

# ENTSO-E Assembly meeting of 15 October 2020

Date: 15 October 2020

Time: 09:00-14:00

Place: Online via BlueJeans

## 1. Welcome, verification of attendance, quorum, voting rights, approval of the agenda

The President welcomes the participants to the ENTSO-E Assembly meeting and introduces the new representative of RTE attending for the first time ENTSO-E Assembly, Xavier Piechaczyk, Chairman of RTE Board. He thanks the participants for joining the meeting via the web-conference and recalls some guidance to ensure a smooth and efficient running of the meeting. He explains that after the lunch break Assembly Members will be asked to join the meeting via a specific BlueJeans session, together with the Assembly meeting invitees for this ‘closed’ session because of confidentiality issues.

### Decision

- The quorum is verified since the Representatives in attendance hold 94.05% of the first part of the voting rights, and 98.82% 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.

## 2.1 Report from the Board

The President gives the floor to the Chair of the Board for his reporting. The Chair of the Board presents the main issues on which the Board has worked since the last Assembly meeting and which are not covered elsewhere in the Agenda.

The Chair of the Board presents the Internal Paper on “Identity, Mission and Role of ENTSO-E” that the Assembly is now asked to approve following Board’s endorsement. He clarifies that the Internal Paper shall serve as a basis and guideline for the delivery of all the Association’s common work products, the content Mission of ENTSO-E (what ENTSO-E does) as well as the operational excellence of ENTSO-E (how ENTSO-E does it).

The President gives the floor to the Chair of the LRG who explains that, as part of the Active 2020+ Programme, there has been a review of the main achievements of the EU and third country Member TSOs cooperation, of the current mechanisms put in place to ensure proper involvement of non-EU TSOs (e.g. the preparatory phase of the All-TSOs process and technical cooperation through private agreements) and of the legal framework identifying options. The review has resulted into an

intermediary internal working document “Options and high-level principles Note” that the Assembly is now asked to approve. She reports that in parallel, and still in line with the requirements of the Active 2020+ Measure, work has started to prepare a paper including the legal, technical and political argumentation highlighting the need for the full involvement of third-country Member TSOs in ENTSO-E.

### Decision proposal

The Assembly:

- takes note of the reporting from the Chair of the Board;
- approves the internal paper “Identity, Mission and Role”, including the principle of a periodical review and reporting;
- takes note that PCG will work on an external “Mission Statement”;
- approves the “Options and high-level principles Note” as an internal working paper; and
- takes note of on-going preparation of the “Advocacy Paper”.

## 2.2 Report from the Resources committee

The President gives the floor to the Chair of the Resources committee (Rc) for her reporting. The Chair of the Rc reports on the last Rc meeting which delivered a recommendation to the Board on the 2021 ENTSO-E budget proposal and its 5-year plan and to define a consistent approach for governing and operating TSOs multilateral agreements.

## 2.3 Report from the Digital committee

The President gives the floor to the Chair of the Digital committee for his reporting. The Chair updates on the start of an external audit on the recent cyber incident and the launch of a call for candidates for CIO (IT manager) members in the Digital committee.

## 2.4 Report from the ENTSO-E Steering Group for Transmission and Distribution Interface

The President gives the floor to the Chair of the newly to-be-named Steering Group for Transmission and Distribution Interface (SG TDI). The Chair of the SG TDI first updates the Assembly on the rationale leading to the September Board confirmation to change the name of the ENTSO-E Steering group TSO-DSO into the current ENTSO-E SG TDI. He then provides an overview of the work done in relation to the DSO-TSO interface, with an update of the on-going work on the Memorandum of Understanding between ENTSO-E and the future DSO entity. He further explains that the gap analysis on the integration of distributed flexibility in congestion management and balancing is under approval by Committees. It demonstrates that many market barriers can be alleviated by implementing or amending existing regulation.

## 2.5 Report from Policy & Communication Group

The President gives the floor to the Chair of the Policy and Communication Expert Group at ENTSO-E who provides an update on the latest EU policy developments regarding key Green Deal initiatives and their expected impact on ENTSO-E and the TSO community. He highlights those initiatives which are expected to have the greatest significance for the future of the power system such as energy system integration, offshore renewable energy integration, and infrastructure developments, amongst others.

### Decision proposal

The Assembly:

- takes note of the reporting from the Resources committee and from the Digital committee;
- takes note of the amended Terms of References of the ENTSO-E Steering Group for Transmission and Distribution Interface;
- approves the new name of the Steering Group (SG TDI);
- acknowledges the reporting of the SG TDI's activities; and
- takes note of the Green Deal state of play.

## 3. ENTSO-E 2021 Annual Work Programme for submission to ACER

The President gives the floor to the Chair of the Board. The Chair of the Board explains that following Assembly and Board approvals in June 2020, the Annual Work Programme (AWP) 2021 was published for consultation from 1 July to 14 August 2020. He explains that following a review of this feedback, some changes, were applied in the final AWP 2021 and that the final 2021 AWP was approved by the Board and recommended for today's Assembly approval. He mentions that the 2021 AWP provides a high degree of transparency to stakeholders on the main work areas of ENTSO-E. The Chair of the Board highlights the quality of the work programme.

### Decision

The Assembly:

- notes the stakeholder feedback received from the public consultation which closed on 14 August 2020 and approves the updates to the ENTSO-E Annual Work Programme 2021;
- approves the "ENTSO-E Annual Work Programme 2021" as circulated in the session file for submission to ACER for Opinion and for subsequent publication, subject to a positive ACER Opinion; and
- thanks the team for the high-quality of the Work Programme they have delivered.

#### 4. 2021 ENTSO-E Budget and 5-year proposal

The President gives the floor to the Chair of the Board and to the Secretary-General. The Chair of the Board indicates that the 2021 budget proposal has been recommended for Assembly approval by the Board and that it results in a proposal in which the Members fee for next year is below the initial 5-year plan estimation despite the inclusion of additional activities such as the enhancement of the Cybersecurity and further requirement needed for the Clean Energy Package (Adequacy). He gives the floor to the Secretary-General to further detail the process and the key 2021 Budget assumptions. The Secretary-General explains that the Secretariat managed during summer – in close cooperation with the Resources committee and the Committees - to converge Committees bottom-up proposal with the June Assembly top-down guidance. He highlights as key 2021 Budget assumptions, such as the inclusion of the needed investments to ensure the long-term sustainability of the Transparency Platform; the inclusion of the cyber security enhancements; further savings driven from Covid-19 way of working, and further efficiencies driven from insourcing and overheads optimisations; the inclusion of the necessary resources to deliver the Clean Energy Package with an enhanced effort for Adequacy and sector integration; and the increase of fees perceived beyond membership fees to support regional cooperation's services.

##### Decisions

The Assembly, upon Board recommendation:

- approves a total 2021 budget (OPEX) of 48,5 M€ among which 34,3 M€ is covered by the ENTSO-E membership fees, by 13 M€ beyond membership fees and by 1,2 M€ from the reserves; and takes note of the set-up of a Cross-Committee/LRG task force to define a consistent approach for governing and operating arising TSOs multilateral agreements in order to get more structure.

#### 5. Update on recent ALL TSOs matters developments

The President gives the floor to the Chair of the Market Committee and of the Legal and Regulatory Group. The Chair of the Market Committee and the Chair of the LRG update the Assembly on recent ALL TSOs developments, such as the confirmation by the Board of Appeal of the ACER decisions on balancing implementation framework where ENTSO-E is not directly involved and the fact that TSOs may now bring the question to the European Court of Justice. The Market Committee Chair updates the Members that since the sending of the Assembly file, a subset of ALL TSOs using replacement reserves (TERRE TSO) have connected the TERRE platform with Swissgrid. He reports that this prompted strong reactions from EC alleging that such an action is not in line with the Electricity Balancing Guidelines and that discussions are on-going.

Regarding bidding zones review, the Chair of the Market Committee explains that ACER will formalise its approach. While the positions of the TSOs and ACER have converged, a full agreement has not been reached yet.

**Decision**

The Assembly acknowledges the reporting on recent ALL TSOs matters' developments.

**6. ENTSO-E 2nd position on Offshore Development, focus market issues**

The President gives the floor to the Chair of the Market Committee to present the second position paper on Offshore Development, now submitted to Assembly approval following Board's endorsement. The paper specifically brings forth key insights for future market design solutions for efficiently integrating offshore wind farms to the European electricity markets and grids. The most prominent market design concepts are the offshore bidding zone concept and the home market concept, though, in the future, other market design concepts may become relevant. The Chair of the Market Committee concludes that the position paper also allows ENTSO-E and TSOs to speak with one voice and lend their technical expertise

**Decision**

The Assembly:

- approves the Position Paper on Offshore Development focusing on Market issues;
- asks the Secretariat to publish the Position Paper on ENTSO-E's website; and
- notes the excellent quality of the position paper and congratulates the Cross-Committee Task Force for their commitment.

**7. Update on System Operation Regions**

The President gives the floor to the Chair of System Operation Committee and to the Chair of Legal and Regulatory Group. The Chair of the Legal and Regulatory Group outlines the developments including the Oral Hearing on 2 September and the decision of the Board of Appeal on 3 October which decided to remit the SOR decision back to ACER. The Chair of Legal and Regulatory Group outline the next steps.

**Decision**

The Assembly acknowledges the oral reporting on recent developments on the System Operation Regions and on the next steps.

## 8. Secretary-General selection

## 9. Any other business

The President informs that Mr Daivis Virbickas, CEO of Litgrid, ceases his CEO mandate at Litgrid as from 16 October 2020. The President highlights the important contribution brought by Mr Virbickas to the TSOs community thanks to his active participation in ENTSO-E.

### Decision

The Assembly notes that Daivis Virbickas who will shortly leave Litgrid and hence cease his function of ENTSO-E Board member as from 16 October 2020 and warmly thanks him for the important contribution he brought to ENTSO-E and the TSOs community.

## 10. Approval of the Minutes (postponed to be done via email within 2 working days)

The President thanks all attendees for participation and reminds that the next meeting will take place on 9 December 2020. The President also thanks once more all the Committees, the LRG and the Secretariat for their good cooperation enabling successful achievements of the Association's mandates.

### Decision

The Assembly approves the minutes of its meeting of 15 October 2020 and allows their publication on the ENTSO-E website.

Done in Brussels on 15 October 2020



Laurent SCHMITT  
Secretary-General



Hervé LAFFAYE  
President

## ENTSO-E Assembly meeting of 15 October 2020

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### 8. Secretary-General selection

The President recalls that a selection process has been followed with the last step being as foreseen by the Internal Regulation that the Board has to come up with one final candidate to present to the Assembly for appointment. He gives the floor to the Chair of the Board.

The Chair of the Board recalls the process and explains the unanimous recommendation made by the Board to the Assembly to appoint Ms. Sonya Twohig for the mandate of Secretary-General. The attending members of the Jury set up by the Board in compliance with the process duly approved by the Assembly give answers to questions from some member's representatives.

#### Decision

The Assembly:

- based on the unanimous recommendation of the Board, approves the selection of Ms. Sonya Twohig for the position of ENTSO-E Secretary-General for a period of four years starting at the date to be set by the Proxy Holder as defined hereafter;
- mandates the Chairperson of the Board and the Vice-Chairperson of the Board acting together (hereafter the "Proxy Holder"), to ensure the good transition, amongst others, by fixing the starting date of the new mandate and the ending date of the on-going one;
- warmly thanks Mr. Schmitt for his strong and continuous commitment to ENTSO-E since his appointment in 2016 and for his willingness to contribute to a smooth transition towards his successor; and
- thanks the candidates having applied for the position for having shown interest in the Association.

Done in Brussels on 15 October 2020



Florence MELCHIOR  
General Counsel & Head of Legal Section



Hervé LAFFAYE  
President



## List of Participants

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### President

1.	LAFFAYE Hervé	RTE	France
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### Vice-President

2.	BOLDIŠ Zbyněk	ČEPS	Czech Republic
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### Assembly members and substitutes

1.	BIERMANN Dirk	50Hertz	Germany
2.	KLEINEKORTE Klaus	Amprion	Germany
3.	KARALL Thomas	APG	Austria
4.	BOKS Varis	AST-AS Augstsprieguma tikls	Latvia
5.	KOPYTKOVA Petra	ČEPS	Czech Republic
6.	DERETIĆ Milica	CGES	Montenegro
7.	MICHELS Alex	CREOS	Luxembourg
8.	TRIAROS Christos	Cyprus TSO	Cyprus
9.	RYAN Liam <i><u>proxy holder for</u></i>	EirGrid SONI	Ireland United Kingdom
10.	VESKIMÄGI Taavi	Elering	Estonia
11.	KLANČNIK Jurij	ELES	Slovenia
12.	FONCK Pascale*	Elia	Belgium
13.	DJUKIC Branislav	EMS	Serbia
14.	BRUUN Johannes	Energinet	Denmark
15.	ZARCHEV Dimitar	ESO EAD	Bulgaria
16.	RUUSUNEN Jukka	Fingrid	Finland
17.	MEDIMOREC Damjan	HOPS	Croatia
18.	KAMPOURIS Ioannis	IPTO SA	Greece

19.	VIRBICKAS Daivis	Litgrid	Lithuania
20.	ASMUNDSSON Gudmundur	Landsnet	Iceland
21.	SLYE Fintan* <i>proxy holder for</i>	National Grid ESO SHE Transmission	United Kingdom United Kingdom
22.	SKRBA Obrad	NOS BiH	Bosnia Herzegovina
23.	TIHANYI Zoltán	MAVIR	Hungary
24.	NEZIRI NUSHI Ilda	OST	Albania
25.	SIKORSKI Tomasz	PSE	Poland
26.	PRIETO Eduardo*	REE	Spain
27.	CLARA Maria Jose	REN	Portugal
28.	PIECHACZYK Xavier	RTE	France
29.	DOVALA Jozef	SEPS	Slovak Republic
30.	KRANTZ Bo	Svenska Kraftnat	Sweden
31.	LØVÅS Gunnar	Statnett	Norway
32.	SPICKER Jörg	Swissgrid	Switzerland
33.	JESBERGER Michael*	TransnetBW	Germany
34.	SCHMIDT Ingo	TenneT TSO BV	The Netherlands
35.	SCHMIDT Ingo	TenneT TSO GmbH	Germany
36.	GUIDA Guido*	Terna	Italy
37.	VISAN George	Transelectrica	Romania
38.	PETER Hubert	VUEN	Austria

\* Also a Board Member

**Absent:** MEPSO, SP Transmission

### Additional Representatives

1.	JONAT Yannick	AMPRION	Germany
2.	VARANAVICIUS Liutauras	Litgrid	Lithuania
3.	SANCHIS Gerald	RTE	France
4.	THOUVENIN Vincent	RTE	France

### Chair of the Board

1.	VANZETTA Joachim	Amprion	Germany
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### Vice-Chair of the Board

2.	FONCK Pascale	Elia	Belgium
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### Board Members and Committees/LRG Chairs

1.	KRISTENSEN Søren	Energinet	Denmark
2.	PAPROCKI Robert	PSE	Poland
3.	HANSEN Frank-Peter	TenneT TSO BV	The Netherlands
4.	ZUMWALD Yves	Swissgrid	Switzerland
5.	DE LA BARREDA Ines <i>Legal and Regulatory Group</i>	REE	Spain
6.	PURCHALA Konrad <i>Market Committee</i>	PSE	Poland
7.	CHANIOTIS Dimitrios <i>System Development Committee</i>	RTE	France
8.	KAPETANOVIC Tahir <i>System Operations Committee</i>	APG	Austria
9.	BORGEN Hakon <i>Research, Development &amp; Innovation Committee</i>	Statnett	Norway
10.	DECROIX Timothée <i>Policy &amp; Communication Group</i>	Swissgrid	Switzerland

### Secretariat

1.	SCHMITT Laurent	ENTSO-E	Belgium
2.	GYULAY Zoltan	ENTSO-E	Belgium
3.	LAWLER Derek	ENTSO-E	Belgium
4.	MELCHIOR Florence	ENTSO-E	Belgium
5.	RICHET Nicolas	ENTSO-E	Belgium
6.	SCARAMANGA Arnaud	ENTSO-E	Belgium
7.	SCHROEDER Robert	ENTSO-E	Belgium
8.	TWOHIG Sonya	ENTSO-E	Belgium
9.	KUUSIK Maarja	ENTSO-E	Belgium