Assembly Meeting

Date: Thursday, 1 October 2015
Time: 10.30 – 15.30 h
Place: ENTSO-E premises, avenue de Cortenbergh 100, 1000 Brussels – Ground Floor

MINUTES

1.   Verification of attendance, quorum, voting rights

The President welcomes the participants to the ENTSO-E Assembly meeting and also the new representatives François Brottes (RTE), Branislav Djukic (EMS), Chris Peeters (Elia) and Yves Zumwald (Swissgrid) who attend the Assembly for the first time.

Decision
The quorum is verified since the representatives in attendance hold 96.81% of the first part of the voting rights, and 91.04% of the second part of the voting rights of the Association. The attendance list is annexed to these minutes (Appendix 1).

2.   Approval of the agenda

Decision
The agenda is approved.

3.   Report from the Board including overview of Committee activities, discussion of Florence Forum feedback and suggestions to increase ENTSO-E transparency

The Chair of the Board presents main issues covered by the Board since the last Assembly meeting, especially in the 10 September Board meeting and 9 September strategy workshop.
Amongst other matters she presents and the Assembly supports the Board's Strategic Agenda 2015-17 with ten selected high priority targets for key deliverables, future legislation and internal developments. Members suggest an additional item on grid development. She summarises the network code status with the third network code, the High Voltage Direct Current network code, having cleared comitology, and with key challenges for forward allocation and balancing. On three crucial projects, Regional Security Coordination Initiatives (RSCIs), day-ahead and intraday coupling, she summarises the Board's guidance for the speediest possible progress towards consistent, Europe-wide coverage. The Chair of the Board also describes the Polish summer incident and measures being taken. On intraday coupling, Baltic representatives question that the extension of the Cross-Border Intraday (XBID) project could result in decoupling already coupled markets.

Stressing the importance of transparency and further improvement of stakeholder relations, the Chair of the Board presents the Board's proposal to increase transparency in the ENTSO-E Assembly deliberations. Her slides are attached as Appendix 2.

Decision

- The Assembly endorses the Board's proposal to introduce systematic publication of the Assembly minutes of meeting, together with publication of relevant presentations.

4. ENTSO-E response to EC summer package consultations, vision papers, Role of ENTSO-E – strategy discussion, Florence Forum preparations

The President explains how the EC summer package consultation, the four ENTSO-E vision papers, the role of ENTSO-E (strategy discussions in today's breakout sessions), and the Florence Forum are inter-related.

The Assembly discussion focuses on capacity mechanisms, ENTSO-E governance, regional initiatives and the appropriate legislation to achieve distributed flexibility.

Assembly members discuss the proposed response to the Market Design consultation and propose changes, e.g. on RSCIs, capacity mechanisms' eventual redundancy and governance.

Assembly members discuss the proposed response to the Security of Supply consultation and propose changes regarding the relation of risk preparedness plans and different time frames of ENTSO-E adequacy assessments, and dealing with cyber security.

Assembly members confirm that input from today's discussions on the answer to EC Summer Package should be followed by the expert teams to finalise the four ENTSO-E vision papers.

In break-out sessions, Assembly members discuss the future role of ENTSO-E, as raised in the EC Market Design consultation. Members support a pro-active positioning of ENTSO-E. In the context of the relevance and success of ENTSO-E's contributions, Members support the idea of an ENTSO-E advisory board (to be further elaborated); to further strengthen stakeholder engagement; to improve external communication and better explain the alignment of TSOs with the interest of society; and to emphasize work on regional cooperation and on the Distribution System Operator (DSO) interface.

Decision

- The Assembly supports the draft ENTSO-E response to the EC Market Design consultation as circulated and – within the framework of the written approval process – asks the ad-hoc team to incorporate further Assembly guidance in the final draft to be submitted for Assembly voting on 2 October (deadline for votes 8 October), prior to its submission to the EC.
- The Assembly supports the ENTSO-E response to the Security of Supply consultation as circulated and – within the framework of the written approval process – asks the ad-hoc team to incorporate further Assembly guidance in the final draft to be submitted for Assembly voting on 2 October (deadline for votes 8 October), prior to its submission to the EC.
- The Assembly asks the Secretariat, with support from the expert teams, to finalise the four vision papers based on the strategic directions included in the consultation responses and to submit them to Board and Assembly approval in time for publication and handover at the 20 November Annual ENTSO-E Conference.

5.   ENTSO-E budget 2016, related Members' fee contribution and long term build up to reserves

The Chair of the Board presents the budget which was proposed first by the Resources committee and then by the Board. She explains that there is an average inflation increase vs. 2015. The budget proposal takes into account needs for facilitating "all TSOs" implementation work for network codes/guidelines, the transparency platform and common grid model development.

Decision
Based on the Board recommendation,
- the Assembly approves the 2016 budget of 18,2 M€ derived from the cost estimates in the "profit and loss" as circulated in the session file. The Assembly approves the membership fees for each Member given in annex 1 to the session file note calculated on the basis of that budget, to be paid until 15 February 2016;
- the Assembly agrees to keep building up the reserves along the coming budget proposals to reach the amount of 8 M€, corresponding to the current estimated liabilities of the Association;
- the Assembly takes note that the level of the required reserves will be re-evaluated bi-annually; and
- the Assembly takes note of the non-binding estimates provided in annex 3 for the years 2017 and 2018.

6.   Research, Development and Innovation Committee: change of name and strategy

The Chair of the Research, Development and Innovation Committee presents the importance of Research, Development and Innovation activities for TSOs and for ENTSO-E. He presents the new ENTSO-E Research & Innovation (R&I) strategy based on a stronger interaction between all ENTSO-E bodies to organise inter-TSO cooperation on R&I projects and implementing a system view approach. Members discuss the match of expert resources to the strategy and the evolving role of grid R&I in the EU.

Decision
- The Assembly approves the ENTSO-E Research & Innovation strategy goals set out in the note circulated in the session file and requests the Research, Development and Innovation Committee to adapt its Terms of References and its working groups accordingly.
- The Assembly approves the change of the name of the Research and Development Committee to Research, Development and Innovation Committee.

7.   ENTSO-E draft recommendations on coordination of technical   cooperation between Community and third country TSOs

The Chair of the System Operations Committee explains that the Third Energy Package tasks of ENTSO-E are fulfilled with the elaboration of these non-binding recommendations. He presents the draft ENTSO-E recommendations which have been consulted upon from May till end of July 2015. The comments received have almost in their entirety been integrated into the text. Two Baltic Members question potential impact on the BRELL (Belarus, Russia, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania) Agreement and suggest a further assessment at the three Committees' level (System Operations, System Development and Market Committees).

Decision:
- The Assembly takes note of document "ENTSO-E draft recommendations on coordination of technical cooperation between Community and third country TSOs", decides a further

involvement of the System Operation, System Development and Market Committees before submission to the approval of the Assembly.

8. E-Highways2050 project results

The Chair of the System Development Committee reports that the eHighway2050 deliverables are on their way of finalisation with project results in line with European energy policy pillars for decarbonisation, with ENTSO-E views on future energy policy and new insights on the new corridors needed and the Renewable Energy Source (RES) drivers for them. The conference "Unveiling the Electricity Highways Project Results: Europe's Future Secure and Sustainable Electricity Infrastructure" (03 & 04 November in Brussels) builds on a Booklet which will be published after Assembly approval begun 30 September and a two page summary will be distributed to Members. Members discuss the top down versus bottom up approach.

9. Procedural matters including: Yearly Statistics and Adequacy Retrospect, Terms of References of System Operations Committee and its Regional Group Continental Europe, possibility to publish detailed results of future Office holders elections

A. Yearly Statistics and Adequacy Retrospect
The Chair of the System Development Committee explains that, in the "Yearly Statistics and Adequacy Retrospect" (YSAR), the chapter on Yearly Statistics is currently prepared by the Data Expert Group (DEG) and the chapter on Adequacy Retrospect by the System Development Committee. As the chapter on Adequacy Retrospect includes statistical data, it is more efficient to have the full YSAR completed by one committee/group and therefore the whole YSAR prepared by DEG in the future. This has been agreed by the System Development Committee, the DEG and the Board.

Decision
- The Assembly approves the transfer to the Board of the responsibility to approve the Yearly Statistics & Adequacy Retrospect (YSAR) in its entirety (chapter on Adequacy and chapter on Yearly Statistics).
- The Assembly takes note of the intention of the Board to sub-delegate this responsibility to the Data Expert Group (DEG), currently already in charge of the chapter on Yearly Statistics.

B. Terms of Reference of SOC and RG CE
The Chair of the System Operations Committee explains that the Terms of Reference (ToRs) of the System Operations Committee and the Regional Group Continental Europe (RGCE) have been updated to reflect structural changes made in the previous year to implement the new more efficient way of working recommended by the Board. The ToRs have already been approved at the level of the Committee and Regional Group. A Member is against the replacement of secret ballot by public ballot in RGCE ToRs.

Decision
- The Assembly approves the new Terms of Reference for the System Operations Committee.
- The Assembly approves the new Terms of Reference for the Regional Group Continental Europe.

C. Possibility to publish detailed results of future office holders elections
The President briefly recalls the matter and asks Members for voting.

Decision

- The Assembly confirms the recommendation to publish the names of the elected candidates.

10. Any other business

The President notes that there is no other business.

11. Approval of the minutes

The President thanks for participation and reminds that the next meeting is in Brussels, on 10 December 2015.

Decision
- The Assembly approves the minutes and their publication on the ENTSO-E website.

Done in Brussels, 1 October 2015.

Konstantin STASCHUS
Secretary-General

Peder ANDREASEN
President