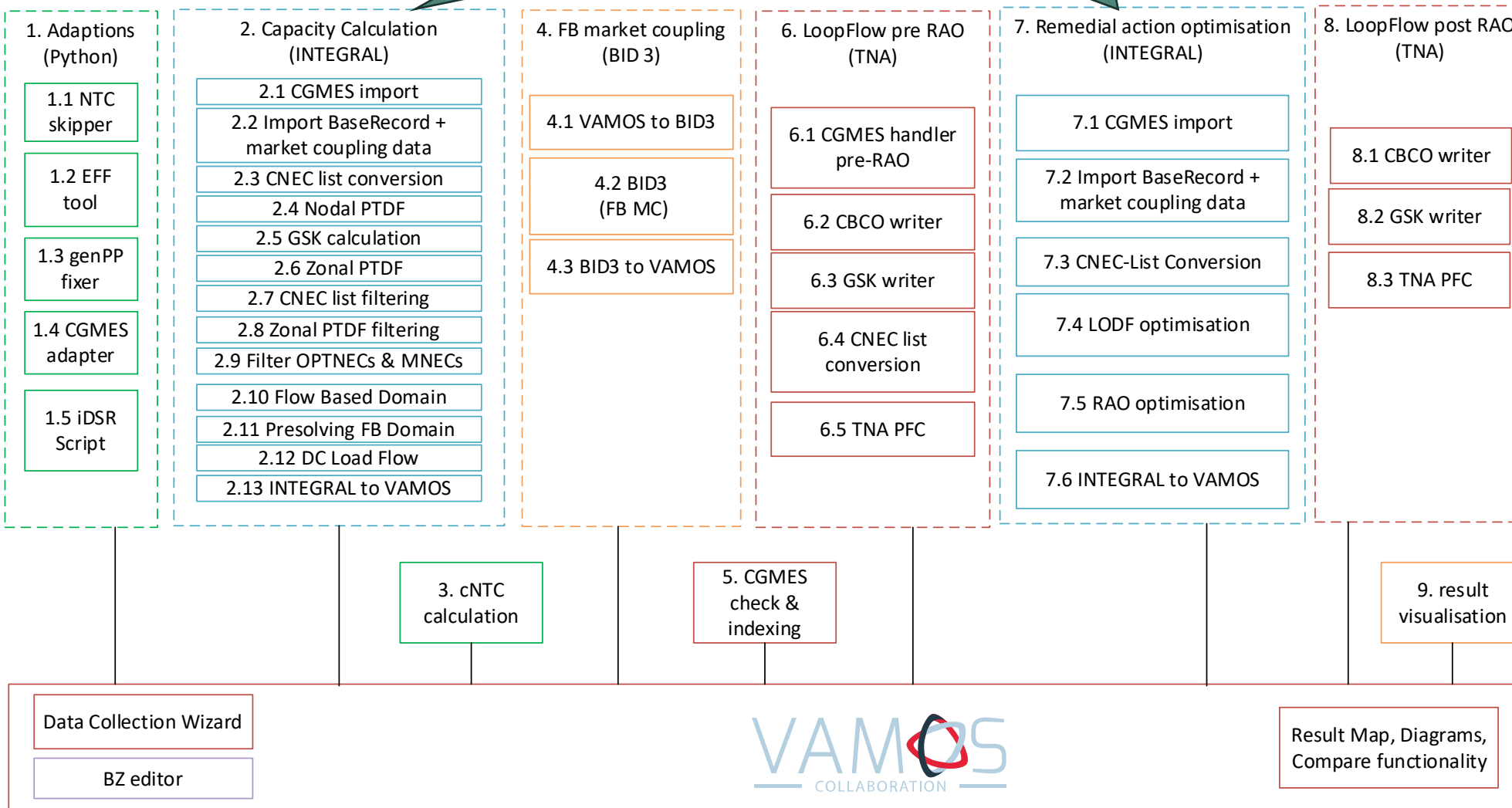


Methodology

Modelling Chain in VAMOS

FB domain creation based on pan-European NTC results

RAO and LF for 50 representative days, determination of the annual result on the basis of clustering



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GB data

15k

power plants

55+

interconnections

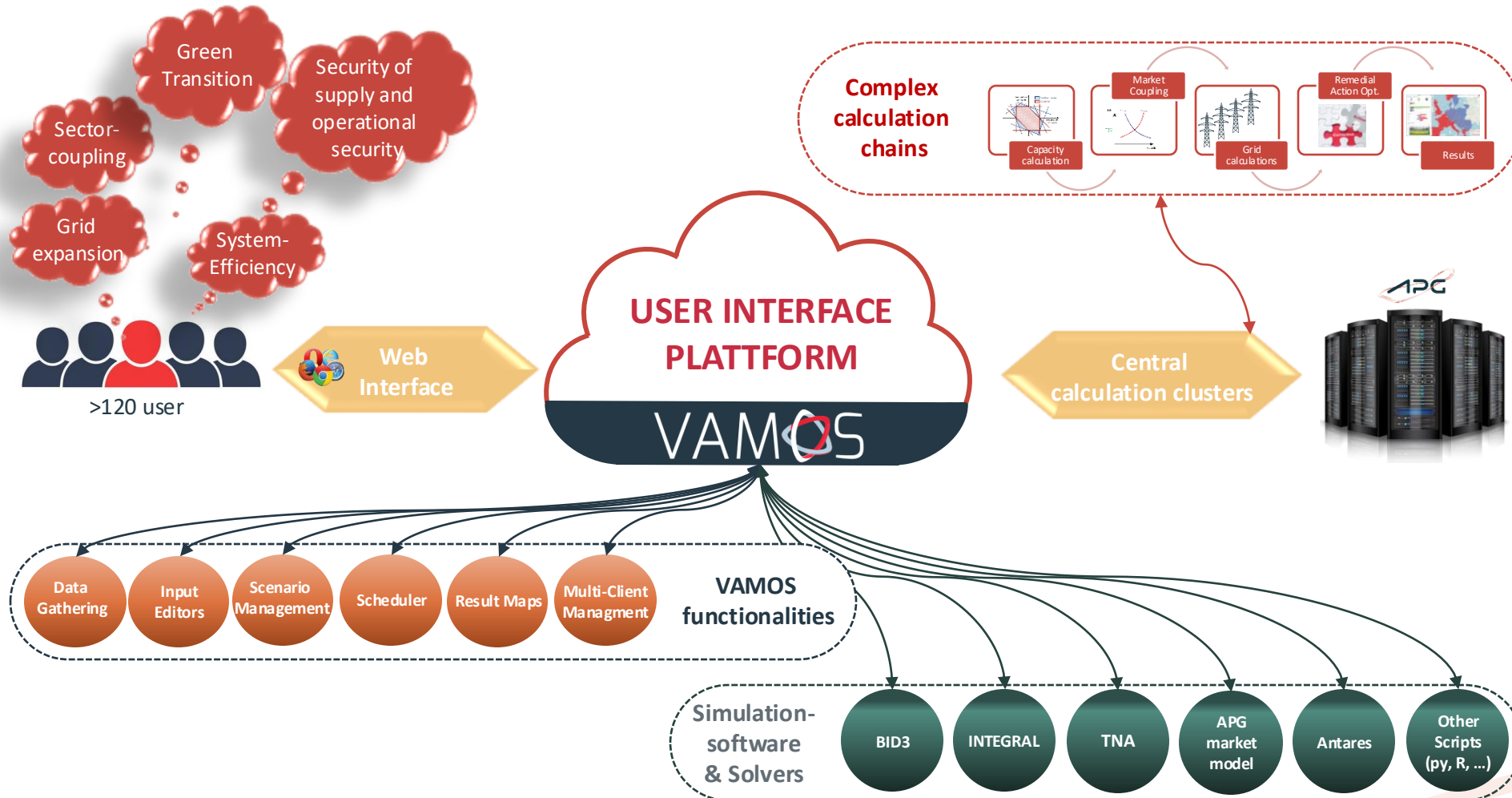
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CNECs

10-14

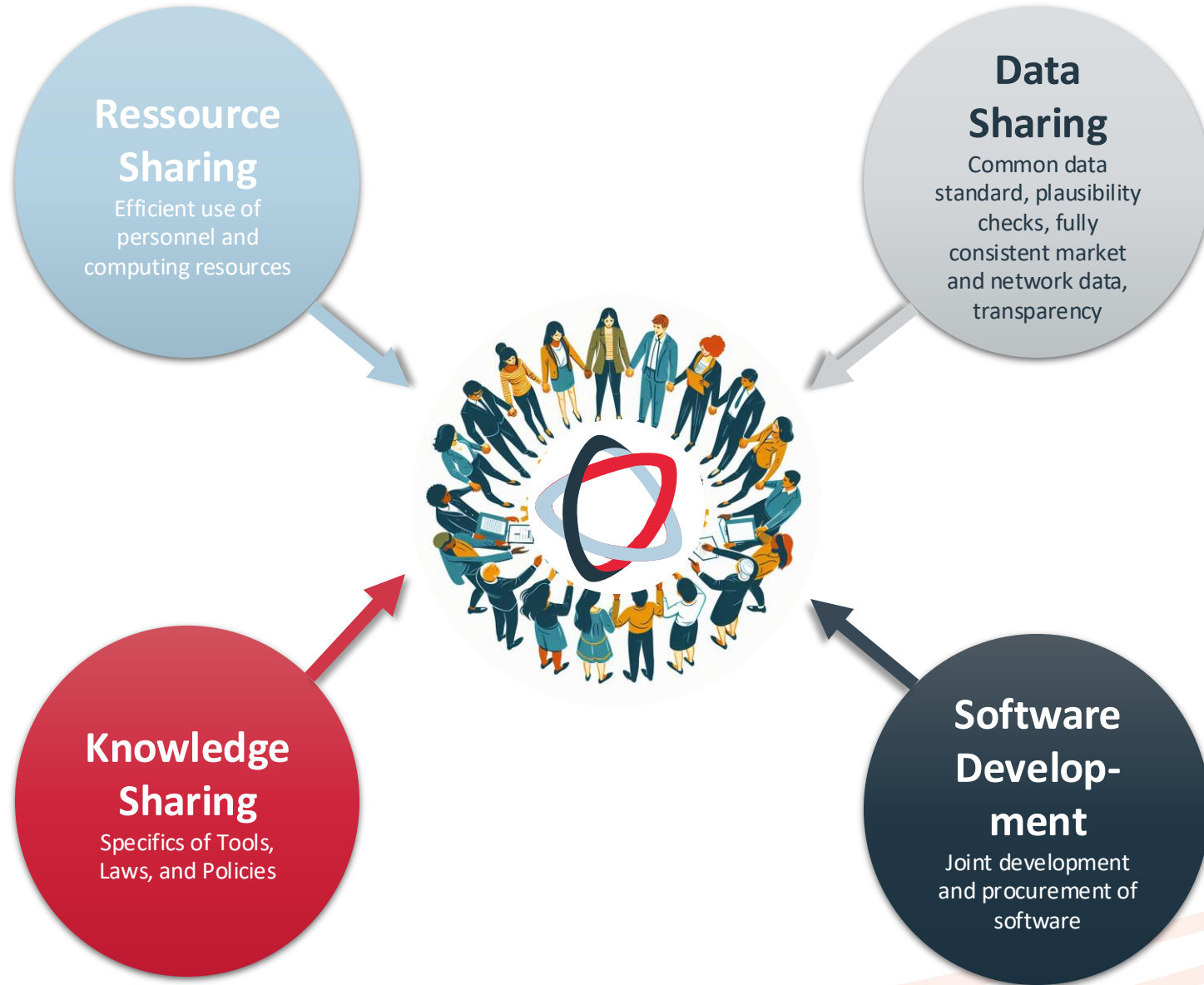
days runtime

VAMOS (Varied Model Operating System)



Why using a Modelling Platform for complex optimisations?

Payoffs from cooperations



Results of the Bidding Zone Review

Indicator 04 – Economic efficiency	Market Dispatch	Redispatch	Auswertung	
	∅ Change over all climate years in EUR million	∅ Change over all climate years in EUR million	Net profit/loss	Ranking
Split				
Status Quo		<i>Ref. 1.384 Mio. EUR</i>		
C14-DE5	-274	-613	339	1
C13-DE4	-291	-603	312	2
C02-DE2	-344	-607	264	3
C12-DE3	-390	-641	251	4
C07-NL2	14	5	9	5
C05-FR3	-42	-33	-9	6
C06-IT2	-214	-154	-60	7
DE2+NL2	-331	-598	266	
DE5+NL2	-243	-576	332	
DE4+NL2	-298	-566	268	

TSO-Recommendation

Division of the German market into five bidding zones.

▶ Highest payoff (339 million euros per year) and no contraindications to network security.

▶ Additional considerations:

🏠 Target year 2025

⚖️ Balancing markets

📊 Input data derived in 2019

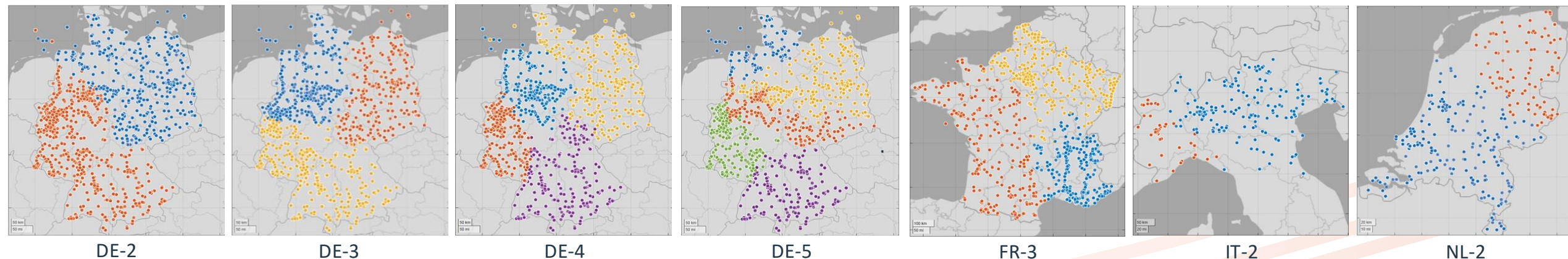
👤 Distributional aspects

🔍 Robustness Analysis not in scope.

📄 Ongoing Power Purchase Agreements

🏢 Liquidity and transaction costs

⚡ Support schemes



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