

# Open Networks Project Work Plan Consultation Webinar

February 4<sup>th</sup> 2021



## Thank you for joining this Open Networks Project Webinar on the 2021 Workplan consultation.

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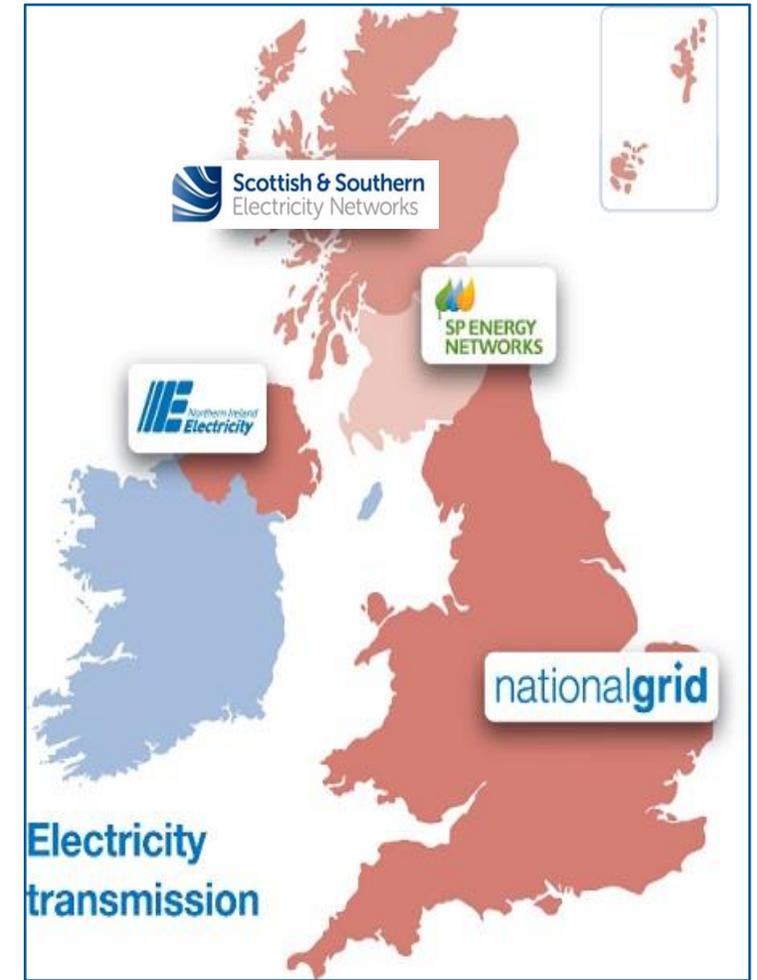
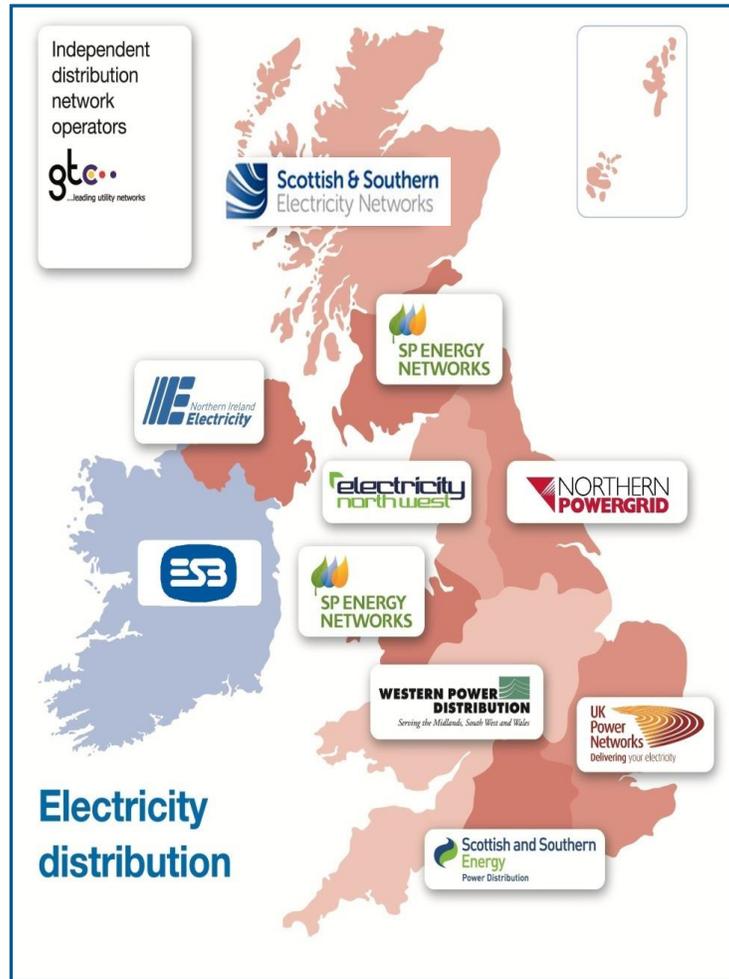
# Agenda

	Topic	Duration	Presenter	Time
1	Introduction & Background	10m	Farina Farrier (ENA) Jason Brogden (ENA)	10:00 – 10:10
2	WS3 DSO Transition	10m	Steve Atkins (SSEN)	10:10 – 10:20
3	WS4 Whole Energy System	10m	Mark Herring (NG ESO)	10:20 – 10:30
4	WS1A Flexibility Services	10m	Sotiris Georgiopoulos (UKPN)	10:30 – 10:40
5	Q&A	10m	Farina Farrier (ENA)	10:40 – 10:40
6	WS1B Whole Electricity Systems & T D Coordination	10m	Ian Povey (ENWL)	10:50 – 11:00
7	WS2 Customer Connections and Information Provision	10m	Jim Cardwell (NPG)	11:00 – 11:10
8	2020 Year End Review & Stakeholder Engagement	10m	Emily Jones (ENA) Dan Clelland (ENA)	11:10 – 11:20
9	Q&A and Wrap-up	10m	Farina Farrier (ENA)	11:20 – 11:30

# About ENA

Energy Networks Association (ENA) represents the 'wires and pipes' transmission and distribution network operators for gas and electricity in the UK and Ireland.

ENAs overriding goals are to promote the UK and Ireland energy networks ensuring our networks are the safest, most reliable, most efficient and sustainable in the world.



# Open Networks – Delivering a Smart Grid



ENA's The Open Networks Project is a major industry initiative that is powering Britain forward to Net Zero by enabling homes, businesses, and communities to provide clean energy back to the networks. Open Networks is delivering a smart grid by opening up new markets, and building an all inclusive energy system



The Open Networks Project will help customers connect and break down barriers, enabling customers to access multiple markets to provide services; all the while reducing cost for consumers through more cost effective planning



Making a positive difference  
for energy consumers



HM Government

Late last year Government launched the Prime Minister's Ten Point Plan, the Climate Change Committee's Sixth Carbon Budget and the Energy White Paper. The publication of these plans means we now have clear policy pathways for UK decarbonisation, and the Project is now better positioned than ever before to tackle the important and ambitious target of achieving Net Zero by 2050.



We are taking a 'learn-by-doing' approach; we are using innovation funding to trial and test aspects of the various future electricity system options to drive the key changes needed to transition to a Net Zero emissions smart grid.

A short animation on the Project can be found at: [https://youtu.be/te\\_d34zldJ8](https://youtu.be/te_d34zldJ8)

# 2021 Areas of Work

*Longer term focus.*

*Taking ownership of the overarching DSO Implementation Plan.*

**WS3**  
**DSO Transition**



*Progressing short to medium term developments for DSO*

**WS5**  
**Comms & Stakeholder Engagement**

*Overseeing stakeholder engagement and comms across the project.*

## Key Priorities

**Flexibility remains the largest area of work with highest priority**

**As well as defining our body of work, we have identified key dependencies, particularly RII02**

**With more clarity from Government through the 10 point plan and the Energy White Paper, Open Networks will continue to enable delivery of Net Zero by:**

- a) **opening local flexibility markets to demand response, renewable energy and new low-carbon technology and removing barriers to participation**
- b) **providing opportunities for these flexible resources to connect to our networks faster**
- c) **opening data to allow these flexible resources to identify the best locations to invest**
- d) **delivering efficiencies between the network companies to plan and operate secure efficient networks**



**ENA launched a 6-week consultation on it's 2021 workplan, open from Jan 18<sup>th</sup> – March 1st**

**We are keen to hear views from the industry on this ambitious programme of work and have asked for any comments in any format to make it easy to respond.**

More information on this consultation including the full PID can be found on our website

-  [2021 Consultation Document](#)
-  [2021 Workplan](#)
-  [Flexibility Roadmap](#)

# Workstreams & Products

# WS3 DSO Transition - The journey so far

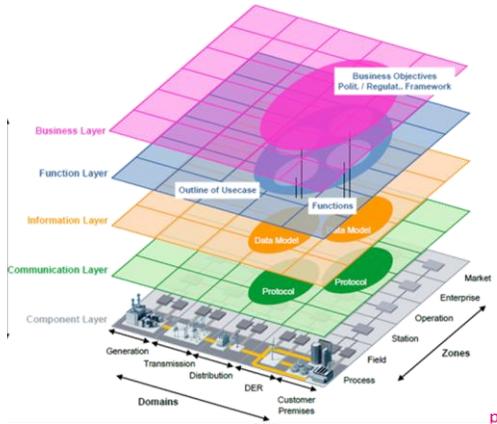
2017

## Foundations for "Future Worlds"



2018

## Detailed SGAM modelling

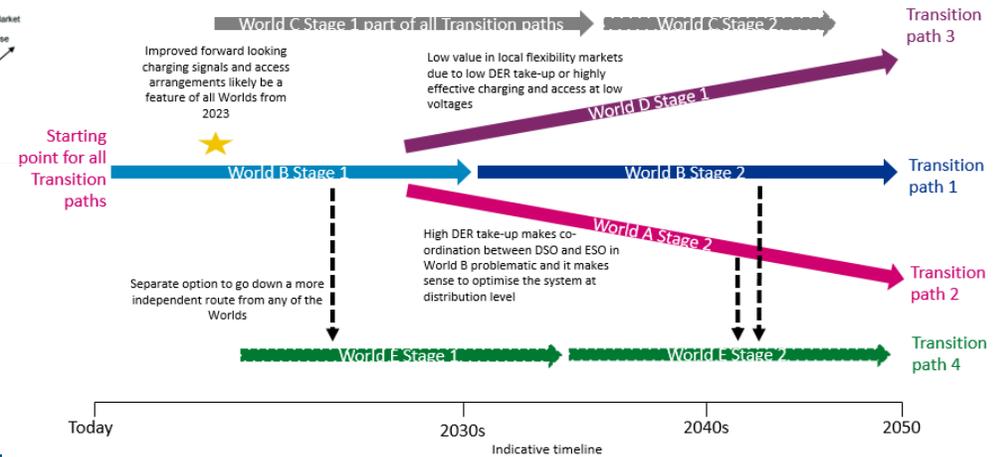


Modelled 5 different Future Worlds with different attribution of roles and responsibilities for DSO Functions.

2019

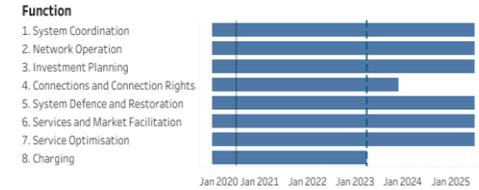
## Impact Assessment & Pathways

Independent assessment set out a pathway in the short term on a model of stronger coordination between DNOs and ESO and allows for future changes to roles and responsibilities to deliver the most effective mode.



2020 & 2021

## DSO Implementation Plan



**DSO Transition**

Setting out a clear plan giving visibility of actions as well as key decisions that are required to progress the development and implementation of the least regrets pathway to Distribution System Operation.



**ENA DSO Implementation Plan**

**Purpose:**  
The aim of the DSO Implementation Plan visualisation is to provide visibility of actions and implementation of change for all electricity network and system operators that are required to progress the least regrets pathway to Distribution System Operation (DSO).

Time frame  
Medium term

- Function**
1. System Coordination
  2. Network Operation
  3. Investment Planning
  4. Connections and Connection Rights
  5. System Defence and Restoration
  6. Services and Market Facilitation
  7. Service Optimisation
  8. Charging



Developed by

The DSO Implementation Plan is an interactive tool that shows all the actions that networks companies are undertaking to progress the transition.

# WS3 2021 – Key milestones



Distribution System Operation Implementation Plan

Conflicts of Interest & Unintended Consequences – Maintain published version & change log



Publish first iteration



Publish second iteration



Publish findings of independent audit of DSO Roadmap

Making accessibility improvements & enabling data extraction

Increasing granularity and publishing company level data for more transparency

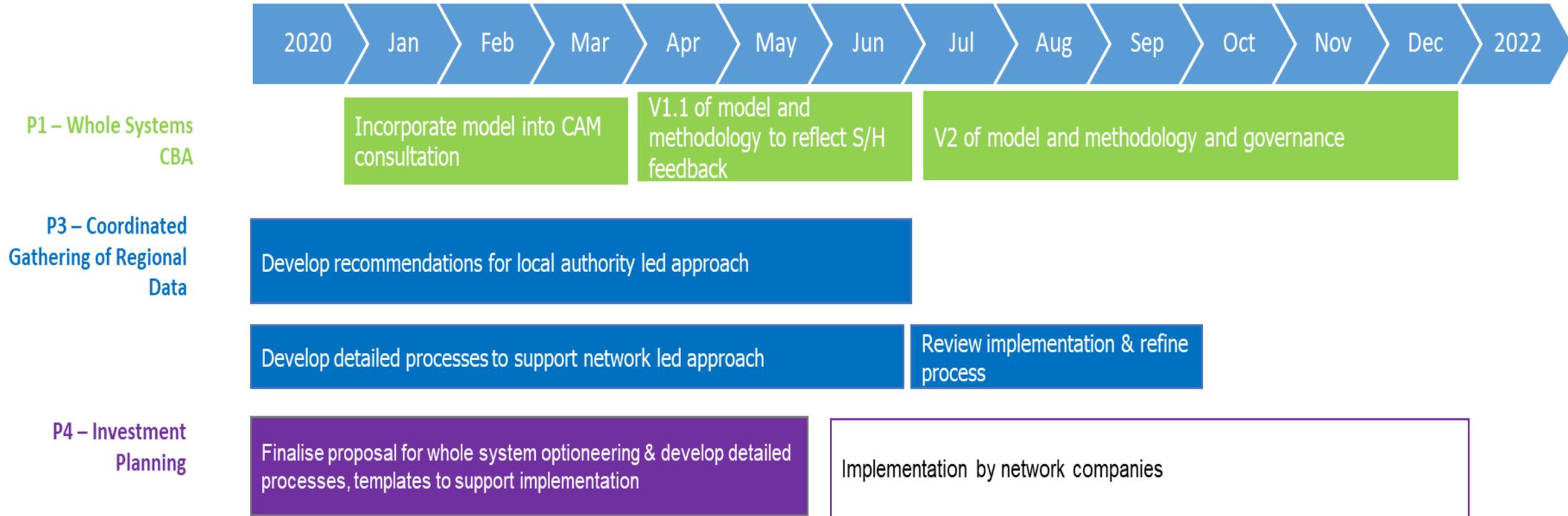
Independent audit to review and challenge activity

### Whole Energy System

Delivering benefits for customers and consumers by realising more cost-effective network investment and operation across the electricity and gas networks.

Product	Description
Whole System CBA (P1)	Further development of the CBA methodologies defined in 2020.
Investment Planning (P4)	Building on 2020 optioneering proposals for implementation.
Coordinated Gathering of Regional Data (P3)	Driving short term network led and long term local authority led approaches.

# WS4 Timeline



# WS1A - Flexibility Services

Developing **transparency** and **standardised** approaches across DNOs flexibility procurement, delivering consistency with the ESO.

Enabling **new markets and platforms** for flexibility (e.g. peer-to-peer trading).

Reducing reliance on Flexible Connection **ANM** contracts

\* Indicates key products prioritised for resourcing and delivery



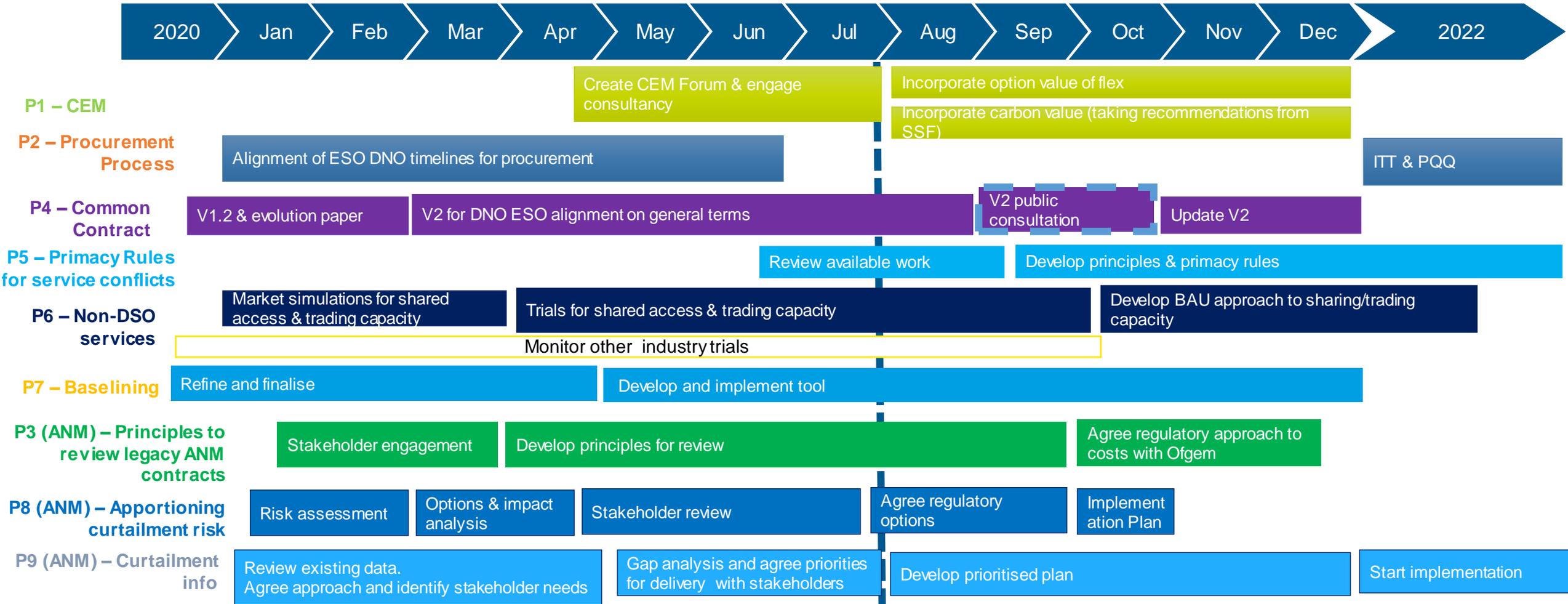
## WS1A - High Priority Products

Product	Description
Common Evaluation Methodology (P1)	Enhancing the areas of optionality and carbon assessment.
Common contract for flexibility services (P4)	Building on standard agreement to incorporate liability, indemnity and insurance.
Principles to review legacy ANM Contracts (P3)	Reduce reliance on ANM by offering improved choices.
Non-DSO Services (P6)	Facilitation of Non-DSO Services such as peer to peer trading, and sharing of capacity
Apportioning curtailment risk (P8)	Options for how the risk of curtailment might be more equitably spread across ANM connections
Curtailment information (P9)	Improve information to enable participation in flexibility markets

## WS1A - Other Products

Product	Description
Procurement Process (P2)	Further alignment of DNO and ESO procurement timescales (including consideration of the Capacity Market).
Primacy Rules for Service Conflicts (P5)	Helping economic and efficient management
Baselining flexibility services (P7)	Implementation of a common baseline for all DNOs

# WS1A Timeline



# Q&A

### Whole Electricity System Planning & T-D Data Exchange

Optimising existing processes and **data exchange** across T & D boundary.

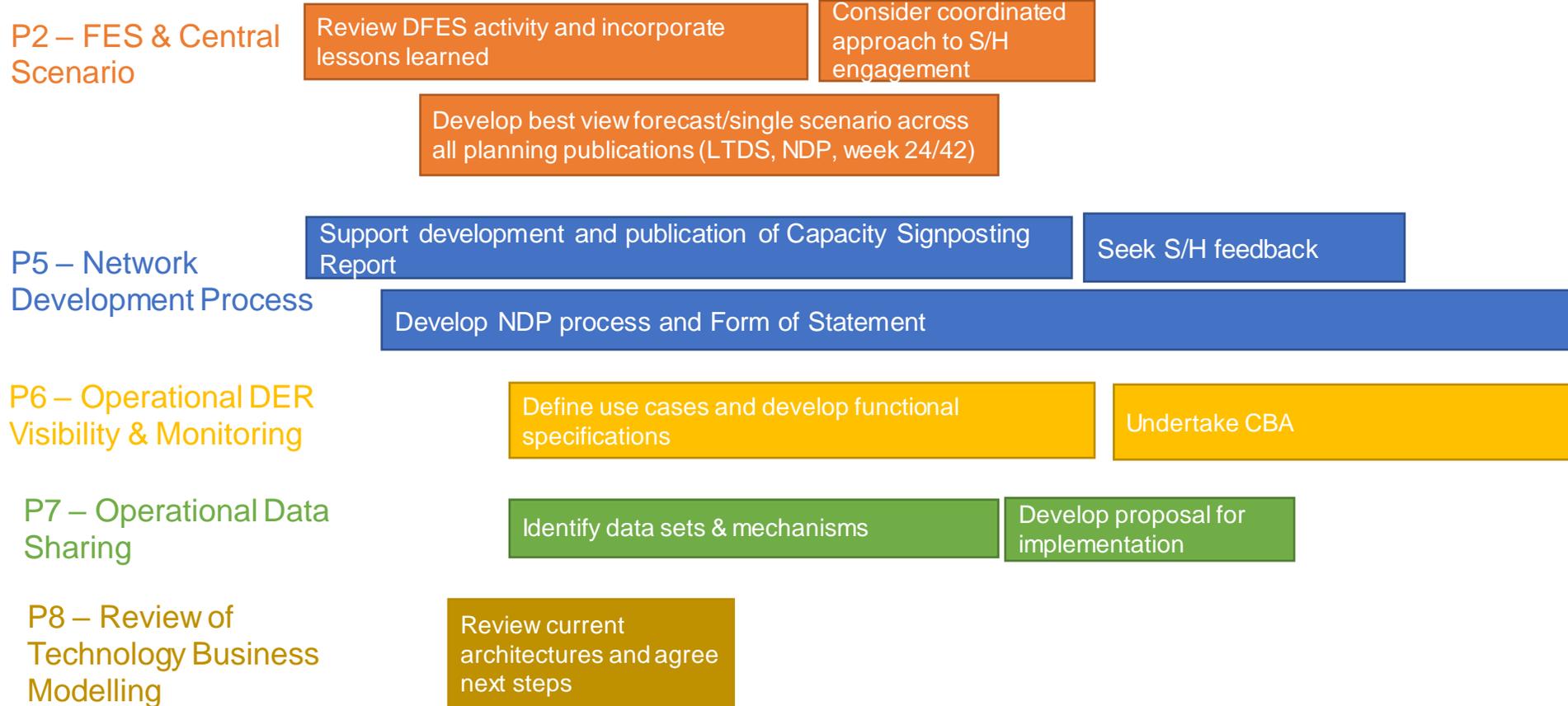
Improving **visibility of DER** for operational planning.

Improved **data provision** for non-network stakeholders.

## WS1B - Product details

Product	Description
FES & Central scenario (P2)	Improving the quality of DFES and FES publications for stakeholders and further alignment across various forecasting processes.
Network Development Process (P5)	Building on capacity signposting and developing the end to end process for Network Development Plans.
Operational DER visibility and monitoring (P6)	Defining needs cases, CBA framework, and performing CBA to inform policy on DG visibility.
Operational Data Sharing (P7)	Supporting and informing an upcoming license condition to improve operational data sharing
Review of Technology Business Management (P8)	Scoping activity to review current systems for capturing IT/OT systems and establish feasibility of adopting TBM.

# WS1B Timeline



In addition to the above, WS1B will monitor industry developments on outputs delivered through P1 Investment Planning, P3 Real Time Data Exchange and P4 Data Exchange in Planning Timescales.

### Customer Information Provision & Connections

Delivering improvements to customer connections process and identifying further opportunities for consistency.

2021 Products	Description
Embedded Capacity Register (P1)	Incorporate improvements, include T and ESO elements and consider inclusion of <1MW
Queue Management (P2) +	Implementation and review for further improvements.
Interactivity (P3)	Developing process from 2020 to embed the recommendations of CMP328.
Connection agreement review (P4)	Reviewing current DNO connection agreements in light of more recent smart grid developments.
User Commitment Improvements (P5)	Review of process and, if merited, recommend actions to modify the methodology.

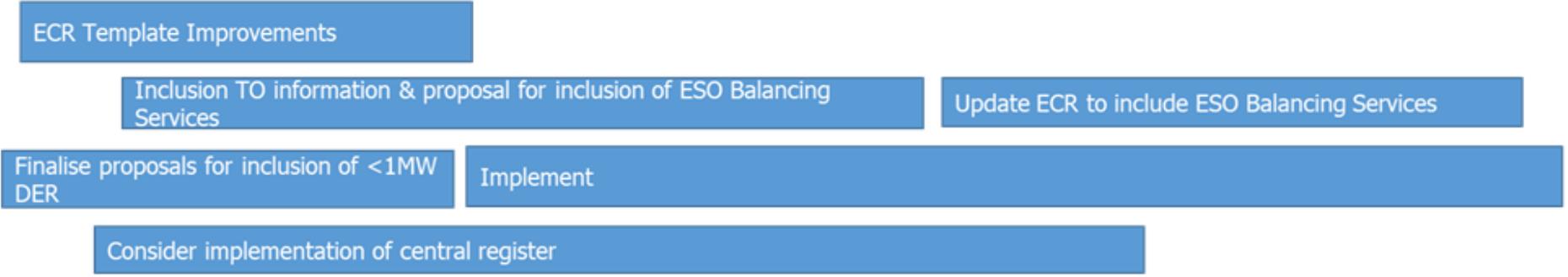
+Ongoing implementation of Queue Management including proposals published in 2020.

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# WS2 Timeline



## P1 – Embedded Capacity Register



## P2 – Queue Management



## P3 – Interactivity



## P4 – Connection Agreement Review



## P5 – User Commitment Improvements



## WS5 - Stakeholder Engagement

**2021 Objectives – use a combination of public affairs, press, social media & direct engagement to raise stakeholder awareness of:**

- How and where the Project is driving the key changes and innovation needed to transition to deliver Net Zero emissions
- The role network operators are playing in laying the foundations for the UK's smart electricity grid
- Key focuses of the Project this year. These include: industry leading work on Flexibility Services, continued work delivering the DSO transition, improving the customer connections process, and delivering Whole Energy Systems Efficiencies
- Opportunities to engage with the Project, our development work and our output

**This workstream will continue to:**

- Proactively support stakeholder engagement for key Open Networks Output
- Provide comms input and review into key publications (e.g. consultations, EoY report)
- Engage with parliamentarians & policy makers
- Generate media and stakeholder interest
- Generate Press Releases and interviews
- Communicate via Social Media
- Generate research material and/or communications material (e.g. animations) to support key messaging
- Participate in event speaking opportunities
- Conduct ENA and Member profile raising

## 2021 Q1 key activity

- Recently launched the 2020 End of Year Review alongside the Workplan consultation and PID. We will continue to promote the consultation in the lead up to the March deadline.
  - Publication of v1.2 of the common contract
  - Domestic flexibility event
  - First Community Energy Forum
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- Will issue Q1 newsletter with activity overview in March
  - Will be running a range of webinars for different products – information for these will be available via ENA's Events page

# Q&A

# How to Respond

For more information about the Open Networks project, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us at [opennetworks@energynetworks.org](mailto:opennetworks@energynetworks.org)

Or

visit our website

<https://www.energynetworks.org/creating-tomorrows-networks/open-networks>

The consultation closes on **1<sup>st</sup> March 2021** and feedback on the Open Networks 2021 Work Plan is welcomed from all stakeholders.

If you would like to respond to the consultation, please submit your response to [opennetworks@energynetworks.org](mailto:opennetworks@energynetworks.org).

ENA will publish a response mid-May 2021.



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## Useful Links

**Project Scope for 2021**

**Work plan  
consultation**

**Flexibility Roadmap**

*We welcome feedback and your input*

**DSO Implementation  
Plan**

**Stakeholder events &  
supporting material**

**2020 End of Year  
report**

## How to get involved

Advisory  
Group

Public  
Consultations

Public Events

Mailing List

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# Flexibility Commitments



In Dec 2018, DNOs made the commitment to openly test the market to compare relevant grid reinforcement and market flexibility solutions for all new projects of significant value

- This is key in reducing the costs of new infrastructure investment and lays the foundations for a new, cleaner, more flexible network
- Offers households, businesses and communities the ability to offer their flexible services to the networks
- Taking a technology agnostic approach  
<http://www.energynetworks.org/assets/files/ENA%20Flex%20Commitment.pdf>



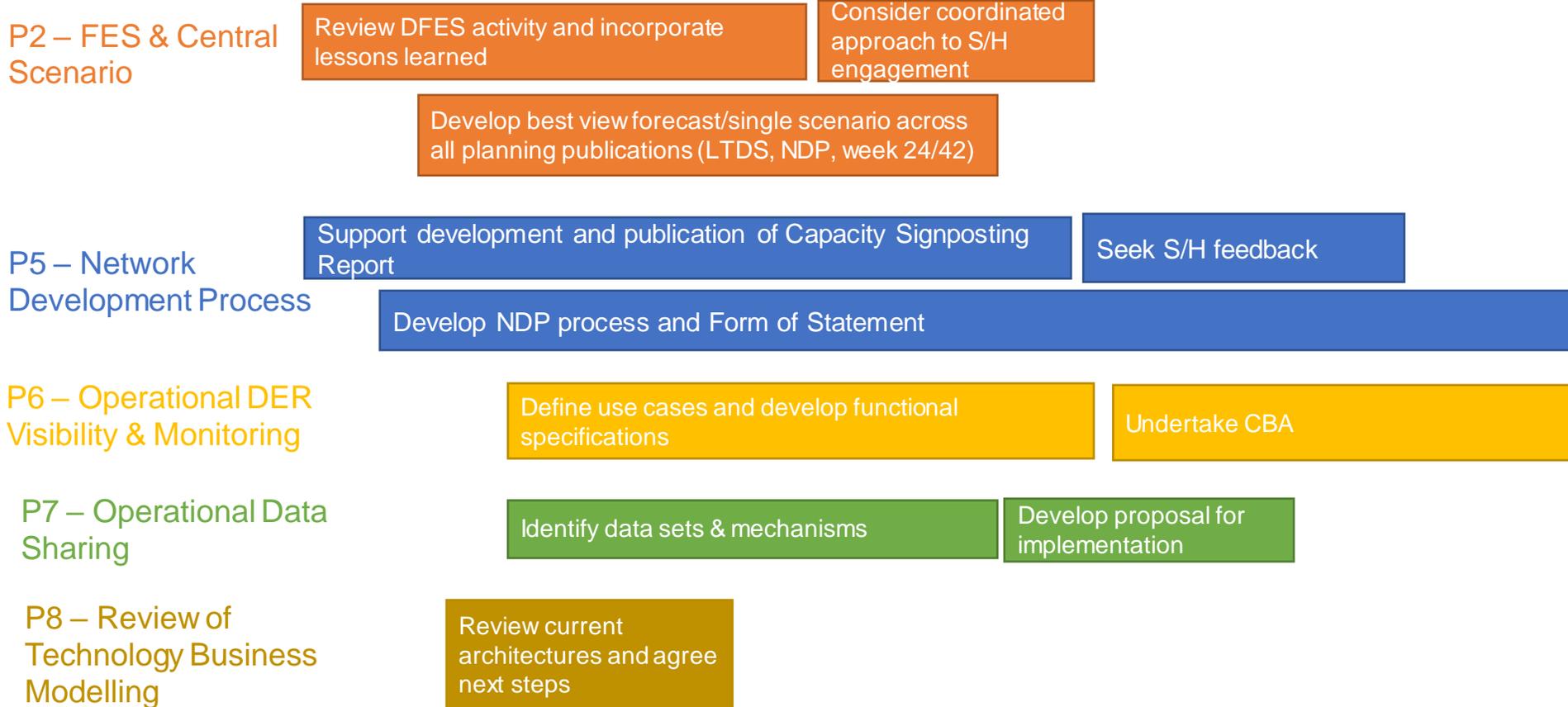
In Jun 2019, Electricity Networks committed to six steps for making these emerging flexibility markets work in practice

1. Champion a level playing field
2. Visibility and accessibility
3. Conduct procurement in an open and transparent manner
4. Provide clarity on the dispatch of services
5. Provide regular, consistent and transparent reporting
6. Work together towards whole systems outcomes

<http://www.energynetworks.org/assets/files/ENA%20Flexibility%20Commitment%20Our%20Six%20Steps%20for%20Delivering%20Flexibility%20Services.pdf>



# WS1B Timeline

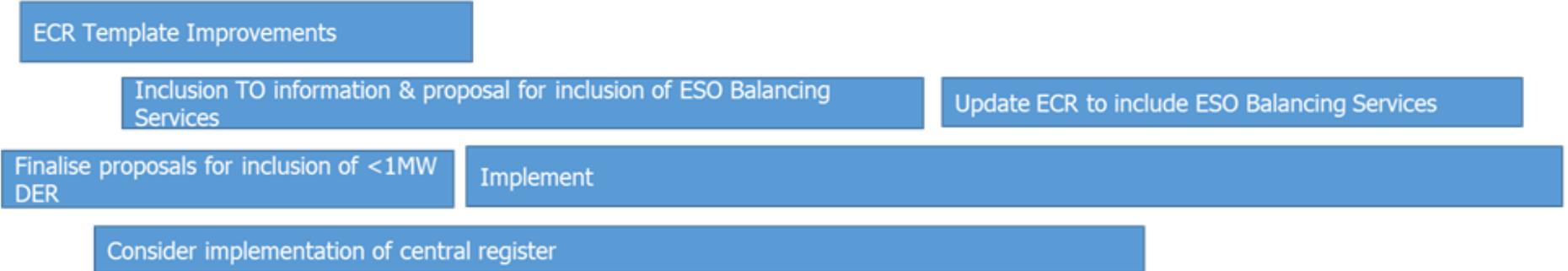


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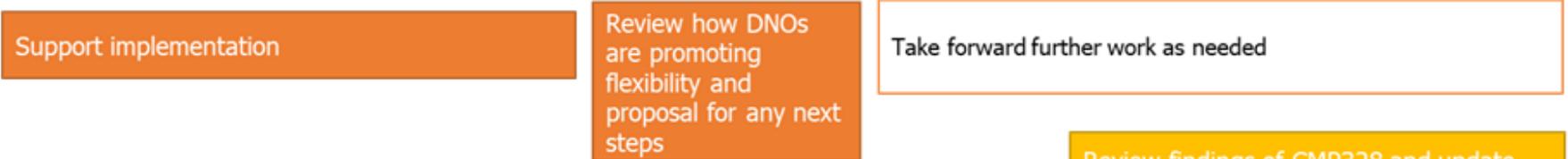
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## P1 – Embedded Capacity Register



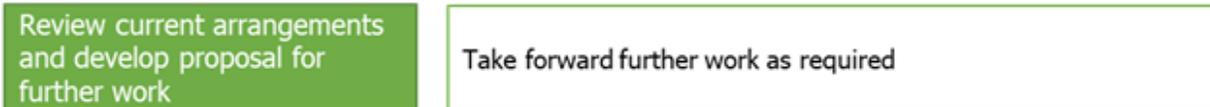
## P2 – Queue Management



## P3 – Interactivity



## P4 – Connection Agreement Review



## P5 – User Commitment Improvements



# WS4 Timeline

