

A landscape photograph of a field at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow. The sky is filled with soft, wispy clouds. In the foreground, there is a field of tall grass. Several bright green, glowing light trails curve across the middle ground, suggesting movement or energy. The overall mood is serene and futuristic.

# Regulatory Framework Working Group

# Electricity System Restoration Standard Implementation – Regulatory Frameworks Working Group - Terms of Reference

**Chair:** NGESO to provide  
**Tech Secs:** NGESO to provide

**Standing Members:**

- NGESO
- NGET
- SPEN-T
- SSEN-T
- SSEN-D
- SPEN-D
- UKPN
- WPD
- ENW
- NPG

**Members**

**By invitation:**

- Wind Rep
- Solar Rep
- Synch Gen Rep
- Interconnectors

**Logistics**

- **Cadence** – Fortnightly full meeting, with interim lighter touch meeting (without the project updates). Scheduled to align with key points in projects.
- **Duration** – 2 hours
- **Location** – Teams Meeting (for now)
- **Submissions** due and pre-read – slides/papers with clear confirmation of input/decisions needed 5 Business Days prior. Papers are to be read ahead of the meeting.
- **Minutes** – to be taken and circulated with the Action/Decision Log
- **Quorum** – All Standing members to attend. Deputies can attend with full decision-making authority delegated.

**Standing Agenda**

Items	Owner
1. Safety/Wellbeing/inclusion Moment	
2. Actions Update	
3. Progress/project update	
4. Risk/Issues for escalation to Coordination team	
5. Decisions/Actions	
6. AOB	

**Purpose/Scope**

**Purpose:**

- To deliver the changes needed in the relevant industry codes that will enable the implementation of a fit-for-purpose framework for the ESRS

**Inputs**

- GC Mod activities and average timeline
- Relevant consultation responses
- Relevant codes
- Glossary & definitions

**Outputs**

- Working collaboratively with other industry working groups identify defects in the existing industry codes where applicable.
- Develop a framework that will enable the changes required in alignment with the proposed timeline (all changes in place by no later than 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023).
- Provide regular progress updates to coordination team and steering committee
- Produce a final report to include:
  - Defined and time-stamped end-to-end processes for changes in the relevant documents
  - Risks and mitigations
  - In coordination with other industry working groups, the impact on industry codes, including mapping of changes in relevant regulatory frameworks, initial draft of the proposed changes and a route to change (e.g., Grid Code Modification proposal)

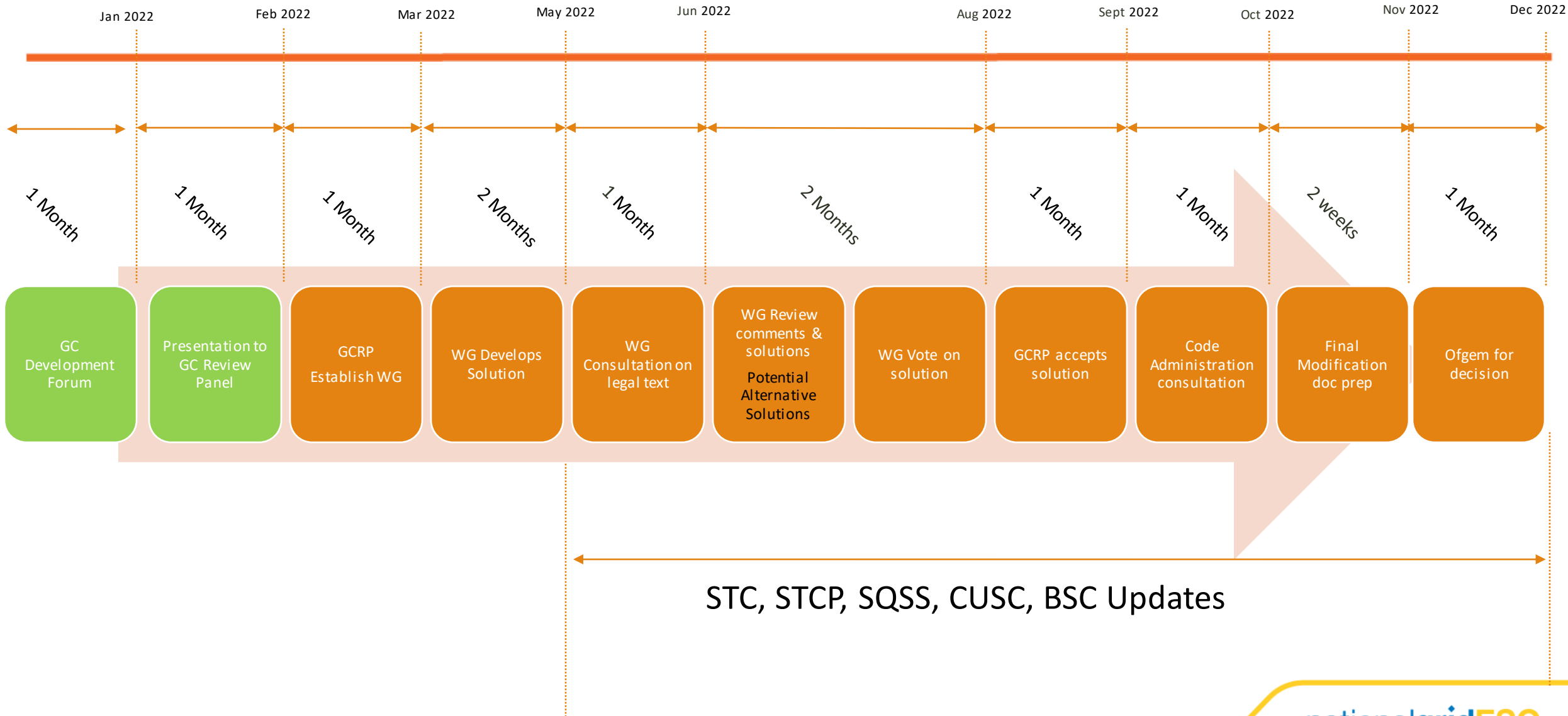
## The Issue and Defect

In order to implement the new ESRS, the ESO has identified seven areas that need development and have sought views from industry on those areas via consultation and industry working groups.

These are:

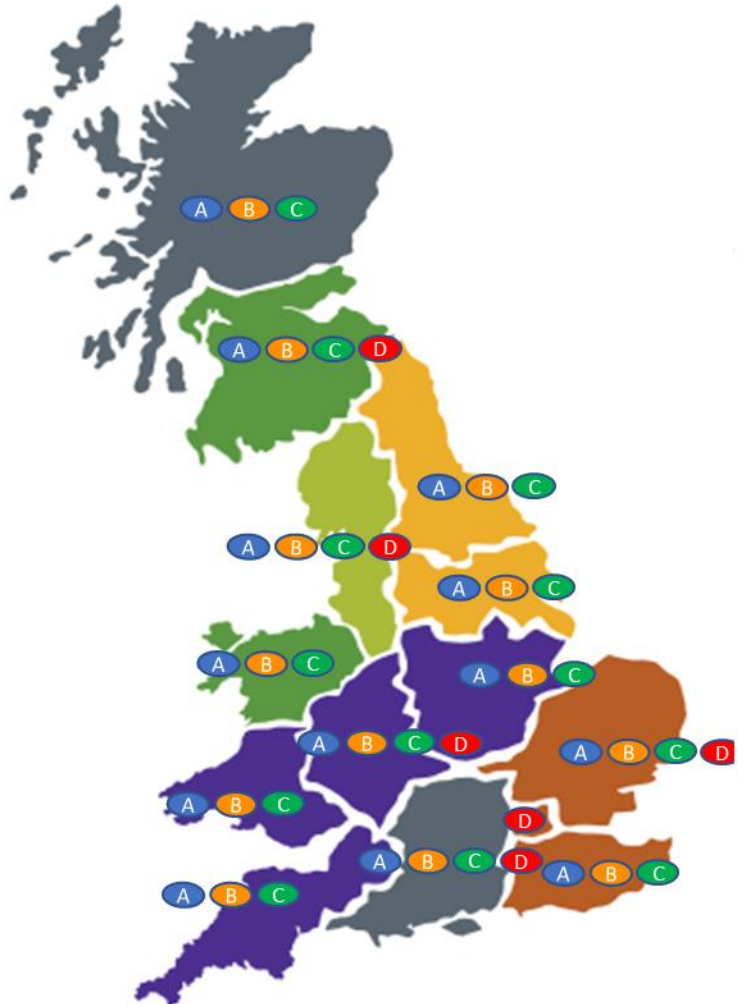
- Technologies and locational diversity
- Future networks
- Markets and funding mechanisms
- Regulatory frameworks
- Assurance
- Communication Infrastructure
- Modelling and Restoration Tool

# Regulatory Framework Update Timeline



# Proposed High-level Restoration Zone Plan by 2026

## Possible 2026 Outcome



- A Technology A
- B Technology B
- C Technology C
- D Distribution Restoration



Potentially 39 Transmission Restoration service Providers & 5 Distribution Restoration Zone Controllers

## Summary of Project Delivery Risks, impact & mitigations

	Risks (There is a risk that...)	Impact (Leading to....)	Mitigation
1.	Inadequate Restoration Service Providers	Very high cost	Continue to flag the importance of adequate industry representatives at relevant forums  ESO to initiate Tender process inline with the proposed principles

## Summary of Project Implementation Risks, impact & mitigations

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1.	Delays to updating Regulatory Framework (beyond Dec 2022)	Restoration Service Providers, TOs & DNOs delivery will be impacted	Prompt engagement with the Code Panels & Swift outcomes from the working groups.



