

ENA Develops New Common Standard for Flexibility Markets in Great Britain

We are pleased to highlight a recent initiative from GEODE's British member, [Energy Networks Association](#) (ENA), which has **jointly developed**, together with **Elexon**, **NESO** and the **OpenADR Alliance**, a **new common standard for dispatching flexibility** aligned with OpenADR 3.1.

Flexibility services help relieve pressure on the electricity grid by allowing users to adjust their energy consumption and generation according to system needs, for example by reducing demand during peak periods or increasing consumption when renewable generation is abundant. **OpenADR provides a common communication interface between electricity networks and flexibility service providers**, enabling a more standardised approach across networks.

The introduction of a **common interface** for all distribution network operators **is expected to make participation in flexibility markets easier across Great Britain**, while supporting a smarter and more efficient electricity system. **Energy flexibility is projected to deliver more than £3 billion in savings by 2028** through lower infrastructure costs, reduced connection charges, and increased use of low-carbon energy sources.

According to **David Boyer** (Director of Electricity Systems, **ENA**), between June 2024 and June 2025, **electricity networks in Great Britain harnessed 22 GWh of flexibility**, enough to power almost 7,000 average UK households for a full year. **The new standard is expected to encourage broader participation in flexibility markets** and support the UK Government's Clean Power 2030 targets.