

Minutes Market Coupling Steering Committee Meeting

30. January 2024, Coneference call

Present SDAC and/or SIDC parties

50Hertz	Creos	EPEX Spot	IBEX	OPCOM	Svk
Admie	CROPEX	ESO	Kraftnät Åland	OTE	Terna
Amprion	EirGrid (TSO)	EXAA	Litgrid	PSE	TGE
APG	EirGrid / SONI (SEMO PX)	Fingrid	MAVIR	REE	Transelectrica
AST	Elering	GME	BRM	REN	Transnet BW
Baltic Cable	ELES	HEnEx	Nord Pool EMCO	RTE	TTG
BSP	Elia	HOPS	OKTE	SEPS	TTN
ČEPS	Energinet	HUPX	OMIE	Statnett	ETPA
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3rd parties

Satocom	BEA	E-Bridge	JAO	Magnus Energy	NEMO Committee
ARIGA					

Observers

ACER	EC	EMS	Entso-E	MEMO	MEPSO
OST	SEEPEX	Swissgrid	Creg		

Present	By phone	Not attending
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0. Meeting agenda

1#	Topic	For	Presenter	File*
1	Welcome, practicalities		10:30 – 10:40	
1.1	Confirm quorum	Inf	MCSC PMO	▪
1.2	Adoption of the agenda	Dec	Co-Chairs	▪
1.3	Matching of pre-aligned NEMO Vote and TSO Vote	Inf	MCSC PMO	▪
2	JOINT – General points		10:40 – 11:00	
2.1	Approval of minutes (internal and external)	Dec	Co-Chairs	▪
2.2	Review of action points	Inf	MCSC PMO	▪
2.3	EnC Accession	Dec	Co-Chairs	▪
2.4	Prioritisation	Dec	Co-Chairs	▪
3	JOINT – Decisions requested & for information topics		11:00 – 11:30	
3.1	Com TF (5 min) - <i>Planning and agenda of the IDA pre-launch event</i>	Dec	Com TF Co-conveners	▪
3.2	MCCG (10 min) - <i>MCCG High Level Agenda</i>	Dec	MCCG Co-Conveners	▪
3.3	Legal TF (15 min) - <i>IDOA Amendment – Exhibits 1, 3, 4; Art. 11.4.6.3</i> - <i>IDOA Exhibit 13 & DAOA Annex 5 correction</i>	Inf Dec	LTF Co-Conveners	▪
4	SIDC – Decisions requested		11:30 – 12:00	
4.1	SIDC MSD (10 min) - <i>Status of FB MVP</i>	Inf	SIDC MSD Co-Conveners	▪
4.2	SIDC QARM (15 min) - <i>Status of XBID UAT</i> - <i>Status of IDA FITs</i> - <i>Status of IDA SITs</i> - <i>BRM planning</i>	Inf Inf Inf Inf	SIDC QARM Co-Conveners	▪
5	SDAC – Decisions requested		12:00 – 12:45	
5.1	SDAC SIM TF (10 min) - <i>SF Tender team</i> - <i>SF Tender timeline update</i>	Dec Inf	SDAC SIM TF Co-Conveners	▪
5.2	SDAC MSD (10 min) - <i>Co-optimisation</i>	Inf	SDAC MSD Co-Conveners	▪

	- R&D Roadmap			
5.3	SDAC QARM (10 min) - 15 min MTU freeze period	Dec	SDAC QARM Co-Conveners	■
5.4	SDAC OPSOM (10 min) - Market resilience assessment (data provision to algorithm) follow-up - Second auction event reporting process & template - Mandate for RfC go-live approval	Inf Dec Dec	SDAC OPSCOM Co-Chairs	■
6	AOB - 2024 Planning - Finnish incident alternative measures - Mandate agreement & PMO contract status - BMTF overview of Q4 2023 costs			12:45 – 12:55
8	Meeting closure			12:55 – 13:00

* in these tables: ■ = material included in session file; ? = session file is expected to be delivered later; X = no corresponding session file

List of approved decisions

#	Topic	Approved decision	Type of decision
2	JOINT – General points		
2.3	EnC Accession	MCSC approves mandate for SDAC/SIDC QARM and/or SDAC/SIDC MSD to include the effect of EnC countries in any future algorithm performance assessment, starting from assumptions already included in the MCO Integration plan and improving them if possible (within the set deadline).	All voting members
		MCSC approves mandate for LTF to prepare timeline and list of deliverables for legal accessions of EnC countries for next MSCS.	All voting members
		MCSC approves mandate for SDAC and SIDC QARMS to prepare timeline and list of deliverables incl. necessary resources for onboarding and technical accessions of EnC countries for next MSCS.	All voting members
2.4	Prioritisation	MCSC acknowledges the communicated positions and agrees to further work on the prioritization exercise, namely preparation of more detailed roadmap.	All voting members
		MCSC urges all local/regional projects to provide timely realistic go-live proposals for the years 2026-2027.	All voting members
3	JOINT – Decisions requested & for information topics		
3.1	Com TF	MCSC approves the agenda for the upcoming IDA Pre-Launch Event and the invitation.	All voting members
3.2	MCCG	MCSC approves the #5 MCCG High-level agenda.	All voting members
3.3	Legal TF	MCSC approves the updated wording of IDOA Exhibit 13 (Contact List).	All voting members
		MCSC approves the updated wording of DAOA Annex 5 (Parties' contact and invoicing details).	All voting members
5	SDAC – Decisions requested		
5.1	SDAC SIM TF	MCSC approves the composition of the SF Tender team.	All SDAC voting members
		MCSC approves the proposed compensation for the SF Tender team based on the name list, envisioned role, and MD estimation.	All SDAC voting members
5.3	SDAC QARM	MCSC approves the 15 min MTU freeze period for Type III RfCs for SDAC from beginning of SIT (22/10/2024, subject to modification) to Go-live (21/01/2025).	All SDAC voting members
5.4	SDAC OPSCOM	MCSC approves the standardized process and template for SDAC second auction event reporting.	All SDAC voting members
		MCSC approves mandating SDAC OPSCOM to approve the combined go-live for RfCs “MNA on FR-ES border”, “Changes of ATC Lines configuration in SCF for ALDE-ALBE, FR-DE and DE-NL”, and “Decommissioning of the Belgian Allocation Constraint (AC) for SDAC process”.	All SDAC voting members

1. Welcome, practicalities

The chairs open the meeting by welcoming TSOs and NEMOs.

1.1) Confirm quorum

- The MCSC attendance is meeting the quorum requirements.

1.2) Adoption of the agenda

The meeting agenda is approved.

1.3) Matching of pre-aligned NEMO Vote and TSO Vote

- The list of pre-aligned NEMO and TSO votes is established.

2. JOINT – General points

2.1) Approval of minutes (internal and external)

Minutes of the MCSC meeting on 13/12/2024 are approved.

2.2) Review of action points

Action points will be reviewed and for open points, new deadline shall be agreed with respective conveners.

2.3) EnC Accession

While EnC Contracting Parties have been progressing on the transposition of the Electricity Market Integration Package, working towards the accession to the MCSC SDAC and SIDC projects, MCSC has been developing a sound accession strategy & planning, including the preparation of necessary resources for educating/onboarding of EnC countries' NEMOs and TSOs. To this end, January MCSC has discussed the current status of the identified pre-requisites, deliverables, and the timeline for the EnC countries' accession. The material is envisioned to be elaborated on and presented for MCSC approval during March MCSC meeting.

2.4) Prioritisation

During the December 2023 PCG meeting and a dedicated January 2024 call, discussion on the prioritisation principles, scope and the next steps has continued. As a part of the meetings' outputs, MCSC position specifying that the prioritisation will apply only as of 2nd half of 2025 onwards and will include EMD-relevant parts was confirmed. As a part of next steps, ACER is expected to provide the list of regulatory projects and to align with MCSC TSOs and NEMOs on the implementation timelines in the scope of the prioritization. MCSC will further work on the long-term roadmap/outlook for the projects already in the pipeline.

3. JOINT – Decisions requested & for information topics

3.1) Com TF

As the Go-Live of SIDC IDAs is approaching, Com TF, in coordination with MCSC SIDC Conveners, has been working on the IDA Pre-launch event.

3.2) MCCG

Date for the #5 MCCG has been set on 26/02/2024. The agenda reflects actions taken and open points raised during the #4 MCCG as well as continued topics and questions raised during the engagement with MPs after the last session. MCCG preparation team will work on the MCCG session file which is to be presented for MCSC approval in mid-February.

3.3) Legal TF

Update on the finalisation of the IDOA Amendment was provided concerning the open point in the main body and finalisation of Exhibit 1.

Moreover, due to inconsistency between main body of joint contract and contact list annexes, the text in the annexes was updated providing for a more streamlined contact detail update process.

4. SIDC – Decisions requested & for information topics

4.1) SIDC MSD

Issues encountered as part of the Flow-based MVP design discussions were presented, incl. status update on the available alternative solutions.

More information about the next steps and potential mitigations will be presented to MCSC in March.

4.2) SIDC QARM

Update on IDA FIT and SIT status was provided, highlighting the challenges and considerations for IDA go-live preparations. The fixes are currently being deployed in order to conclude the testing successfully. Mainly, post-coupling testing requires attention of all parties.

Concerning BRM accession to intraday continuous trading, technical issues discovered shall be resolved, clarifying impact on the system design.

5. SDAC – Decisions requested & for information topics

5.1) SDAC SIM TF

NEMO and TSO volunteers to join the tendering team were presented.

From the timeline perspective, main milestones were highlighted noting that updates due to LTF review are needed.

5.2) SDAC MSD

SDAC MSD updated the Euphemia R&D roadmap based on the feedback from previous MCSC and JET-A meetings including the expected timeline for the Co-optimisation R&D in 2024. Co-optimisation R&D needs to be clarified among TSOs and NEMOs until the end of Q1 2024 with the aim to reuse the available tools.

5.3) SDAC QARM

Proposed set-up for the SDAC 15 MTU testing and implementation was presented, namely the proposed “freeze period” for RfC in order to ensure stable implementation of 15 MTU in DA.

5.4) SDAC OPSCOM

SDAC OPSCOM has prepared a standardized process and template for second auction event reporting aimed at increasing transparency.

The Requests for Changes (RfCs) “MNA on FR-ES border”, “Changes of ATC Lines configuration in SCF for ALDE-ALBE, FR-DE and DE-NL” and “Decommissioning of the Belgian Allocation Constraint (AC) for SDAC process” are planned to go-live at the end of February given a successful outcome of the SDAC test.

6. AOB

7. Meeting closure

Parties thanked each other and the meeting was closed.