

ENTSO-E MC Meeting

Date: Tuesday, 19 September 2023

MC Minutes

2. Update on internal/external developments

The MC Chair opens the meeting and welcomes the newcomers and the participants. He states the quorum is met. Agenda and Minutes of the last meeting are approved.

The MC Chair reports on the Assembly and the Board meetings.

The Members are asked to coordinate with the SOC colleagues on the ramping question.

The Secretariat explains the budget considerations, and the need for revisiting the Market Committees Terms of Reference, relations vis-avis stakeholders, and strategic goals.

2.4.2. Assessment to Moldelectrica's application [for decision/acknowledgment]

2.4.2.a. The MC approves the proposals of the groups to be added to the Annex I of the Observer Membership Agreement between ENTSO-E and Moldelectrica (the OMA).

2.4.2.b. The MC takes note of the status regarding the admission processes of Ukrenegro and Moldelectrica including the draft assessment reports.

2.5. Nomination of the MC Vice Chair

The MC Chair thanks the old vice Chair for his work in the past 2 years and welcome Amprion Member to join.

2.5. The MC nominates Amprion MC Member as MC Vice Chair of the MC for 2 years term.

2.6. Board Strategic Workshop and expected MC Follow ups

The Chair and the MC HoS presents the plan to build the MC Strategic Plan and invite the members of the MC strategic group (created as a follow up of the MC strategic workshop) to join this new task jointly with the Chairs and the secretariat.

2.6. The MC approves the task of building a MC Strategic Plan and proposing an update of the MC ToRs. The current MC Members of the strategic group are invited to join this Project Team.

3. WG MI – MC Part [No decision]

4. Please refer to the separate ALL TSOs Decisions

5. WG AS – MC Part

5.1. WG AS Survey & Cross-border initiatives survey 2022 [for Decision]

The WG AS Vice Convener provides an update on the WG AS Survey & Cross-border initiatives survey 2022 and proposes a decision for MC approval.

The WG AS Vice Convener notes that a couple of last-minute remarks and corrections have been received from two TSOs and will be updated in the final version before publication.

The All TSOs Vice Chair notes that the decision is approved as proposed.

5.1. The MC approves the results of the Ancillary Services Survey 2022 and Cross-border Initiatives Survey 2022 to be published on the ENTSO-E website subject to proofreading, consistency check and cosmetic changes.

5.2. RCCs’ task on facilitation of BC procurement [for Information]

The WG AS Vice Convener provides a brief update on the recent developments with regard to the RCCs’ task on facilitation of BC procurement.

6. WG RMI [No decision]

6.1. Balancing Report 2024 – Balancing Performance Indicators [for information]

The WG RMI Convenor informs that the Electricity Balancing (EB) Monitoring PT continued its work over the summer on updating the EB Monitoring Plan and the Performance Indicators (PIs) Definitions Document. Also, the possibilities to automatize some of the PIs calculation are under discussion.

She informs that the 2022-2023 lessons learned will be considered, and ACER/NRAs feedback on the Market Report 2023 will be considered in the new version of the PI document.

7. PT art 16

The PT art 16 Convenor presents the ENTSO-E answer to ACER public consultation for approval, considering the additional comments on the answer related to the transparency question raised by some CCRs. She explains that the work to find TSOs common grounds on how to approach the 70% requirement will start soon in the PT art 16 and encourage all TSOs to participate in this work.

7.1. The MC approves ENTSO-E answer to ACER public consultation on the cross-border capacity report considering the changes showed during the meeting.

7.2 The MC asks the PT art 16 to initiate a debate on broader terms on the 70% topic and involve ACER on the discussions once there is a common ENTSO-E position.

8. WG MD RES

The Secretariat representative updates members on the ongoing legislative process of the Electricity Market Design Reform and REMIT review, including the expected timeline for adoption. Members are also briefed about the main elements of the reform and implications for ENTSO-E and TSOs, including a summary of how the text has evolved in the European Parliament and in the Council focussing on key priorities. Lastly, members are also updated on ENTSO-E advocacy work and related document as coordinated by via the TF Electricity Market Design Reform. No comments are raised, except a clarification question on the timing of the trilogues.

8.1. The MC takes note of the latest developments on the Electricity Market Design Reform and supports the work coordinated by the TF EMDR.

The Flexibility Needs Assessment project manager updates MC members on the ongoing project activities and especially the work on assessment of the current methodologies and indicators. Members are also briefed that the call for additional experts will remain open and relaunched if specific expertise is deemed necessary for the completion of the objectives of the project. Lastly, additional work stemming from EMDR obligations will be incorporated upon the guidance from the ENTSO-E Board. MC members recognize the important of the project and recommend adopting an agile and stepwise approach in developing the methodology to be able to manage complexities and time constraints.

8.2. The MC takes note of the newly created Project on Flexibility Needs Assessment and encourages interested TSOs to nominate relevant experts ensuring MC representation.

9. SGT&DI

The substitute Convener of the Task Force Demand-Side Flexibility (TF DSF) presents the MC members with the updates developed after last MC meeting (04/09/23). He informs that TSO-DSO Development Team followed the recommendations made by the MC on 04/09/23 towards the NC DR amendments. He also informs the MC that EU DSO Board of Directive (BoD) approved (14/09/2023) the NC DR to be publicly consulted but raised comments to be considered before launching the public consultation on the NC DR. The TF DSF convener also presents compromises reached with the EU DSO Entity on the topics with diverging views. The MC is also informed about the consequences of approval or non-approval of the NC DR for public consultation. The potential challenges that might occur due to delay of the process are presented to the MC members. The TF DSF convener also informs the MC about the upcoming process and the foreseen milestones. He mentions the planned launch of public consultation at the end of September subject to the MC approval.

The MC chair highlights to the MC members this version of the NC DR being only a draft version and the possibility of the content changes during and after the public consultation. The MC members raise several

comments on the NC DR related to the content of the draft. The MC members request the NC DR Development Team to take these comments into account in the NC DR text prior the public consultation. An MC member asks how the comments received from the MC and the EU DSO BoD will be handled and questions the approving body before launching the consultation. The TF DSF convenor proposed to mandate himself and the MC Chairs on this task. The MC chairs agree and propose decision reformulation. Another MC member questions whether TSOs can raise their comments during the public consultation. The TF DSF is indicated as a main channel to raise comments and feedback during the consultation phase. Two MC members state their potential participation in the consultation. The MC approves proposed decisions.

9.1. The MC acknowledges the updates made to the NC DR after cross-Committee and drafting committee reviews.

9.2. The MC notes the NC DR text being an intermediate version but approves the draft NC DR proposal, as circulated in the session file considering the comments raised by MC members, for public consultation for a 6-week period, subject to consistency proof reading and editorial improvements.

10. WG EF

The WG EF co-convenor from APG presents a summary of the discussions at the “Future of our Grids” Forum on 7 September 2023, focusing notably on the outcome of the first two sessions which dealt with financing grid investments and the role of regulation.

She also presents an overview of the proposed short position paper on Financeability, which WG EF drafted during the Summer in parallel to the Grid Forum preparations. The Paper provides several timely updates to past ENTSO-E papers, including the 2021 Financeability Paper and the 2022 Innovation Uptake through Regulation paper.

10.1. The MC approves the Financeability paper update and asks the WG Economic Framework to align with PCG on the Communication Plan.

11. ITC

The WG EF Co-convenor from CEPS updates the MC on the contents and structure of the draft deliverable 3.3 of the Project Team ITC, which presents a roadmap for implementing a common methodology for the valuation of ITC losses. The paper will subsequently be shared for commenting and written approval, such that key messages may be shared with ACER and the EC.

11.1. The MC takes note of the Project Team ITC’s Deliverable 3.3 open for comments and asks TSOs to provide their input until 3 October 2023.

The Secretariat presents an overview of the survey that had been circulated to ITC Parties during the summer, including a synthesis of replies concerning the ability of ITC Parties to transition to more frequent snapshots, as well as early estimates of the 2024 ITC Losses Costs and With-and-Without Fund size. The Secretariat notably noted that 11 ITC Parties reported that it would be a significant challenge to move to 6 snapshots per week within 12 months, as opposed to today's 6 per month.

11.2. The MC takes note of the 2023 ITC Survey Results and encourages ITC Parties to anticipate a possible increase in the number of snapshots by already reviewing and upgrading internal processes.

The WG EF co-convenor from APG presents an overview of the issues experienced in 2022 and 2023 with the Austrian Vertical Load data, and its impact on net positions. APG proposes, similarly to the approach undertaken by Svenska Kraftnät in 2018, to settle differences via voluntary settlements, thus avoiding the need to re-open the ITC Agreement and delaying the regular process.

11.3. The MC takes note of the proposed approach and recommends ITC Parties in the spirit of goodwill and cooperation to follow the way forward as described by APG to address the discrepancy in the Austrian Vertical Load data submitted for ITC years 2022 and 2023 via voluntary settlements.

12. PT SB-CBCS [No decision]

13. WG MIT

13.1 Manual of Procedures (MoP v3r4)

The WG MIT Convener explained the context and background of the MoP v3r4 status. Information about ETUG alignment and ACER informal alignment and their outcome is shared with MC members.

One of the MC members asked what happens if ACER has some points to be added in the MoP v3r4. WG MIT convener replied that ACER amendment could either be included in the MoP v3r5 or if it is very urgent, we can start a written approval process for amendments with MC.

The MC Chair notes that the decision is approved as proposed.

13.1. The MC approves the latest version of the DDD (dated 20230727) and the latest version of BRS (dated 20230825) as per the DDD.

13.2 Go-live of the Data Provider General Requirements

The WG MIT Convener explained the background and previous MC decision that led to the go-live phase of the Data Provider (DP) General Requirements Monitoring. Information about business requirements collection, development and testing phase was shared with MC members. WG MIT convener also explained the planned alignment with TPC and non-TSO data providers before the go-live of the DP General Requirements on October 1st, 2023. WG MIT Convener stressed the fact that the DP General Requirements go-live is in line with the TP Vision 2030.

WG MIT Convener informed MC that if all go-live requirements are fulfilled (such as testing, approval from all operating parties, etc.) then DP General Requirements shall go live on October 1st, 2023.

14. ACER Data Exchange Project [No decision]

15. AOB

New Membership changes [no discussion]