

Minutes Market Coupling Steering Committee Meeting

05. April 2024, Conference 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
SONI					

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

Topic	For	Presenter	File*
1 Welcome, practicalities		10:30 – 10:35	
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		10:35 – 10:40	
2.1 Approval of minutes (internal and external)	Dec	Co-Chairs	▪
2.2 Review of action points	Inf	MCSC PMO	▪
3 SIDC – Decisions requested		10:40 – 11:40	
3.1 SIDC QARM (50 min) - IDA GL preparation status (preliminary information) - Request on guidance for next steps in case there is deviation from the approved timeline (it will be known only on 04/04)	Dec	SIDC QARM Co-Conveners	▪
3.2 SIDC OPSCOM (10 min) - Joint IDA procedures	Dec	SIDC OPSCOM Co-chairs	▪
4 SDAC – Decisions requested		11:40 – 12:00	
4.1 SDAC SIM TF (10 min) - SF tender contract values	Dec	SDAC SIM TF Co-Conveners	▪
4.2 SDAC MSD (10 min) - Co-optimisation update	Inf	SDAC MSD Co-Conveners	▪
5 JOINT – Decisions requested & for information topics		12:00 – 12:10	
5.1 Com TF (5 min) - MCSC email address	Dec	Com TF Co-Conveners	▪
5.2 Expert onboarding material approval (5 min)	Dec	PMO / Co-chairs	▪
6 AOB - PCG 04/04 debrief - PMO staffing update - Go Live Organization for the 6th wave of continuous market ('BRM LIP') - MCCG #6 meeting date confirmation - Rescheduling of MCSC IDA GL GO/NO-GO decision ad-hoc call		12:10 – 12:25	
7 Meeting closure		12:25 – 12:30	
8 Without third parties (separate invite)		12:30 – 13:00	

- SDAC QARM: 15 min MTU mitigation measures	
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* 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		Type of decision
1 & 2 JOINT		
2.1	Adoption of the agenda	The meeting agenda is approved. All Voting members
2.2	Approval of minutes	The minutes of the MCSC meeting on 06/03/2024 are approved. The minutes extract of the 06/03 meeting is approved for publication under the dedicated SDAC & SIDC section at the ENTSO-E and NC websites. All Voting members
3 SIDC		
3.1	SIDC QARM	In the context of status of risks and (non)readiness of IDA central/regional and local systems, MCSC approves to start the Trial period. MCSC acknowledges the mitigation measures proposed in case of TEL non-readiness, considers them viable from business perspective and asks QARM to further elaborate and propose option for the IDA go-live to be approved in the next MCSC meeting. All SIDC Voting members
3.2	SIDC OPSCOM	The MCSC approves joint IDA, SIDC, and IDCT procedures. All SIDC Voting members
4 SDAC		
4.1	SDAC SIM TF	MCSC approves the estimated SF tender contract values, including proposed development costs, maintenance & support costs, contract duration, and final contract values. All SDAC Voting members
5 JOINT		
5.2	Expert onboarding material approval	MCSC approves the Expert onboarding material and agrees to share the materials with experts and observers. All 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

Two AOB points were included in the agenda. Also, SDAC QARM was moved to the start of the SDAC block.

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

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

2. JOINT Part – General points

2.1) Approval of minutes (internal & external)

Minutes of the MCSC meeting on 06/03/2024 are approved.

2.2) Review of action points

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

3. SIDC – Decisions requested & Information

3.1) SIDC QARM



SIDC QARM summarises the status of IDA Testing – Regarding FIT, the initial scope of the tests is closed. Retesting of a bug fix in CIP is ongoing, and test of disco setup is scheduled. In line with MCSC decision, validation of nominations and matching is divided into 2 processes. As for 25/03, one nomination is not completed yet and status of nominations on a few other borders is reopened due to unreadiness of balancing system. Planning and preparation for Extended Full Chain Scenario test is completed. Regarding SIT, SIT1 testing is completed (there is follow up on minor points which were not considered as blocking points). SIDC QARM recommends and MCSC confirms to continue with SIT testing and Trial period for IDA go-live.

For XBID Releases, the initial scope of testing of R4.0 is completed, Extended test of the bug found in the Shipping module is scheduled.

SIDC QARM provides updates on other ongoing activities as included in the QARM Progress Report.

3.2) SIDC OPSCOM

SIDC OTF reported that the joint IDA, SIDC, IDCT procedures were finalized and available for MCSC approval.

4. SDAC – Decisions requested & information

4.1) SDAC SIM TF

SDAC SIM TF presents the cost break-down for three tender contract values (minimum, probable, maximum) that are required for European tenders. MCSC approval is needed for these costs, and they should be reflected in the 2025 budget.

4.2) SDAC MSD

SDAC MSD provides an update on the Co-Optimization R&D activities and next steps. Recently, SDAC MSD has established a Co-opt SG to build a realistic prototype to support the understanding of the implication of existing requirements and enable improvements where needed.

The Co-opt SG has prepared an initial requirements document and an evaluation of the bidding structure as defined in the current set of legal requirements. SDAC MSD and the Co-opt SG need to focus further on the exploration of the R&D options tackling the defined open points and ongoing discussion. Co-opt SG will provide the updated scope options to SDAC MSD for review and preparation of the MCSC discussion, leading to the launch of the R&D.

Based on the above, initial estimation of the work required to scope the R&D cannot be followed. Hence, it was suggested to extend the original schedule for the R&D work.

5. JOINT Part – Decisions requested & information

5.1) Com TF

Based on the Com TF discussion on how to improve external communication regarding future MCSC events, it was suggested to create a common MCSC email address. Due to the diverging views among Com TF members, the topic was escalated for MCSC to provide its guidance.

5.2) Expert onboarding material approval

Since Q4 2023, PMOs have been working on MCSC Expert onboarding materials. The materials were designed to facilitate the onboarding process of experts joining MCSC Working groups, possibly being used also as an information sharing channel with newly joining parties. Materials summarise basic yet key information about the organisational and procedural set-up of respective groups within the context of MCSC, serving as a first point of reference for inquiries and sharing of basic information about the cooperation under MCSC. Materials were reviewed by Chairs and Conveners during Q1 2024 and are provided for MCSC approval.

Regular updates of the materials stored on ProjectPlace are to be ensured by PMOs.

6. AOB

7. Meeting closure

Parties thanked each other and the meeting was closed.