

ENTSO-E Assembly meeting of 30 June 2021

Date: 30 June 2021

Time: 09:00-15:00

Place: Online

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

The President welcomes the participants to the ENTSO-E Assembly meeting. He thanks the participants for joining the meeting online and provides guidance to ensure a smooth and efficient running of the meeting.

Decision

The quorum is verified since the Representatives in attendance hold 100% of the first part of the voting rights, and 100% 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. Debrief from recent meetings

The President gives the floor to the Chair of the Board.

2.1 Report from the Board

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 provides a status update on legal mandates, with a focus on the CGM Programme and the new outreach programme to ensure that all TSOs take all appropriate actions leading to a timely go-live of the project.

The Chair of the Board then outlines some other strategy points that the Board has addressed lately. He explains that in the context of the Regulation (EU) 347/2013 requiring ENTSO-E and ENTSG to develop a consistent and interlinked electricity and gas market and network model, a pilot project has been set up aimed at identifying where interactions between electricity and gas are relevant to trigger a dual assessment which will guide further action. He outlines the ENTSO-E 5th Position Paper on Offshore Development that has been approved by the Board and will be subject to Assembly approval today. The Chair of the Board reports on the System Operation Regions (SOR) ACER revised decision and on the follow-up of the System Separation in Continental Europe on 8 January 2021. He gives an update a few governance issues such as the recommendations from the Multi-Lateral Agreement (MLA) Task Force and reports on the key outcome of the Florence Forum.

Decision proposal

The Assembly acknowledges the reporting of the Board.

2.2 Report from the Resources committee

The President gives the floor to the Chair of the Resources committee (Rc). The Chair of the Rc presents the outcome of the 8 June 2021 meeting of the Resources committee, having reviewed major expenditure projects (CGM, Transparency Platform, STA/OPC) and the Cybersecurity Remediation plan and presents the work done by the MLAs Task Force so far, as recently reported to and acknowledged by the Board. The Chair of the Rc also notes that 2022 Annual Work Programme, 2022 Budget, 2022 Resource Plan and Annual Accounts 2020 will all be discussed as separate agenda items during today's meeting.

Decision proposal

The Assembly acknowledges the report from the Resources committee.

2.3 Report from the Digital committee

The President gives the floor to the Chair of the Digital committee (Dc). The Chair of the Digital committee reports on the main outcome of the 11 May meeting, having focused on the 2021 Dc priorities, updates of the Cyber Security Working Group and of its annual work plan; preparation of the next CIO Community meeting and updates on the key projects with a digital focus. He then presents the CGMES (Common Grid Model Exchange Standard) publication by the IEC (International Electrotechnical Commission) and conformity assessment.

Decision proposal

The Assembly acknowledges the Digital committee reporting.

2.4 Report from the ENTSO-E Steering Group for Transmission and Distribution Interface (SG T&DI)

The President gives the floor to the Convener of the Steering Group for Transmission and Distribution Interface (SG T&DI). The Convener of the SG T&DI updates Assembly members about ENTSO-E activities related to T&D matters by presenting the dashboard. He highlights in particular the joint review of the cooperation with DSOs associations on TYNDP scenario building. He also provides an overview of the latest developments regarding the launch of the EU DSO Entity which held its first Assembly and Board meetings on 8 June.

Decision proposal

The Assembly acknowledges the reporting of the SG T&DI activities by the Chair.

2.5 Report from Policy & Communication Group

The President gives the floor to the Chair of the Policy and Communication Expert Group (PCG) 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 the initiatives which are expected to have the greatest significance for the power system such as offshore renewable energy, energy system integration, taxonomy and sustainable finance provisions, infrastructure developments, as well as the forthcoming Fit for 55% Package, amongst others. He provides an update on the state of play of current legislative discussions on the TEN-E Regulation review.

Decision proposal

The Assembly acknowledges the report of the Chair of the Policy & Communication Group.

3. ENTSO-E Elections 2021:

Election of the Vice-President and Board members

The President outlines the main procedural milestones leading to today's elections, in compliance with the Articles of Association and the Internal Regulations and notably that the documentation concerning the nominations was circulated on 18 February 2021.

He proposes that as already undertaken for the previous elections, the vote takes place using the electronic voting tool and a single combined ballot. He gives the floor to the ENTSO-E General Counsel to explain the voting process and he then launches the elections.

Decision proposal

The Assembly:

- notes that there are 11 candidates for the 11 open positions of Board members and one candidate for the open position of Vice President;
- unanimously agrees that for all positions the vote will be organised by using the electronic election tool; and
- appoints Mr Karel Sas and Ms Coralie Ringoot to calculate, interpret and communicate the results of the vote.

4.1 ENTSO-E 2022 Annual Work Programme for publication

The President gives the floor to Secretary General who explain the process to develop the Annual Work Programme 2022 (AWP 2022) and its current focus on ENTSO-E legal mandates and alignment with the 5-year Budget Plan. The Secretary General explains that the public consultation is to take place during July and August and the final approval is expected during the October 2021 Assembly meeting.

Secretary General presents the main features of the AWP 2022. She recalls that the AWP 2022 has been developed to focus on legal mandates and has been aligned with the 5-year Budget plan to ensure that the mandated services under the AWP have a corresponding budget item in the 2022 Budget proposal. As to the next steps, the Secretary General announces that after today's expected approval for public consultation, the AWP 2022 will be finalised for Assembly approval in October taking into account any relevant remarks from the July-August public consultation and the outcome of the finalisation of the Budget 2022 which will be submitted to Assembly approval at the same time.

Decision proposal

The Assembly:

- notes that the draft ENTSO-E Annual Work Programme 2022 has been developed in accordance with the legal mandates of ENTSO-E and taking into account the intention to maintain, where possible, the 2022 membership fee as set out in the 5-Year Plan (as presented in Assembly in October 2020);
- approves the document "Draft ENTSO-E Annual Work Programme 2022" for public consultation; and
- notes that draft ENTSO-E Annual Work Programme 2022 will be updated and provided to the Board in September and Assembly in October for final approval prior to its submission to ACER for Opinion and eventual publication on the ENTSO-E website before the end of 2021.

4.2 ENTSO-E 2022 Initial Resource Plan

The President gives the floor to Secretary General who introduces the Initial 2022 ENTSO-E Resource Plan and explains that the Resource Plan has been prepared in conjunction with the Annual Work Programme 2022 and the Initial 2022 Budget Proposal. She explains that the new ENTSO-E Resource Plan proposes how resource planning within the Association could be managed and coordinated in the future with timely and closer involvement of Members. She highlights that this is a key objective of the new approach towards the ENTSO-E resource planning which is to facilitate the participation of TSOs' resources at the right time, ensuring the fulfilment of legal mandates with the right level of expertise and to offer TSOs a platform to develop TSOs staff in the roles and activities of the Association.

Decision proposal

The Assembly notes the ENTSO-E 2022 Initial Resource Plan developed in conjunction with the draft 2022 Annual Work Programme and Initial 2022 Budget Proposal and having the objective to enable ENTSO-E to plan its resource needs and ensuring involvement with Members.

4.3 ENTSO-E 2022 Initial Budget Proposal

The President gives the floor to Secretary General who notes that the same process has been followed with the Budget proposals developed with the Committees and Sections, the guidance from the Board and now the presentation of an Initial Budget Proposal. She outlines the assumptions on Membership fees and Use of Reserves and notes the open aspects regarding the operating costs, capital costs and the MLA figures. The Secretary General explains the steps being followed over the next months together with the Committee chairs and Secretariat and asks the Assembly for guidance in preparing the final budget proposal.

Decision proposal

The Assembly:

- notes the Initial 2022 Budget Proposal for activities which are to be funded by Membership fees and Non-Membership fees and which has been developed in accordance with the proposed 2022 Annual Work Programme; and
- asks Secretariat to consider the Assembly guidance prior to the submission of the Final Budget Proposal for Assembly approval in October 2021.

4.4 Endorsement of the 2020 annual accounts – for Assembly approval

The President gives the floor to Secretary General. The Secretary General explains that the Board, based on the Resources committee's assessment and based on the unqualified audit report provided by the statutory auditors, recommends to the Assembly to approve the 2020 annual accounts.

Decision proposal

The Assembly:

- notes that the statutory audit by BDO has been completed with an Unqualified Audit Opinion;
- based on the recommendation from the Board, approves the 2020 annual accounts showing a total balance sheet of 29.757.200,16 euros and a net result of 3.515.545,27 euros;
- allocates the net result to the reserves totalising 15.391.535,94 euros;
- notes that the reserve surplus is under assessment in the context of the 2022 Initial Budget Proposal as a partial funding mechanism and so as not to increase Membership fees;

- notes that the valuation rules for depreciation will be amended per the rebilling scheme as defined in MLAs (e.g. STA/OPC MLA) upon recommendation from BDO auditors;
- grants discharge to the Board Members and the statutory auditors for the performance of their duties during the 2020 financial year;
- authorises the members of the Secretariat, each acting alone and with the power of substitution, to file the Statutory Annual Accounts duly signed by its President and its Chair of the Board with the registry of the French-speaking Trade Court of Brussels; and
- based on the Board recommendation, the Assembly approves the renewal of BDO as Statutory Auditor for the financial years 2021, 2022 and 2023.

5. Active 2020+ Programme

5.1 Measure 17: Structure IT-related work – for Assembly approval

The President gives the floor to the Chairs of the System Operations Committee (SOC) and Digital committee. They outline the key outcome from various workshops organised within the Association showing general support to have digital-related matters (including cybersecurity) discussed and decided where the expertise is located i.e. in a specific Committee, provided strong links exist with Business Committees allowing them to report to Board and Assembly globally. The Chair of the Board presents concluding remarks.

Decision proposal

The Assembly approves the initiation of the Implementation phase for the establishment of a new Committee replacing the Digital committee.

5.2 Recap 10 June Board Strategy Workshop: completion of Active2020+

programme and kick-off of monitoring and continuous improvement process

The President gives the floor to the Chair of the Board who reminds that the ENTSO-E strategic roadmap Active2020+ was developed during the Board Strategy Workshop in autumn 2019 and approved by the Assembly in December 2019. For all measures of Active2020+, a detailed implementation plan was established and the implementation was kicked off in February 2020. Active2020+ comprises 16 measures subdivided in the three pillars “Shaping our mission and identity”, “Operational excellence” and “Content mission”. The Chair of the Board concludes that 14 out of the 16 measures have been finalised, therefore, the desired objectives of the Active2020+ Programme have been successfully reached and the Programme can be officially closed. He concludes by saying that the monitoring of the measures is now led by the Secretary General.

Decision proposal

The Assembly:

- acknowledges the achievements of the Active2020+ Programme and the timely and successful implementation;
- approves the official closing of the Active2020+ Programme; and
- approves the suggested monitoring and continuous improvement process for each measure as well as the overall monitoring plan and thus approves the kick-off of the process in July 2021.

6. ENTSO-E RDI Strategy 2.0 – for Assembly approval

The President gives the floor to the Chair Research Development & Innovation Committee (RDIC). The Chair presents the main features of the ENTSO-E Research, Development & Innovation (RDI) Strategy 2.0 which aims to establish a framework to support the implementation of the RDI Roadmap 2020-2030. It is essential to accelerate the implementation of the priority milestones of the RDI Roadmap 2020-2030 through the development of Innovation Programmes, which ensures push of RDI activities and pull of innovative solutions. He explains that the RDI Strategy 2.0 will be implemented throughout an updated RDIC Governance structure and processes, which also includes the development of a new Task Force for Demonstration Innovation & Coordination.

Decision proposal

The Assembly approves the ENTSO-E Research, Development and Innovation (RDI) Strategy 2.0 supporting the implementation of the RDI Roadmap 2020-2030.

7. ENTSO-E Position Paper on the use of lead in power cables – for Assembly approval

The President gives the floor to the Chair Research Development & Innovation Committee (RDIC) who presents the main messages of the ENTSO-E Position Paper on the use of lead in power cables and explains the need for policy recommendation.

Decision proposal

The Assembly approves the ENTSO-E position paper on the use of lead in power cables.

8. ENTSO-E 4th Position Paper on Offshore development – for Assembly approval

The President gives the floor to the Chair of System Development Committee. He highlights that the 4th paper concludes that the current regulatory setup for system operation (Network Codes, Guidelines and CEP) is suitable to facilitate efficient offshore system operation during the expected stepwise development of offshore grid infrastructure and identifies four key pillars on which to build the governance structure for offshore system operation in the European seas.

Decision proposal

The Assembly approves the ENTSO-E 4th Position Paper on Offshore Development – System Operation and Governance for publication on the ENTSO-E website subject to the changes agreed during the meeting.

9. Strategic Orientation of Network Code on Cybersecurity – Key Policy Issues Paper (KPIP) – for Assembly approval

The President gives the floor to the Chair of the SOC who presents the strategic orientations that will govern the development of the future Network Code on Cybersecurity (NC CS). He stresses that the future NC CS will break new grounds by aligning at the pan-European level the cyber security requirements for all operators of the interconnected power system. He further outlines that it will be the first time that both the TSO and DSO communities through their European Associations will write a network code together. He then outlines the expected main focus areas, being functional and non-functional security requirements; ISO/IEC 27001 certification; technical cybersecurity information sharing (IOC), product and system testing assurance scheme; and cross border cyber risk assessment and management.

Decision proposal

The Assembly:

- approves the strategic framework of the Network Code on Cybersecurity as contained in the Key Policy Issues Paper; and
- mandates the SOC to deliver and approve the Network Code on Cybersecurity according to the framework described in the KPIP.

10. Roadmap on Demand-Side Flexibility (DSF) – for Assembly approval

The President gives the floor to the Chair of the SG T&DI who reminds Assembly Members about the rationale and background for the Roadmap. He presents the main areas that were investigated by the Joint TSO-DSO Task Force. He explains that ACER intends to launch a new Expert Group to further scope the areas which required regulatory intervention while the decision to launch or not a new network code on demand-side flexibility will be taken by DG ENER in Q1 2022.

Decision proposal

The Assembly approves the Roadmap on the Evolution of the Regulatory Framework for Distributed Flexibility subject to comments from ENTSO-E Assembly members and notes that the Roadmap will be shared with relevant stakeholders.

11. Cooperation with UK TSOs status update

11.1 Working Arrangements (WAs)

11.2 Multi-Region Loose Volume Coupling (MRLVC)

The President gives the floor to the Secretary General. The Secretary General explains that the Trade and Cooperation Agreement between the EU and the UK mandates ENTSO-E and UK TSOs to enter into Working Arrangements (WAs) setting up a framework for cooperation in compliance with the objectives of the Agreement. The Secretary General explains that the Assembly is today asked to approve the draft Working arrangements before their submission to EC's and the UK's (BEIS) approval. The Secretary General describes the drafting process of the Working Arrangements carried out together with UK TSOs under the coordination of NGEESO and with the close involvement of the EC. The Secretary General continues explaining the main principles of the Working Arrangements, namely that it is legally non-binding document setting up an efficient and inclusive framework for cooperation in the areas listed non-exhaustively in the TCA.

The Secretary General details that subject to Assembly approval, the Working Arrangements will to be sent to EC and UK (BEIS) for their formal approval and that they will not enter into force until all Parties to the WAs have signed (ENTSO-E and the UK TSOs). She clarifies that upon the WAs entering into force, changes to the status of National Grid ESO, SHE Transmission and SP Transmission will be formally effected by Assembly decision on a date in the future.

Decision proposal

The Assembly:

- acknowledges that the Trade and Cooperation Agreement between the EU and the UK requires the development of Working Arrangements (WAs) which provide an efficient and inclusive framework for creating and maintaining an appropriate level of cooperation between ENTSO-E and the UK TSOs;
- notes that the WAs have been developed by ENTSO-E on a collaborative basis with the UK TSOs, taking into account the guidance received by the EC, BEIS and ACER;
- approves the updated WAs between ENTSO-E and the UK TSOs as provided in the Session File and entrusts ENTSO-E Secretary-General to submit the WAs to the EC and BEIS for their formal approval subject to small adjustment not affecting the substance;
- notes that the WAs shall enter into force after their formal approval by the EC and by BEIS and after having been signed by all Parties;
- acknowledges the intention to undertake relevant governance changes and to explore options to ensure the implementation of the WAs once entered into force; and
- asks the Main offices holders and the Secretary General to make a recommendation to the October 2021 Assembly on the way forward.

12. ENTSO-E Elections 2021

12.1 Vice-President and Board members – announcement of results

The President announces the results of the voting. The President congratulates the newly elected Vice-President and Board members. He explains that each of them is elected for a term of two years starting immediately after today's Assembly meeting and will expire immediately after the June 2023 Annual Assembly.

Decision proposal

The Assembly:

- appoints the following persons for the following positions: (1) for the position of the Vice-President – Zbyněk Boldiš; and (2) for the positions of 11 Board members – Dirk Biermann, Damian Cortinas, Maurice Dierick, Guida Guido, Frank-Peter Hansen Søren Dupont Kristensen, Robert Paprocki, Eduardo Prieto, Liam Ryan, Taavi Veskimägi and Dimitar Zarchev; and
- authorises Ms Sonya Twohig, Secretary General of ENTSO-E, acting alone and with full power of substitution, to do whatever is 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.

12.2 Farewell to outgoing Office Holders

The Chair of the Board addresses a farewell speech to the Vice-Chair and the other members of the Board completing their mandate today and thanks them for their contribution to the success of the Association and for the excellent collaboration. The President thanks the outgoing Committee Chairs from the Market Committee and from the RDIC and the LRG Chair and congratulates them for having marked the Association with their commitment and proactivity.

Decision proposal

The Assembly acknowledges the farewell speech of the President and Chair of the Board who thanks the outgoing office holders for their outstanding contribution to the Association's achievements.

13. Any other business

The Vice-President report ongoing preparation for projects that will kick off in Fall 2021.

13.1 Meeting arrangement until the end of 2021

Decision proposal

The Assembly notes that the next Assembly meeting on 14 October will be organised remotely due to Covid restrictions.

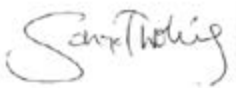
14. Approval of the Minutes

The President thanks all attendees for participation. The President also thanks once more all the Committees, the LRG and the Secretariat for their good work.

Decision

The Assembly approves the minutes of its meeting of 30 June 2021 and allows their publication on the ENTSO-E website.

Done in Brussels on 30 June 2021



Sonya TWHIG
Secretary General



Hervé LAFFAYE
President

List of Participants

ENTSO-E Assembly Meeting
Online

Date: 30 June 2021

President

1.	LAFFAYE Hervé	RTE	France
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Vice-President

2.	BOLDIŠ Zbyněk	ČEPS	Czech Republic
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6.	BRACANOVIC Vesna	CGES	Montenegro
7.	REIFFERS Marc	CREOS	Luxembourg
8.	STAVRINOS Stavros	Cyprus TSO	Cyprus
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11.	MARČENKO Zoran	ELES	Slovenia
12.	FONCK Pascale*	Elia	Belgium
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17.	MEDIMOREC Damjan	HOPS	Croatia
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25.	NEZIRI NUSHI Ilda	OST	Albania
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2.	SANCHIS Gérald	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

3.	KRISTENSEN Søren	Energinet	Denmark
4.	MANOUSAKIS Manos <i>excused</i>	IPTO	Greece
5.	HANSEN Frank-Peter	TenneT TSO BV	The Netherlands
6.	ZUMWALD Yves	Swissgrid	Switzerland
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8.	PURCHALA Konrad <i>Market Committee</i>	PSE	Poland
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10.	KAPETANOVIC Tahir <i>System Operations Committee</i>	APG	Austria
11.	BORGEN Håkon <i>Research, Development & Innovation Committee</i>	Statnett	Norway
12.	DECROIX Timothée <i>Policy & Communication Group</i>	Swissgrid	Switzerland

Secretariat

1.	TWOHIG Sonya	ENTSO-E	Belgium
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3.	GYULAY Zoltan	ENTSO-E	Belgium
4.	LAWLER Derek	ENTSO-E	Belgium

5.	HAESEN Edwin	ENTSO-E	Belgium
6.	MELCHIOR Florence	ENTSO-E	Belgium
7.	FRICKE Guido	ENTSO-E	Belgium
8.	RICHET Nicolas	ENTSO-E	Belgium
9.	CONSTANTINESCU Norela	ENTSO-E	Belgium
10.	KUUSIK Maarja	ENTSO-E	Belgium

Invited

1.	Coralie Ringoot	Eubelius	Belgium
2.	Karel Sas	Eubelius	Belgium