



A FlexOffer is a format and protocol to describe energy flexibility which can be aggregated and exchanged across several actors/markets/projects. We believe that it is necessary for flexibility trading to become an accepted and integrated part of an energy system based on decentralised renewables. It has been initialized by the Mirabel, TOTALFLEX and GOFLEX projects and is now used by 15+ projects in Europe and beyond.

Considering this growing user base, we are launching a user group (UG) with the following objectives:

- Establish a technical community around FlexOffer technology
- Collect feedback from users towards enhancement of FlexOffer technology
- Clarify and enhance the FlexOffer specifications
- Further improve the maturity of the FlexOffer to enable its rollout by the industry

## General principle

Every user of the FlexOffer technology is welcome to join the UG. In this UG, every participant can submit a:

- *Correction and Clarification Proposal (CCP)*: this item describes a proposed modification of the FlexOffer specification to correct or clarify a feature without changing the FlexOffer technology.
- *Evolution Proposal (EP)*: this item describes a proposed evolution of the FlexOffer specification to modify an existing feature or include a new feature.

The participants will assess, discuss and improve the CCPs and EPs by e-mail and during FO-UG meetings, based on their experience and the defined “fundamentals” of FlexOffer (what it is, what it is not, how it is positioned wrt other solutions, ...).

The UG will be driven by a *Convenor*, taking care of the UG operation and keeping track of the discussions. An *Editor* will be in charge of maintaining and updating a reference specification document to include the approved CCPs and EPs. At a regular basis (probably every 6 months at the beginning), the reference specification document will be frozen and published as a new reference specification on the website.

## Upcoming activities

What	When
Introduction of FlexOffer and FlexOffer User-Group: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FlexOffer: concept and objectives</li> <li>• FlexOffer User-Group: purpose and organization</li> <li>• Interest and expectations of FlexOffer users (promoters, implementers and adopters)</li> </ul>	November 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2021 13:00-15:00 CET <a href="#">Online</a>
Informal meet-up at Enlit Europe (“FEVER” booth – EU project zone) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feedback from FlexOffer users on FlexOffer User-Group concept and objectives</li> <li>• Discussion on next steps</li> </ul>	December 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2021 at 16:00 December 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2021 at 10:00 <i>Milan, Italy</i>
Kick-off of the Flex Community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction of FlexOffer User-Group as part of a broader community</li> </ul>	February 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2022 13:30-17:00 CET <i>Online</i>
First meeting of the FlexOffer User-Group: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agree on the “fundamentals of FlexOffer”</li> <li>• Identify the current reference specifications of FlexOffer (i.e. which document) and publish it on the FlexOffer Community website</li> </ul>	February 2022
Second meeting of the FlexOffer User-Group: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Analyse and discuss first CCPs and EPs from participants</li> </ul>	March 2022