

22nd Market European Stakeholder Committee (MESC)

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Draft Minutes

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1 Opening

1.1. Welcoming address + Approval of minutes + Draft Agenda (Christophe Gence-Creux, ACER)

The Chair opens the meeting and Marta Mendoza informs about the housekeeping rules.

The MESC meeting minutes of September meeting were approved.

The following requests were received:

- Item 2.7 on Brexit arrangements will be included in 2.2. SDAC.
- ENTSO-E aims to include a new item on compensation of long-term transmission rights in case of fallback based under aob. If there is no time to tackle this point it will be discussed in the next MESC.
- There is a request to update on implementation of intraday CCMs in each CCR and issues affecting implementation planning. This will be addressed in the next MESC meeting, aiming at sharing information before.
- There is another request received for an efficiency analysis for allocation costraints, which will be added for next MESC.
- IT North TSOs were requested to share their methodologies on allocation constraints. TSOs did submit it to relevant NRAs by deadline 2nd November. ACER is liasing with CCR Italy North NRAs whether this methodology could be shared.

ACER invites participants to use the issue logger for this kind of request to guarantee transparency to all stakeholders on request and how it will be handled.

Action: Include compensation of long-term transmission rights in case of fallback, update on implementation of intraday CCMs in each CCR and issues affecting implementation planning and efficiency analysis for allocation constraints in the next MESC meeting.

1.2 Update on recent developments (Florence Forum conclusions, Recent decisions (BZR), Appeals, Update on CCR, DA products, Update on EFET's request regarding DE-DK border, market parties' involvement on appeals, Update on the Iberian price cap) (Christophe Gence-Creux, ACER)

The Chair updates on recent developments:

Florence Forum: importance of energy sector integration for green deal raised. Offshore strategy paper with proposal for bidding zone concept from EC. Importance of ongoing NC implementation process was highlighted as key area for next years. EC announced launch of CACM GL amendments and a dedicated workshop on the scoping of the CACM amendment is organised in the afternoon.

Recent decisions:

- Redispatching area: ACER took five decisions, three in CORE two in SEE region. Key to meet 70% target, presentation later in the meeting with possible impact on market participants.
- BZ decision: first step dealing with methodology, 2nd step to define the different BZ configurations to be studied by TSOs. This included a request to TSOs to provide LMPs to ACER by end of next year. Based on that, BZ configuration will be proposed by ACER.
- Decision on LT capacity split for SEE
- Long term capapeity calculation methodology for Baltics rejected
- Day ahead products similar to former decision on ID products
- ACER received a proposal for CCRs by TSOs, reflecting the latest proposal approved by ACER a year ago, and including the current situation.



- EFET requested update on German Danish border and more transparency on fulfilment on engagement made by TenneT. DG Comp is not in a position to share the material prepared by TenneT to stakeholders.
- EFET questions the involvement of market parties on appeals. A dutch energy association appealed against the balancing decision (pricing) but this appeal was eventually rejected by the BoA. The Chair clarified that ACER does not have a say on this, which is dealt with by the BoA directly.
- Expecting news on Iberian bid price cap, another public consultation is foreseen. Potentially bid price cap will disappear at some point.

2. CACM

2.1 Update on SIDC (cross-product matching, planning for IDAs...) (Jean Verseille, SIDC Chair)

The SIDC Chair (Jean Verseille) updates on the SIDC project.

EFET (Jerome Le Page) notes that the SIDC project is currently deciding on the concept, whilst the granularity of products was a priority. EFET has not assessed effect on liquidity of different product segments, however this will be done soon. They ask to give an idea of the timeline for implementation of the concept for implementing cross product matching. The SIDC chair clarifies that it depends also on the transit shipping solution, on which a focus is set in parallel. Roughly, by end Q1 this year the concept should be decided, once then one year to test and implement the concept, this would lead to sometime in 2022.

Eurelectric (Yannick Phulphin) appreciates the development on the bid price cap and asks if similiar restrictions may apply elsewhere, e.g. Italy may have a bidding floor of zero. He also asks if there shall be the aim solving this on European scale. The Chair refers to the new tasks from the CEP for ACER to monitor barriers for entry of new market players. This could be the frame for assessing this further. Agrees to address on pan EU level.

The SIDC Chair clarifies that a new release in XBID takes one year. Intention to organise a workshop and have a deeper discussion on the concept of cross-product matching. Start first exchanges with NRAs with a first meeting with NRAs on 15 December.

Eurelectric understands that there is a priority on transit shipping, which is on distribution of costs, but there is no efficiency gain in it. The SIDC Chair explains that the process was agreed with NRAs, they have duties on transit shipping, but consider also that cross product matching has high value for the market, so this was also given a higher priority compared to the initial assessment. Once the decision on transit shipping is taken by NRAs we will see where we are with cross product matching, having in mind that intraday auctions also need to be developed. These are three important changes to be developed in parallel which is quite constraining.

2.2 Update on joint training, publication of aggregated bid curves, planning for 15 min MTU (Rafael Gomez-Elmira and Miha Pregl, NEMO Committee, SDAC)

The SDAC Chairs (Rafael Gomez-Elmira and Miha Pregl) present on behalf of the NEMO Committee and SDAC including on the consequence of Brexit.

EFET (Paul Giesbertz) asks

- On slide 3 Kriegers Flak is not mentioned (new border DE/DK), while it should come online very soon, how will it be covered? Hybrid assed connecting offshore wind farms and be an interconnector. Expected it will be in operation this month. BNetzA (Lisa-Maria Mohr) explains this hybrid cable will be part of the existing border. Once this goes live, it will start with market coupling immediately. EFET would appreciate more information on the calculation of the capacity, max interconnector capacity is 400MW but don't know how the available capacity will be calculated. On Nordlink a webinar was offered, but unclear for Kriegers Flak. BNetzA explains that a derogation from CEP was granted by EC. The plan is to start commercial use on 15 December. It is going to be a calculation, after the use of offshore wind (which was main reason for interconnector). It will be part of the NTC value provided by 50Hertz, no change for SDAC algorithm.
- Slide 4: interconnector UK/NO, special arrangement is to be considered, assume that NordPool will provide more information later, but an update is appreciated. The SDAC Chairs explain that GB1 and 2 are excluded from the calculation. Existing capacities are allocated via other platforms.

- Kriegers Flak: CCRs proposal and CCR Hansa decision. Will the proposal be published? From ACER side would not be a problem. ENTSO-E confirms it will be published on its website soon.

ENTSO-E (Andre Estermann) explains on Kriegers Flak that it is technically live since end of August. The capacity will be provided as a sum of the relevant cables including Kontek for the border. EC decision is not published but can find out if it will be.

TU Clausthal (Gunnar Kaestle) asks on the MTUs: what is the timeline for finishing the 15mins and what are the perspectives for introducing 5min MTUs. The SDAC Chairs explain that there is no discussion on 5min MTUs. Depends on regional implementation projects on who will take part in the first wave

EFET wonders how it will be integrated in the trajectory of the border. So far, we don't see impact from Kriegers Flak.

Action: ENTSO-E to give an update on the capacity calculation on D/DK with respect to the new Kriegers Flak interconnection later to MESC participants.

The SDAC Chairs update on aggregated curves

Eurelectric (Helene Robaye) asks to confirm that interim solution (webpage) will make list of what is already existing, so not aggregated curve? They express their disappointment about the timing and lack of detail on what will be published, e.g. clustering of bidding zones on what is published and the go-live. Hope for firm deadline first half 2021. The SDAC Chairs confirm that a central webpage will be created. It will be the starting point for access for publications with links to existing publications, the slides show the current status. Later, those publications will be changed to a new solution, so all market participants will be able to access all required data. For the second question, the SDAC project shall implement the solution closely to the existing assests Euphemia and PMB. New releases for Euphemia and PMB are done twice per year. Functionalities for next release were collected by end November. Go-live is foreseen for first half of 2021. Eurelectric finds it unclear why this is linked to Euphemia update as the information is available already. The SDAC Chairs confirm that a centralised mode for publication of aggregated curves is followed involving Euphemia. That's why technical implementation takes more time than expected. Could have been done decentralised or centralised via NEMO tool, chose more European centralised approach.

EFET (Jerome Le Page) voices high disappointment that nine months after NRA decision there is only a webpage with links. Would have aggregated curves 1.5 years after agreeing the task for something that in principal looks technically uncomplicated. This is very important for market participants.

Eurelectric (Yannick Phulphin) asks why there will be BZ clustered and what criteria will be applied? The SDAC Chairs explain that some BZs may be so small, that even if the curves are anonymous, market parties could be identified. Therefore, cluster on country level, but finalisation still to be agreed as there could be small BZs on country level which would still have the risk of allowing identifying market participants. Eurelectric suggests that if having small bidding zone implies a lower level of transparency and consequently a less efficient price formation, this should be considered as a criterion in the BZ process. The Chair will check if this could be a criterion in BZ review. The SDAC Chairs explain that the clustering is subject to the NEMO Committee decision.

Action: The Chair to confirm with relevant NRAs and come back also on transparency criteria for BZ review.

Julio Quintela Casal (CRE) understands concern from EFET, indeed innovation in market coupling translated in unexpected problems for market visibility for participants. Understand that the developmens were not ready for update in November as design phase was not completed and preparations for updates need to be ready a month before, therefore the window in May will be used. Earliest opportunity given the request by NRAs to publish truly an aggregation rather than individual solutions as part of MCO function in post coupling segment for May. This is most secure and most efficient solution.

EFET suggests involving market participants in the future earlier. The SDAC Chairs confirm that all NEMOs are aware of the importance of the issue for market participants and commit to inform early.

2.3 Update by the NEMO Committee (Procedures publication) (NEMO Committee, Rafael Gomez-Elvira)

Rafael Gomez-Elvira updates on behalf of the NEMO Committee.

2.4 Update on the GOT at 3pm (ACER, Pavel Svoboda)

The Chair introduces the topic of Intraday gate opening times. ACER (Pavel Svoboda) presents the update and clarifies that BNetzA said it was ok to start sharing order books only from 18:00. BNetzA (Lisa-Marie Mohr) says there were no formal complaints in the ruling chamber, there was contact with Emco and EC. Possibility for trading on EPEX as of 15:00. There are four scheduling areas, more specific national setup, EPEX is doing their trades on their own risk between 15:00 and 18:00 which is needed on post work from Day ahead auctions. The ruling chamber reads the ACER decision, recital 55, that national characteristics could lead to another solution, however, is still checking if the ACER decision could be enforced for 15:00.



EC (Mathilde Lallemand) underlines that order books should be shared from the opening of the CZ intraday market even if CZ capacity is zero. The Chair confirms that this is what was expected from the decision.

EFET (Jerome Le Page) understands that sharing of order books is linked to process internal to the four TSOs. Some of the capacity can already be traded as of 15:00. BNetzA explains that capacity is available as of 18:00, EPEX is allowing trading at their own risk. EFET suggests that TSOs could accept the risk as low enough and offer trading start at 15:00. Andre Esterman (ENTSO-E) clarifies that there is no scheduling towards the TSOs; they only receive information at 18:00, trades within their area will be matched then. Traders can trade their position within their portfolion not making any changes in positions and changes on scheduling processes.

Eurelectric (Helene Robaye) says that liquidity should be shared as of opening of intraday market.

EPEX (Helene Weil) clarifies that technically from XBID process trading happens as of 15:00. A change request was refused by German TSOs. None of the NEMOs can offer trading before 18:00 in Germany. ENTSO-E confirms that change request was refused. If the NEMOs find a way to work together, TSOs can, too, however this requires more measures.

Nordpool (Rickard Nilsson) appreciates that TSOs don't indicate hinderance as such. Could be a theoretical case that trades between 15:00 and 18:00 could be rejected by TSOs. Would like this to go-live, no hinderance in XBID system. Sharing of order books has positive impact to the market.

Action: update in the next meeting

2.5 Update on Derogation decisions (NRAs, Nico Schoutteet)

CREG (Nico Schoutteet) presents on derogation decisions from 70% target. He explains that no derogations requests from SEE region were visible from the survey done.

ACER (Mathieu Fransen) explains that BG/GR had derogation request last year but didn't report on them for 2021 until now. CREG acknowledges that this request came late for 2020 as well.

EFET (Jerome Le Page) asks to clarify if the window for derogations in SEE and Baltic CCRs is closed or not. They ask what ACER/NRAs will do on the key issues on implementating the 70% rule, e.g. will there be further recommendations to TSOs, better alignment so that impact for derogation decreases and how the compliance with the 70% rule and associated derogations or action plans shall be enforced? CREG clarifies that it is the intention by NRAs to publish a report on implementation of the rule and availability of CZ capacity. He explains that formally, a single NRA is responsible to grant derogations and monitor the compliance. However, early discussions between NRAs and TSOs on certain underlying reasons related to operational security (e.g. loopflow derogations) led to the same approach being used by several TSOs. This applies also, to a limited extent, to harmonised rules to take into account the development of IT processes and tools to accommodate the implementation of the 70% rule. A certain degree of harmonisation has therefore been achieved, but there is still room for further progress. Related to the monitoring and enforcement, each regulator has to check the compliance with the 70% target (including derogations). CRE made compliance report already and CREG is working on it now, other NRAs work on it, too.

The Chair confirms that compliance monitoring is a national responsibility. ACER will publish by the end of the week a monitoring report on the 70%, including a chapter on derogations.

EFET (Paul Giesbertz) notes that absence of coordinated RD&CT is concerning. He asks for clarification how 70% is applied on Hansa borders as there is currently no coordinated CCM. The Chair confirms that ACER will monitor this, insisting that enforcing compliance is a national competence. For specific border the concerned NRAs shall be asked.

CREG adds that the absence of a coordinated RD&CT methodology was not a unanimously agreed reason for derogation, listed in the NRAs' note to TSOs on the reasons for a derogation. Nevertheless, some NRAs considered this to be a valid risk and approved such derogation from their TSO.

Mathilde Lallemand (EC) suggests to not introduce different national processes for the compliance monitoring. Coordination among NRAs early in the process is important.

2.6 Update on Core/SEE ROSC/RDCT/cost sharing- issues directly affecting RDCT providers (ACER, Zoran Vujasinovic)

ACER (Zoran Vujasinovic) presents their update.

Eurelectric (Yannick Phulphin) is surprised that there is no priority implementation for countertrading as it's quite a liquid market, it could provide simple solutions for congestions based on standard products. Furthermore, considering timing (18:00-22:00 day ahead) and that at 22:00 there will be an ID action, it could be very useful to have countertrading within the ID auction. ACER states that for SWE or North Italy this could be a simple process and simple product however more difficult for CORE to an efficient use of countertrading as it is highly meshed. A pooling approach is not working in highly meshed grids, redispatching is more efficient.

EFET (Jerome Le Page) questions the argument that countertrading in the Core region is not efficient. Should go deeper in this discussion. Do we exclude countertrading from day 1 and what is the impact on 70% target? ACER states no one excludes countertrading, rather explaining why redispatch is more efficient.

TU Clausthal (Gunnar Kaestle) asks what are concerns from regulators on market based redispatch? BNetzA explains that there may not be enough liquidity in the market, prices could go very high. There is no real competition. Thus, redipatching based on occurred costs is implemented. He refers to a Lion Hirth study which says it's an unstable system. The Chair suggests following up with German NRA.

EFET (Paul Giesbertz) states it is fundamental how market based redispatch interacts with market, also with regard to REMIT, can you withhold capacity to offer it for redispatch? Suggest continuing at later point in time.

Europex (Rickard Nilsson) shares concerns.

Action: relevant NRAs to give update in next meeting

2.7 Post-Brexit arrangements from 1 Jan 2021

Covered under 2.2

3. Update on the report on harmonisation of rules for suspension of market activities (ENTSO-E, Przemyslaw Kacprzak)

ENTSO-E (Przemyslaw Kacprzak) presents the update.

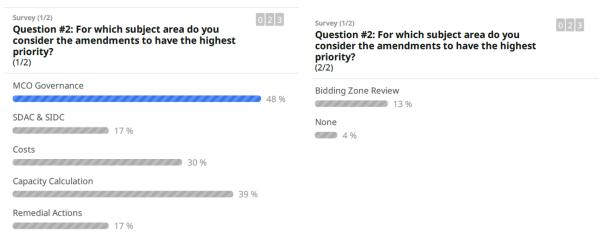
EFET (Paul Giesbertz) have raised concern already that we need a good discussion on suspension of markets in emergency. There should be a justification why this would help system security.

The Chair welcomes the report and informs that he is looking forward reading it.

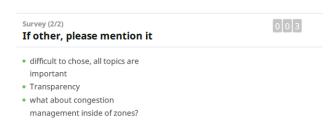
4. Update on the CACM GL amendment process (ACER, Mathieu Fransen)

ACER (Mathieu Fransen) introduces the workshop.

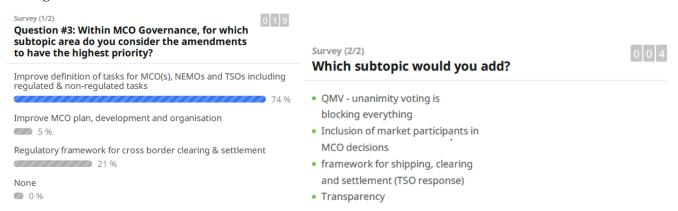
EC (Mathilde Lallemand) explains the process planned for CACM amendments: In the first half of 2021 the focus is on drafting and consultation. ACER will draft their recommendation to EC in the second half of 2021. Subsequently EC takes the non-binding recommendation and launch the formal process to adopt amendments to the Guideline. The objective is to align with the CEP, clarify legal issues and some blocking points for the further development of market coupling and cross-zonal capacity calculation. The feedback provided today by stakeholders will be taken into account for the finalisation of the scoping phase.







MCO governance



- Eurelectric (Yannick Phulphin) asks for more information on the NC priorities such as cost sharing. Addressing such issues does not increase efficiency in Europe, and consumers many resources that are necessary for a swift and timely implementation of the network code, which remains a priority according to the conclusions of the Florence Forum.
- EFET (Jerome Le Page) asks how to involve market participants for functioning of market coupling and suggests to involve them directly in MCO governance
- Suggestion to agree a high-level solution to avoid any uncertainty
- EC confirms the aim to make CACM future proof

SDAC and SIDC



Survey (2/2) Which subtopic would you add? • Get rid of uniform pricing requirement - relaxing this constraint is the only way to cope with all upcoming challenges • Clarify MCO's role • Why not first to improve the EB GL? • Challenge the principalement ofcross zonal capacity in ID

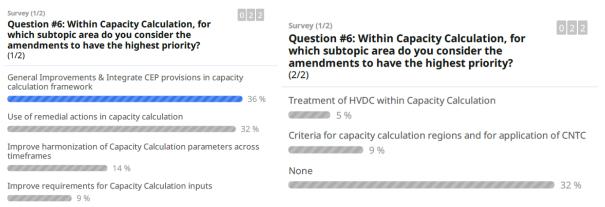
- Eurelectric finds the topic ensuring fair competition among NEMOs across all timeframes quite open. ACER explains the recast electricity regulation gives it more weight. They suggest considering whether the obligation for pricing of intraday capacity could be removed with this revision. ACER clarifies that important efforts are done. It's not NRAs' intention to eliminate, the question is rather how to mitigate competition of liquidity in the different markets
- EFET refers to their paper presented in the last meeting, they are hesitant on including what's currently implemented on intraday auctions as this could be too detailed, limiting flexibility. ACER states that the Guideline should be sufficiently prescriptive.
- ENTSO-E (Peter Scheerer) reminds the efforts taken and needed for developing and implementing methodologies

Costs



- EFET reminds that cost sharing doesn't increase social welfare and is thus a low priority for EFET.

Capacity Calculation





Survey (2/2)
Which subtopic would you add?

- harmonisation between CCR
- These topics do not belong to CACM but to methodologies - we will be stuck by some details if we put in CACM the how (which is still to be tested) instead of the what
- A stricter push for CGMs
- Consistent application of the 70% rule. Justification of and transparency on selection of CNECs
- Harmonisation of CCMs across CCRs Inclusion of transparency requirements in all CCMs

 Operational security check as part of the 70% rule

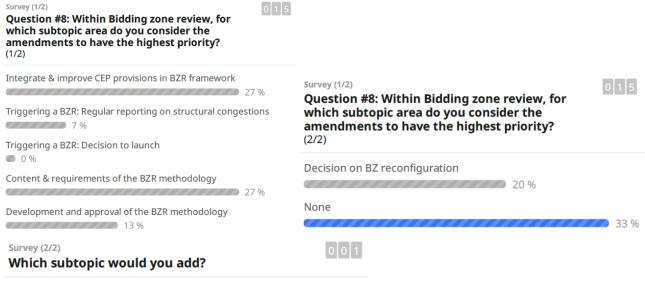
- Eurelectric asks if phase shifters are treated as non-costly measures (including HVDC) in capacity calculation. ACER explains that phase shifters are partly included in CCRs' methodologies. Eurelectric states that if HVDC is included then phase shifters should be included, too. ACER suggests focusing on how it is included in the CCRs and considers the transparency principles for capacity calculation could be opened.
- ENTSO-E (Andre Estermann) clarifies that CGM is not an input to capacity calculation, but rather a tool
- EFET (Paul Giesbertz) notes that this is more about when applying coordinated NTC instead of flow based. Jerome Le Page adds that mainly the granularity in relation to available time should be considered in the guideline.
- The Chair asks whether EFET would be fine with including the CORE CCM in CACM. EFET states this could be considered.
- The CORE TSOs (Benjamin Genet) reminds that the effects of the CORE CCM are not seen yet. The right trade off between principles in the guideline and details in the methodology is to be found
- Europex (Rickard Nilsson) wonders whether there is an aim to make CACM into a network code? EC explains that this is not foreseen, CACM may remain a guideline; with further details in TCMs in the implementation process.
- Eurelectric asks on the 3rd country clauses, which have proved to be useful in the Electricity Balancing GL for example. EC explains that this discussion is foreseen for the second phase.

Remedial Actions



- Eurelectric notes on the cost sharing between CCRs, there is a choice which CCR coordinates and shares costs. This might need to be addressed.

Bidding Zones



- How to measure (or assess quantitatively) market efficiency?
 - Eurelectric wonders about the correct balance between CACM and CEP on the BZ topic.
 - EFET points out that the only changes in bidding zones were so far done outside the Bidding Zone Review. The confidence in the BZR process should be improved.
 - ACER do not see a contradiction between CACM and CEP in the BZ topic

Conclusions

Action: share outcome of surveys

ACER (Mathieu Fransen) explains they prefer input at the current stage from EU associations. Once the public consultation is launched, input from all stakeholders is appreciated.

5. AoB

No items

6. Meetings for 2021

- 10 March 2021
- 16 June 2021
- 29 September 2021
- 1 December 2021