

Romania's Discounts, Multipliers and Seasonal Factors for 2026-27: Improvements Amid Persistently High Tariffs

Brussels, 08 May 2026 – Energy Traders Europe welcomes the opportunity to comment on [ANRE's proposal for discounts, multipliers and seasonal factors for the 2026-2027](#). Moreover, we appreciate that the consultation was published in English, a step that meaningfully improves transparency. Please find our comments on the provisions of the proposal below.

Key messages

1. The proposed downward adjustments are positive, but the underlying problem remains: Romania's persistently high transmission tariffs.

As the revision only addresses discounts, multipliers and seasonal factors, its impact on overall market functioning remains limited.

2. The market still awaits the implementation of the new approach to the Trans-Balkan Pipeline.

While the revised approach is broadly aligned with our previous recommendations and seems to be in line with the EU Acquis, its implementation and compliance still need to be demonstrated.

Detailed comments

The proposed revision of discounts, multipliers and seasonal factors for 2026–2027 constitutes a step in the right direction. The **removal of seasonal factors is a welcome development**, contributing to greater tariff simplicity and predictability. Nevertheless, multipliers remain consistently above the European average¹; in particular, the monthly multiplier of 1.5 is set at the maximum level permitted under Article 13 of Regulation (EU) 2017/460. Given the importance of short-term products in supporting liquidity and efficient capacity utilisation, further reductions would be both justified and necessary to strengthen market signals and enhance the attractiveness of cross-border flows.

We also note that the **overall impact remains limited, as the underlying level of transmission tariffs remains high**. These tariffs continue to exceed most transmission charges applied in the region and therefore remain the primary constraint on network utilisation enhancement and cross-border trade in Romania. We therefore encourage ANRE

¹ See ENTSOG, 2024, "[Tariff Network Code - Implementation and Effect Monitoring Report 2024](#)".

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to consider **assessing the structural drivers of high costs of using Romania's gas network.**

Finally, with regard to the approach to **enhancing the attractiveness of the Trans-Balkan pipeline, Energy Traders Europe maintains a cautious position.** While the objective of improving the commercial attractiveness of the route is supported, the previous implementation in the form of Route 1, 2 and 3 products raised concerns in relation to compliance with the EU acquis (NC CAM and NC TAR). Although transmission system operators have submitted a roadmap to DG ENER, the concrete design and implementation of the proposed long-term solution, as well as its compatibility with EU rules, will have to be assessed once they are in place.

Energy Traders Europe therefore encourages ANRE to build on the proposed adjustments by addressing the underlying level of transmission tariffs and ensuring that the implementation of the Trans-Balkan approach delivers a genuinely competitive and compliant framework for cross-border trade.

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