

ENTSO-E Board meeting of 18 November 2021

Date: 18 November 2021

Time: 8:30-15:45

Place: Brussels / Online

MINUTES

1. Welcome, attendance, adoption of the draft agenda

Decision

The Board approves the agenda subject to adding under AOB a status update on the UK TSOs Cooperation and a reporting from the Board Liaison Officer.

2. Approval of the minutes of the 23 September 2021 Board meeting for publication

Decision

The Board approves the minutes of the Board meeting of 23 September for publication.

3. Secretary General Reporting including High Level Engagement Plan

The Secretary General outlines the main topics addressed in her written reporting. She reports on the preparation for the 26 November 2021 ENTSO-E Annual Conference, which is already subscribed with over more than 500 participants.

Decision

The Board acknowledges the reporting of the Secretary General.

4. Reporting of legal mandates

The Head of the Market Section introduces the Annual Work Programme and asks the Committee Chairs to highlight the main new developments. The Chair of the Market Committee (MC) reports

on developments on CACM 2.0, the state of play of the bidding zones review and the resources situation on various matters, such as the balancing implementation. He also reports on the updates of the transparency platform. The Head of the Market Section explains that the Bidding Zone Technical Report has been sent to ACER and published.

The Chair of the System Development Committee (SDC) gives an update on the European Resource Adequacy Assessment (ERAA) 2021 which has been approved by the SDC and will be published soon. He announces a webinar and a public consultation commencing on 23 November which will focus on the steps to deliver ERAA2022. The SDC Chair informs on the progress of the TYNDP2022 resourcing, project timeline and scenario building. He also informs the Board on the ongoing approval process relating to the key messages of the paper on ‘The role of hydrogen in system integration’.

The Chair of the System Operation Committee (SOC) gives an update on the appeal on the ACER decision on the definition of System Operation Regions which was submitted to the Board of Appeal on 26 August 2021 and of ACER withdrawal of its decision on 19 October 2021. The LRG Chairs outlines legal implications and recent developments concerning the withdrawal by ACER of its 19 October 2020 SOR decision.

The Chair of the Research, Development, and Innovation Committee (RDIC) updates on Innovation Uptake through Regulation exchanges with ACER and on the related messages proposed by ENTSO-E on incentives for innovative solutions. He explains that these messages are intended to be presented at the respective fora.

Decision

The Board acknowledges the reporting on legal mandates.

5. ENTSO-E Paper on Stability Management in Power Electronics Dominated Systems (RDI Flagship 5) – for Board approval

The Chair of Research, Development, and Innovation Committee (RDIC) informs the Board members on the status of Project Concept 9 under the RDI Roadmap Implementation Report 2021-2025, Stability Management in Power Electronics Dominated Systems. He explains that a workstream description has been developed by a group of experts from RDIC in close cooperation with SOC experts. He highlights that the executive summary of the Workstream Description, approved by RDIC in September, was reviewed by PCG in October, and further exchange on a cross-Committee level have continued to ensure alignment within ENTSO-E on the research needs. He concludes by saying that preparations are ongoing to start the early cooperation with external stakeholders to ensure timely development and deployments of innovations and evolved requirements within the electricity system.

Decision

The Board supports the stability management main messages of the workstream, cross-Committee work and proposed approach for external exchanges with stakeholders.

6. ENTSO-E 6th Position Paper on Offshore Development – key messages of ownership for offshore infrastructure

The Chair of the Market Committee (MC) informs the Board that the key messages for the 6th offshore position paper on ownership of offshore infrastructure have been approved by the Market Committee, System Development Committee, and System Operations Committee and that the key messages were adjusted by comparison to the paper shared with Board in the Session File. He explains that since the general narrative remains the same, the Board approval can still be sought today. He then outlines the main messages of the paper.

Decision

The Board approves the key messages on Ownership of Offshore Infrastructure, subject to changes agreed during the meeting and recommends the key messages as amended to the Assembly to be used for external communication.

7. Implementation and continuous improvement monitoring – for Board approval

7.1 Active 2020+ Programme

7.2 7 Priorities from the 2021 Members Survey

The Secretary-General presents the format of the Implementation and Continuous Improvement Monitoring Programme, explaining which Measures are under implementation or those under monitoring. The Project Manager of the Energy System 2050 presents proposals for implementation actions for the Programme.

The Secretary-General presents the results of the 2021 Member Survey and the proposal for priority actions to put in place to take into account Member's comments. Each Board member in lead of a priority action presents his respective action plan and timeline.

Decision

The Board:

- notes the reporting on the Active 2020+ Measures' Implementation Monitoring Programme and approves the next steps and timeline proposal on the actions' implementation for 7 priority topics; and

- recommends to include the priority topics in the Active 2020+ Monitoring Programme to be performed by the Secretary-General and to follow the same approach on reporting to the Board.

8. CGM Programme Go-Live

The Head of the CGM Program reports on CGM Programme Status and Readiness for Go-Live on 8 December. He explains the next steps planned with SOC, including the delivery to SOC of a CGM Programme Delivery and the approach to readiness for Go-Live. He explains that on that basis, the SOC is expected to recommend the Go-Live to the Board and the Chair of the Board will be asked to approve the implementation of the SOC recommendation. The SOC Chair reports on the status of the readiness for Go-Live, clarifying that the main key objective of the CGM program is to ensure system security.

Decision

The Board:

- notes the status of the CGM Programme Update provided and the SOC process;
- requests the SOC Chair to inform the Chair of the Board before 08 December on the 01 December SOC approved recommendation on a Go-Live decision;
- mandates the Chair of the Board, based on a SOC recommendation for Go-Live, to confirm on behalf of the Board, to proceed with the Go-Live date of 08 December; and
- approves the post Go-Live arrangements for 2022.

9. ENTSO-E's role and messages in the context of energy scarcity

The Chair of the Market Committee (MC) explains the recent developments concerning energy scarcity and the approach to communications. The Chair of the System Development Committee (SDC) explains the status of the Winter Outlook.

Decision

The Board acknowledges recent discussions concerning energy scarcity and confirms the approach to external communications.

10. Memorandum of Understanding between ENTSO-E and the EU DSO entity - recommendation for Assembly approval

The Chair of the Steering Group Transmission & Distribution Interface (StG T&DI) reminds how the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was developed since early 2020 under the coordination of

StG T&DI. He highlights the importance of this MoU to establish a clear framework for the future collaboration between ENTSO-E and the EU DSO Entity. He explains that the Market Committee, System Operation Committee and Legal & Regulatory Group were consulted and their comments addressed. He then presents the main provisions of the MoU.

Decision

The Board approves the proposed Memorandum of Understanding between ENTSO-E and the EU DSO Entity and recommends its approval by the Assembly.

11. Update on the implementation of the new Committee on Information and Communication Technology (ICT)

The Chairs of the Digital committee (Dc) and of the System Operations Committee (SOC) update the Board on the status of the implementation of the new Committee on Information and Communication Technology (ICT). The Chairs report that the project is progressing well and that the detailed work plan with associated timeline confirms General Assembly approval of the Terms of Reference setting up the new Committee end of March 2021. The Chairs explain that the Board will be informed about the Terms of Reference (ToR) in a webinar beginning of February 2022 and the intention to confirm the ToR at the beginning of March 2022. The SOC Chair presents the project risks and the identified mitigation actions.

Decision

The Board acknowledges the update.

12. Corporate Project – Status update

The Vice-President presents the status update of the Corporate Project and the General Counsel presents the main directions of the project.

Decision

The Board approves the main directions of the project.

13. Debrief from recent meetings:

13.1 Resources committee on 17 November

13.1.1 ENTSO-E Q3 Budget Reporting

The Chair of the Resources committee reports on 17 November 2021 Rc meeting having made a recommendation to the Board on the ENTSO-E 2021 Q3 Budget reporting and Year-end Forecast. He explains that the recommendation is based on a thorough analysis of the Q3 2021 forecast. The Rc Chair further explains recent developments, such as the CEF grant and the decision on transferring the 2021 CAPEX budget to 2022. He finally reports on the nominations for the Category 3 Position as Member of the Rc.

13.2 Digital committee on 20 October

13.2.1 Dc Vice-Chair and CIOs nomination – for Board approval

The Chair of the Digital committee (Dc) reports on the 20 October 2021 Dc meeting and on the recommendation made to the Board for the nomination of the DC Vice-Chair and of the Dc “Chief Information Officers”(CIOs) Members.

13.3 StG for Distribution and Transmission Cooperation Platform on 27 October

13.3.1 Terms of Reference – for Board approval

The Chair of the Steering Group T&D Interface (StG T&DI) presents the updated Terms of References of the StG T&DI, in line with the new direction provided by the Board. He explains that the new ToR foresee a stronger implication of the Committees, structure the relation with the EU DSO Entity and clarify the decision-making process of T&DI activities. He explains that a list of members for the next two years will be proposed for Board written approval.

13.4 Policy and Communications Debrief from meeting on 9 November

13.4.1 Establishment of Fit for 55 Advocacy Coordination Team (FITACT)

The Convener of the Policy and Communication Group (PCG) provides an update on the latest policy developments on the TEN-E and the Fit for 55 Package as well as an overview of forthcoming EU legislative proposals by early 2022 which may have impacts on the TSO community and ENTSO-E. He explains that to coordinate the work and ensure a coordinated and high-quality input from ENTSO-E on the Fit for 55 Package, it is suggested to set up a cross-Committee project structure, with in particular an Advocacy Coordination Team.

Decision

The Board

- notes the Rc report on 2021 Q3 reporting and year-end forecast;
- acknowledges the Dc reporting;
- approves the proposal of the Chair of the Digital committee to appoint the current Dc Vice Chair;
- approves the nominations of the positions for Dc “category 2” Members;

- approves the new Terms of References of the Steering Group Transmission & Distribution Interface; and
- notes the reporting of the Chair of the Steering Group Transmission & Distribution Interface regarding the ongoing activities
- approves the proposed advocacy plan and the setting up of an Advocacy Coordination Team on the Fit for 55 Package; and
- approves the Terms of Reference (ToR) of the Advocacy Coordination Team and mandates the Secretariat to proceed with setting up this project team as per the ToR.

14. Draft agenda of 09 December Assembly meeting – recommendation for Assembly approval

Decision

The Board approves the draft agenda of the 09 December Assembly meeting.

15. AOB

15.1 Call for strategic topics for 2022

The Chair of the Board suggests to Board Members to make a suggestion on topics to be addressed in the forthcoming Board meetings.

15.2 2021 System and Market Operational Incidents

The Chair of the System Operations Committee reports on the work performed by the System Operations Committee Task Forces on the Continental Europe System Separation on 24 July 2021 and as well as the incident in Poland on 17 May 2021. He outlines the Interim Factual Report on the 24 July incident that has been published on 12 November 2021. He then presents the main forthcoming deliverables and their implementation status, with a focus on the work of Expert Investigation Panels as foreseen in the ENTSO-E Incident Classification Scale Methodology and the development of the ENTSO-E Final Technical Report. The Chair of the Market Committee reports on recent market coupling incidents, having taken place on 7 June 2019, 4 February 2020 and 13 January 2021.

Decision

The Board acknowledges the reporting of the System Operations Committee and Market Committee.

15.3 2021 Update on UK TSO Cooperation

The General Counsel explains that there is currently no confirmation of the approval by the EC and BEIS of the Working Arrangements. The General Counsel explains that it is prudent to anticipate its expected entry into force as from 1 January 2022, which is the effective date of the resignation of the 3 UK TSOS.

15.2 2021 Report from Board Liaison Officer

The Board Liaison Officer reports on its activities for the last quarter.

16. Approval of decisions

Decision

The Board approves the decisions of the 18 November Board meeting.

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LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

Chair of the Board

1.	VANZETTA Joachim	Amprion	Germany
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Board Members

2.	BIERMANN Dirk	50Hertz	Germany
3.	CORTINAS Damian	RTE	France
4.	DIERICK Maurice (online)	Swissgrid	Switzerland
5.	DUPONT KRISTENSEN Søren	Energinet	Denmark
6.	GUIDA Guido (online)	Terna	Italy
7.	HANSEN Frank-Peter (online)	TenneT	Germany
8.	PAPROCKI Robert	PSE	Poland
9.	PRIETO Eduardo	REE	Spain
10.	RYAN Liam	Eirgrid	Ireland
11.	VESKIMÄGI Taavi	Elering	Estonia
12.	Zarchev Dimitar	ESO	Bulgaria

President

1.	LAFFAYE Hervé (online)	RTE	France
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Vice-President

1.	BOLDIŠ Zbyněk (online)	CEPS	Czech Republic
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Committee Chairs

1.	BARMSNES Kjell A. <i>Chair of the Market Committee</i>	Statnett	Norway
2.	KAENDLER Gerald <i>Chair of the System Development Committee</i>	Amprion	Germany
3.	BORGEN Håkon (online)	Statnett	Norway

Committee Chairs

	<i>Chair of the Research Dev. & Innovation Committee</i>		
4.	KAPETANOVIC Tahir <i>Chair of the System Operations Committee</i>	APG	Austria
5.	ELSKAMP Fokke <i>Chair of the Legal & Regulatory Group</i>	TenneT	Netherlands

Invited

1.	DECROIX Timothée	Swissgrid	Switzerland
2.	JONAT Yannick	Amprion	Germany

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1.	TWOHIG Sonya	ENTSO-E	Belgium
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5.	RICHET Nicolas	ENTSO-E	Belgium
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7.	TALESKI Ivan	ENTSO-E	Belgium
8.	HAESEN Edwin	ENTSO-E	Belgium
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