

ENTSO-E Assembly meeting of 14 October 2021

Date: 14 October 2021

Time: 09:00-14:30

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. The President notes that the Assembly member representative of NGESO is holding a proxy for Scottish Power and for Scottish Hydro and that he will abstain on any vote on agenda items related to ENTSO-E legal mandates or concerning the organisation of the Association for 2022 (e.g., budget), including any matters concerning the resignation of the 3 UK TSOs¹.

Decision

The quorum is verified since the Representatives in attendance hold 97.14% of the first part of the voting rights, and 99.63% 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

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 Board governance/new appointments, membership survey and outcome of the Board Strategy Workshop.

The President welcomes those who take on new responsibilities and tasks, and more generally the volunteers who work for the association.

Decision proposal

The Assembly takes note of the reporting.

2.2 Report from the Resources committee

¹ le for agenda items 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 4, 7 and 8

The President gives the floor to the Chair of the Board and Chair of the Resources committee (Rc). The Chair of the Board and the Chair of the Rc present to the Assembly Members the outcome of the 15 September 2021 meeting of the Resources committee, having reviewed major expenditure projects and Finance and Administration topics. The Chair of the Board and the Chair of the Rc also note that the 2022 Annual Work Programme, 2022 Final Budget, and 2022 Final Resource Plan 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 Dc Chair informs the Assembly Members about the following topics: (i) The European Commission initiative: DG ENER Consultation, (ii) the Term of Reference of the ENTSO-E Enterprise Architecture Team and (iii) the 2021 Dc nominations.

Decision proposal

The Assembly acknowledges the report from the Digital committee.

2.4 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, infrastructure developments, energy system integration, taxonomy and sustainable finance provisions, among others. He updates the Assembly on the state of play of the legislative discussions on the TEN-E Regulation review. Finally, the Chair provides an overview of the recently adopted Fit for 55% Package and its expected impacts on ENTSO-E and the TSO community.

Decision proposal

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

3.1 ENTSO-E 2022 Annual Work Programme updated following public consultation – for Assembly approval

The President gives the floor to the Secretary-General. The Secretary-General explains that following Assembly and Board approvals in June 2021, the Annual Work Programme (AWP) 2022 was published for consultation from 5 July to 20 August 2021. She explains that following a review of this feedback, some changes were applied in the final AWP 2022 and that the final 2022 AWP was approved by the Board and recommended for today's Assembly approval. She mentions that the

2022 AWP provides a high degree of transparency to stakeholders on the main work areas of ENTSO-E.

Decision proposal

The Assembly approves the updates to the ENTSO-E Annual Work Programme 2022 and approves its submission to ACER for opinion and for subsequent publication.

3.2 ENTSO-E 2022 Resource Plan – for Assembly approval

The President gives the floor to Secretary-General who explains that following the feedback received from the June Assembly, the final 2022 Resource Plan has been amended in close cooperation with the Committees, the member-TSOs and the Resource committee during the summer and is now based on the following key assumptions: the fulfilment of new roles by redeployment of CGM and further Secretariat resources or short term external support; the fulfilment of new roles by secondments from TSOs or external hiring. The Assembly acknowledges the successful efforts to further increase efficiency and discusses the good progress and the further steps to implement the Resourcing Strategy.

Decision proposal

The Assembly:

- notes the Secretariat’s proposal on organizational efficiencies and optimization of redeployed resources to deliver the new requirements in the 2022 Annual Work Programme and notes the associated costs are included in the Final 2022 Budget; and
- approves the ENTSO-E 2022 Final Resource Plan, including the SDC Resource Proposal, which has been developed in conjunction with the 2022 Annual Work Programme and 2022 Final Budget Proposal.

3.3 ENTSO-E 2022 Final Budget Proposal – for Assembly approval; and ENTSO-E 5-year plan – for Assembly acknowledgement

The President gives the floor to Secretary-General who explains that following the feedback received from the June Assembly, the final 2022 budget proposal has been amended in close cooperation with the Committees and the Resource committee during the summer. The Assembly discusses the impact of the estimated budget increases as of the 5-Year plan on the utilisation of reserves. The Assembly acknowledges the Webinar for CFOs which presented the 2022 Budget proposal ahead of the October Assembly meeting including a short letter highlighting the effect of the Brexit on the budget and the general increase of legal mandates of ENTSO-E.

Decision proposal

The Assembly:

- approves the 2022 Final Budget Proposal as follows:
Total operating expenditure of 58,5 M€, of which:
 - 20,5 M€ are funded by non-membership fees;
 - 32,7 M€ is funded by the ENTSO-E membership fees; and
 - 5,3 M€ from the reserves;
 Total capital expenditure of 12,1 M€;
- approves the 2022 membership fees of 32,7 M€ derived from the 2022 profit and loss statements;
- approves the membership fees for each Member given calculated as per the proposed budget and to use reserves for 2022 to address the shortfall from 3 UK TSOs to all other ENTSO-E Members;
- asks the Board to monitor the use of reserves as partial funding mechanism, in particular, the need to maintain the 5 M€ threshold, and to address in the context of the 2022 budget proposal the shortfall arising from UK TSOs resignation from the Membership fees through reallocation to all ENTSO-E Members, to be brought forward for 2023 Budget Proposal; and
- acknowledges the 5-year plan update for the years 2022-2026 and asks the Secretariat to provide an update in 2022 based on legislative developments.

4. Communication Networks Multilateral Agreement – Governance and Funding model – for Assembly approval

The President gives the floor to the Chair of the System Operations Committee (SOC), who informs the Assembly members on the status of the Communication Networks MLA, reminding the need to have a separate contractual framework for the Communication Networks. He highlights that SOC and LRG have closely followed the recommendations given by the Board Task Force on MLAs for developing the Communication Networks MLA. The Chair of the System Operations Committee explains that the Board confirmed in September its support for this important project and endorsed the specific governance arrangements and the funding model. He then presents the 5-years budget planning from 2022 to 2026. To conclude, he highlights that it is expected that the final version of the Communication Networks MLA will be approved by the System Operations Committee by end of November 2021, as to enter into force on 1st January 2022.

Decision proposal

The Assembly:

- approves the specific governance arrangements and funding model for the Communications Network Multilateral Agreement (CN MLA) and its budgetary

implications subject to its final approval by the System Operations Committee at the end of November 2021; and

- acknowledges the CN MLA 5 years budget planning.

5. ENTSO-E 5th Position Paper on Assessing selected financial support options for renewable generation – for Assembly approval

The President gives the floor to the Chair of the Market Committee (MC), who informs the Assembly members on the fifth offshore position paper submitted for approval. The paper was widely approved by Committees on 10 September 2021 and by the Board on 23 September 2021. It is now being submitted for Assembly approval and subsequent publication. He reminds Assembly members of the main messages of the paper, emphasising the importance of the findings.

Decision proposal

The Assembly approves the fifth Offshore Position Paper “Assessing selected financial support options for renewable generation” for publication on the ENTSO-E website pending enhancements to the design and layout of the paper.

6. System Operation Regions

The President gives the floor to the Chair of the System Operations (SOC), the Chair of the Legal and Regulatory Group (LRG) and the ad interim Head of Legal section, who explain the status of the Notice of Appeal submitted on 26 August to Board of Appeal and the latest developments.

Decision proposal

The Assembly acknowledges the reporting.

7. Corporate Project: Project Initiation Document (PID) – for Assembly approval; and Key Directions Paper (KDP) – for Assembly information

The President gives the floor to the Vice-President who presents the Project Initiation Document submitted to the Assembly approval on the Corporate Project aiming to ensure the Association is still fit for purpose after ten years of successful continuous growth.

Decision proposal

The Assembly approves subject to the changes agreed during the meeting, the Project Initiation Document (PID) for the Corporate Project, aiming to ensure the Association is still fit for purpose after ten years of successful continuous growth.

8. Resignation of UK TSOs – for Assembly approval

The President gives the floor to the General Counsel. The General Counsel informs that by way of letters of 10 September 2021, ENTSO-E has received formal notification from National Grid ESO, SP Transmission and SHE Transmission (the 3 UK TSOs) of their resignation as Members of ENTSO-E as per the agreement between the EC and the UK Government during the July Specialised Energy Committee. The General Counsel recalls the resignation process as foreseen in the Articles of Association, which includes a six-month notice period. She explained it is therefore proposed to the Assembly, upon Board recommendation, to reduce the 6 months’ notice and to agree with a shorter period so that the resignations take effect as from 1 January 2022 which will coincide with the date as from which no Founding Member membership fee will be due.

The General Counsel explains that the Assembly is also asked, upon Board recommendation, to close the UK TSOs Cooperation project given that its objectives (submission of the Working Arrangements and the CBA) have now been completed. She proposes that any remaining actions for the Project Steering Board are transferred to the Secretary-General, in close cooperation with the Main Office Holders and the Committees’ and LRG’s Chairs.

Decision proposal

The Assembly:

- acknowledges receipt of the letters of resignation of National Grid ESO, SP Transmission and SHE Transmission (‘the 3 UK TSOs’) and approves the resignations will be effective as from 1 January 2022;
- arising from the resignations of the 3 UK TSOs stated above, approves the subsequent changes in Table 1 “Voting Power of the members of the Association” in the following way and with effect for the calendar year 2022:”

		First part of Voting power	Second part of the Voting Power (population)
Northern Ireland ¹	SONI – System Operator for Northern Ireland	12	1.915

¹*In compliance with 12 February 2021 EC Notice to Stakeholders on the Withdrawal of the UK and EU rules in the field of the Internal Energy Market.*

- closes the UK TSOs project and recommends to progress any remaining activities under the Secretary-General’s lead in consultation with the Main Office Holders and in anticipation of the expected entry into force of the Working Arrangements.

9. 2022 Assembly Meetings Calendar Dates

The President gives the floor to the Secretary-General. The Secretary-General proposes the Assembly to approve the Assembly meeting dates for 2022. She also presents guidance on the approach to meetings arrangements in 2022.

Decision proposal

The Assembly approves the 2022 Assembly meeting dates.

10. Any other business

The General Counsel informs the Assembly that Baltic Cable has been allocated voting power by the German NRA for CACM deliverables and is therefore allowed to participate in the All TSOs process for CACM deliverables, considering that all conditions are now fulfilled.

The President explains that the existing Cooperation Agreement between ENTSO-E and Med-TSO was originally signed in 2017 for a period of 5 years and will need to be renewed in 2022. He notifies of the forthcoming written Assembly approval process regarding this renewal.

The Chair of the Board reports of the recent meeting between ENTSO-E, Ukrenergo and the Ukrainian Ministry of Energy outlines the main topics discussed.

Decision proposal

The Assembly acknowledges the reporting.

11. Approval of the Minutes

The President thanks all attendees for their participation to the meeting, as well as the Secretariat for all the preparation.


Decision

The Assembly approves the minutes of its meeting of 14 October 2021 and allows their publication on the ENTSO-E website.

Done in Brussels on 14 October 2021



Hervé LAFFAYE
President



Sonya TWOHIG
Secretary-General

List of Participants

ENTSO-E Assembly Meeting
Online

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President

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Vice-President

2.	BOLDIŠ Zbyněk	ČEPS	Czech Republic
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Chair of the Board

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

2.	RYAN Liam	Eirgrid	Ireland
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