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# Assembly Meeting

**Date:** Thursday, 30 March 2017

**Time:** 10:30 – 15:00 (with breakfast at 09:30)

**Place:** ENTSO-E premises, Avenue de Cortenbergh, 100 - 1000 Brussels - ground floor

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## MINUTES

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### 1. Verification of attendance, quorum, voting rights - Approval of the agenda

The President welcomes the participants to the ENTSO-E Assembly meeting and the new representative of TSOs, who attend the Assembly for the first time: Jelena Matejic from EMS and Guido Guida from Terna. He also welcomes three already well known representatives, who have been formally appointed as Assembly Representatives by their respective TSO: Klaus Kleinekorte from Amprion, Herve Laffaye from RTE and Ben Voorhorst from TenneT TSO BV.

#### Decision

- The quorum is verified since the Representatives in attendance hold **100,00%** of the first part of the voting rights, and **100,00%** of the second part of the voting rights of the Association. The attendance form is annexed to these minutes (Appendix 1).
- The agenda is approved.

### 2. Report from the Board incl. overview of Committees' activities

The President gives the floor to the Chair of the Board for her reporting. The Chair of the Board reports on the following topics: an update on the Clean Energy Package, with focus on ENTSO-E process, the review of 2017 Strategic agenda, with a focus on the stakeholder perception of ENTSO-E work, Day-Ahead coupling, Intraday, the forthcoming IT Strategy, the January cold spell and a status report on Network codes adoption and implementation status. A summary of her slides is attached as Appendix 2.

#### Decision

- The Assembly takes note of the report from the Board.

### 3. Clean Energy Package advocacy

Susanne Nies provides a detailed update on the status of the Clean Energy Package outlining the interactions with European Parliament and Council. Amendments have been proposed in line with the ENTSO-E Position Papers and further amendments may be proposed as the process continues.

#### Decision

- The Assembly takes note of the state of play of the political discussions around the Clean Energy Package.

### 4. ENTSO-E Secretariat transformation plan incl. report on Member and Stakeholder surveys

The Secretary-General outlines his proposal for the Secretariat transformation plan and the time-line for its implementation. The positive results of the Members and Stakeholders 2016 surveys are also presented.

## 5. Election of the President, Chair of the Board, Committees' and LRG's Chairs – voting session

The President reminds that in compliance with the Articles of Association and the Internal Regulations the documentation concerning the nominations has been circulated on 9 March 2017. He notes that for the following positions, there is only one candidate per seat: Chair of the Board, of the SDC, of the SOC and of the RDIC. He asks the Assembly members to appoint these candidates by applause. He notes that for the position of President, Chair of the MC and of the LRG, there are more than one candidate per position and proposes to elect them by a single secret ballot. For the secret ballot the Internal Regulations require the appointment by the Assembly of two external lawyers to calculate the result of the vote and communicate the result to the President. The President therefore welcomes Maîtres F. Hellemans and Annelies Denecker from the law firm Eubelius and asks the Assembly members to appoint them and entrust them with the requested powers.

### Decision

- The Assembly takes note that for the positions of Chair of the Board; SDC Chair; SOC Chair; and RDIC Chair there is only one candidate whereas for the positions of President; MC Chair and LRG Chair, there are several candidates.
- The Assembly unanimously approves to proceed for the simultaneous appointment of the candidates by applause when there is only one candidate, and by a single, secret ballot for the positions where there are several candidates.
- The Assembly appoints Maîtres Frank Hellemans and Annelies Denecker, from the law firm Eubelius to calculate, interpret and communicate the results of the secret ballot.

## 6. Election of the President, Chair of the Board, Committees' and LRG's Chairs – announcement of results

The President congratulates the new office holders, reminding that their mandate will start after the June 2017 Annual Assembly in Brussels and that there will be opportunity at the June Assembly to thank the leaving office holders for their contribution to the success of the Association and the excellent cooperation.

### Decision

- The Assembly appoints for a 2-year mandate starting at the term of each current corresponding mandates the following persons for the following positions: (i) President: Ben Voorhorst; (ii) Chair of the Board: Bente Hagem; (iii) SDC Chair: Sébastien Lepy; (iv) SOC Chair: Joachim Vanzetta; (v) MC Chair: Konrad Purchala; (vi) RDIC Chair: Guido Guida; and (vii) LRG Chair: Ines de la Barreda
- In the light of the present resolution, the Assembly authorises Mr. Laurent Schmitt, Secretary-General of ENTSO-E, acting alone and with full power of substitution, to do whatever necessary or useful for the accomplishment of all formalities with a view to the publication of the present resolution in the Annexes to the Belgian Official Gazette, and if need be, the registration/amendment of the records in the Crossroads Bank for Enterprises.

## 7. External Speaker – Kristian Ruby, Secretary-General of Eurelectric

The President gives the floor to Kristian Ruby, Secretary-General of EURELECTRIC. Kristian Ruby highlights common interest of TSOs and generators on the decarbonization and climate agenda. He notes the huge benefit digitalization can bring to both sectors and welcomes a good cooperation on this with ENTSO-E. On the Clean Energy Package, he stresses the need to get consistency and coherence between the difference legislative instruments. Kristian Ruby then explains that he sees regional cooperation as a necessary

intermediate step towards a real Energy Union while the exact definition of the regional entities has to be discussed and agreed. The President thanks Kristian Ruby for his open presentation on key current issues.

## 8. Bidding zone study - status report and budget implications

The President gives the floor to the Secretary-General who gives an overview of the ongoing study including the status of the project implementation, organization, governance and vendor relationship. Budget implications of the ongoing study are discussed.

### Decision

- The Assembly acknowledges the status report on the Bidding Zone study and agrees to amend the Budget to be funded from the current reserves of the Association.

## 9. ENTSO-E letter of support in the context of Brexit

The Secretary-General explains the request from National Grid in the context of the Brexit negotiations which will start now following the 29 March 2017 letter from the UK government to the EU formally invoking the exit procedure.

### Decision

- The Assembly approves the letter of support in the context of Brexit.

## 10. Transmission System Operator s.a. OST Membership upon recommendation of the Board

The Chair of the Board recalls the 10 December 2015 Assembly decision acknowledging that OST application to become ENTSO-E membership fulfilled all conditions expect the certification one. She informs that the Albanian NRA has approved the certification of OST, in line with the Energy Community Secretariat's positive opinion and explains that on that basis, the Board is recommending to the Assembly to approve the admission of OST as full member of ENTSO-E.

### Decision

- The Assembly takes note of the Board decision to recommend OST membership.
- The Assembly decides to admit OST as a full ENTSO-E member with such admission taking effect immediately.
- The Assembly requests that the Secretariat should take the necessary steps for the payment by OST of its 2017 membership fee, as approved during the Assembly meeting of 27 September 2016.
- The Assembly notes that following OST admission, the preparations to ensure that OST joins the Multilateral Agreement on the Operational Handbook shall be undertaken

## 11. Approval of the Minutes

### Decision

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

Done in Brussels, 30 March 2017.



Laurent SCHMITT  
Secretary-General



Peder ANDREASEN  
President