



Regional or cross-border trade of electricity would be beneficial for all trading partners for multiple reasons. However, cross-border electricity trade in Latin America is limited,

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The markets for electricity in both regions are highly interconnected. Regional electricity trade has also been initiated in other areas, such as in different parts of Africa, in the Middle East,

System Operators for Electricity was created by linking system operators of various countries (IEA, 2014).

However, a key question is: What would be the size of the foregone benefits due to the lack of cross-border electricity trade that could be realized?

Table 3.17: Net benefits of electricity trade in 2027 (in \$ billion per year)



to run or spinning reserve



The total installed capacity above









### **Figure 3c. Monthly variations of peak loads in the Mercosur region**

#### **2.3 Difference in electricity generation costs**

Countries can benefit from cross-border electricity trade when electricity generation costs vary between them. If surplus electricity is available across the border much cheaper than

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### 2.3.2 Difference in











The study considers three scenarios: baseline scenario, sub-regional trading scenario and full-regional trading scenario.

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## **4. Results from Model Simulations**

This section presents key results from the model simulations.

**Figure 5. The volume of total**





needed, that are well beyond the scope of this study. However, we made some rough estimations of investments needed on transmission interconnections to realize the cross-border electricity trade indicated by our model.<sup>10</sup> Our estimates show that

**Figure 9. Savings in electricity generation costs from the baseline (%)**

### **4.3 Impacts on the generation mix**

Cross-border trade affects the operation of existing electricity generation plants and hence the generation mix. Electricity pe 6( )T

At a regional level, the generation mix is unlikely to change significantly because the chances are







**Table 6. Electricity**

Argentina













**Figure A3: Hourly load curves by month in the Mercosur region**

**Figure A4**

**Figure A6. Monthly variations of peak loads in the Central region**



Capacity in MW retired







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## **Bolivia**





provides data installed capacity and generation (CNE, 2021). The Transactions Unit (UT, Unidad de Transacciones), the agency responsible for the operation and control of the national grid, publishes extensive data on the grid system including hourly load curves, fuel prices



The Empresa Nacional de Energía Eléctrica (ENEE), the state-owned power company is

expansion of the power sector of Nicaragua including scenarios for medium-demand projections



**República Bolivariana de Venezuela**

CORPOELEC (Corporación Eléctrica Nacional, SA), the state-owned electricity authority, is responsible for electricity statistics in the República Bolivariana de Venezuela.



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