

Minutes Market Coupling Steering Committee Meeting

05. June 2024, Helsinki, Physical meeting

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
CEPS	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	JSC MO	

Present	By phone	Not attending
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0. Meeting agenda

Topic		For	Presenter	File*
1	Welcome, practicalities		09:00-09:10 GMT+3	
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		09:10-09:30 GMT+3	
2.1	Approval of minutes (internal and external)	Dec	Co-chairs	■
2.2	Review of action points	Inf	MCSC PMO	■
2.3	MCSC Market Coupling Workshop 04/06 Helsinki – wrap-up	Inf	Co-chairs/ PMO	■
2.4	EnC Information Package approval	Dec	Co-chairs/ PMO	■
2.5	Voting tool statical data update & IDOA and DAOA Annexes update approval	Dec	Co-chairs/ PMO	■
2.6	ProjectPlace back up and cyber security set-up proposal	Dec	JAO/LTF	■
3	JOINT – Decisions requested & information		09:30-10:30 GMT+3	
3.1	Legal TF (20 min) - Status update - Approval of notice to Planview - Approval of observer cost sharing & responsibility proposal	Inf Dec Dec	LTF Co- Conveners	■
3.2	BMTF (15 min) - Status update - 2023 CACM cost report - Cost monitoring (KPI's)	Inf Inf Inf	BMTF Co- conveners	■
3.3	Com TF (10 min) - Status update - Joint email box for external communication - PR on IDAs go live	Inf Dec Dec	Com TF Co- conveners	■
3.4	MCCG (15 min) - MCCG #6 pre-final supporting document	Dec	MCCG Co- Conveners	■
COFFEE BREAK 10:30-10:45				
4	SIDC – Decisions requested & information		10:45-11:40 GMT+3	

4.1	SIDC MSD (20 min) - Status update - Completion of IDA process configuration - FB design modifications and alternative solutions including resources involvement perspective	Inf Inf Dec	SIDC MSD Co- Conveners	■
4.2	SIDC QARM (20 min) - Status update - Planning for H2-2024, 2025 and beyond	Inf/ Dec	SIDC QARM Co- Conveners	■
4.3	SIDC OPSCOM (15 min) - Status update - OTF: revised joint procedure approval	Inf Dec	SIDC OPSCOM / OTF Co- Chairs	■
5 SDAC – Decisions requested & information			11:40-12:45 GMT+3	
5.1	SDAC SIM TF (20 min) - SF tender timeline update - FSFO role set-up	Inf Inf	SDAC SIM TF Co- Conveners	■
5.2	SDAC MSD (15 min) - Euphemia solver update - 15Min MTU simulation update - Co-optimization update - SDAC MSD Roadmap	Inf Inf Dec Inf	SDAC MSD Co- Conveners	■
5.3	SDAC QARM (15 min) - Roadmap - BRM Status update - SDAC Change Control procedure	Inf Inf Dec	SDAC QARM Co- Conveners	■
5.4.	SDAC OPSCOM (15 min) - RfC go-lives - Status update	Dec Inf	SDAC OPSCOM Co- Conveners	■
LUNCH 12:45-13:30				
6	AOB - Information about Magnus Energy client satisfaction survey - NEMO report			13:30-13:45 GMT+3
7	Market coupling WS – remaining points for discussion			13:45-16:00 GMT+3
8	Meeting closure			16:00 GMT+3

* 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	Proposed decision	Type	
2.4	EnC Information Package approval	MCSC approves the EnC Information Package for sharing via the EnC Secretariat.	All members
2.5	Voting tool statical data update & IDOA and DAOA Annexes update approval	MCSC approves the updated Annex 13 of SDAC DAOA and Exh 20 of SIDC IDOA.	All members
		MCSC approves the proposed process for statistical data update on ProjectPlace – PMO to update the statistical data for QMV once per year. This shall be done in Q2 of each year and MCSC is to be notified once done and applicability date. Update of the Annexes shall be always subject of MCSC approval.	All members
		MCSC takes note of the updated statistical data for QMV to enter into force on the 1st of July 2024 and visual update of the Voting tool Excel file.	All members
2.6	ProjectPlace back up and cyber security set-up proposal	MCSC agrees to start using 2-factor authentication for ProjectPlace access as of beginning of September 2024.	All members
3 JOINT – Decisions requested & information			

3.1	Legal TF	The MCSC approves the draft notice to Planview and the template declaration for observers.	All members
3.2	BMTF	MCSC approves to allocate contingency (28k for SDAC and 12k for SIDC), to allow the additional CR's of PMB 13.1 to materialize.	All members
3.3	Com TF	MCSC approves the establishment of info@mcsc-communication.eu as an email address.	All members
		MCSC approves the draft PRs of IDAs and approve to publish the relevant one on 14 June.	All members
3.4	MCCG	MCSC approves the MCCG #6 pre-final supporting document for sharing with market parties for initial review and feedback.	All members
4 SIDC – Decisions requested & information			
4.1	SIDC MSD	MCSC approves extension of the doers budget assigned to SIDC MSD from original value of 10kEUR to 50kEUR and approves to compensate from this budget also efforts of EPEX reported for period 24/01-26/04/2024 in amount of 40,25 hours (MCSC standard rate).	All SIDC members
		MCSC approves for work on FB to involve and compensate from doers budget external resources hired by TSOs or NEMOs with daily rate exceeding the default daily rate 1000EUR/day (ie MCSC standard rate) subject to confirmation of resource involvement by SIDC MSD.	All SIDC members
		MCSC approves with regard to Hybrid FB design assessment option 1 including following details (a) IDA results will be delivered to TSOs for ATC extraction immediately when the results are available to NEMOs.	All SIDC members
		MCSC approves the next steps regarding analysis for FB implementation to continuous trading following Option C proposal (single FB Domain): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparation of the paper explaining analysed design, challenges and alternative solutions by SIDC MSD resources. 	All SIDC members
4.2	SIDC QARM	MCSC acknowledges proposed SIDC organization after IDA Go Live (IDA SG merged with MSD with a dedicated timeslot, other project bodies follow option 1 – similar responsibilities as today).	All SIDC members
		MCSC acknowledges the status of ongoing planning discussion.	All SIDC members
		MCSC confirms that all outstanding IDA related points are resolved.	All SIDC members
4.3	SIDC OPSCOM	The MCSC approves the revised joint SIDC & IDA procedures (SIDC_JOINT_OTH_02, SIDC_JOINT_FAL_01, IDA_JOINT_BUP_22, IDA_JOINT_EXC_03) and their replacement in IDOA Exhibit 6).	All SIDC members
		The MCSC mandates SIDC OTF to amend and SIDC OPSCOM to validate the annexes (e.g., IC report template) of SIDC_JOINT_FAL_01 procedure without the approval process of MCSC.	All SIDC members
5 SDAC – Decisions requested & information			
5.2	SDAC MSD	MCSC approves the enhanced communication plan between SDAC MSD and ACER under the JET-A.	All SDAC members
5.3	SDAC QARM	MCSC acknowledges that the SDAC CCP might not be ready in time for IDA go-live, meaning that for several weeks, the process for changes in SDAC due to IDAs might not be optimally covered in the Change Control Procedure.	All SDAC members

5.4.	SDAC OPSCOM	<p>MCSC provides SDAC OPSCOM mandate to approve the go-live of RfCs “Curtaillable block orders to be activated in OTE’s order book in CZ bidding area (CZ BZ)”, and for the go-live of “PMB 13.0 & Euphemia 11.3”, and connected with “Change in the overall limit of C02 block orders submitted on EPEX SPOT NEMO trading hubs and introduction of C04 exclusive blocks to be parents to C02 linked families” and “Parent block of a linked family part of an exclusive group in EMCO trading system”.</p> <p>The mandate is to apply for the situation where no special circumstances arise in the SDAC tests. In case of unusual circumstance, an ad-hoc MCSC call will be requested to approve the go-live.</p>	All SDAC members
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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 30/04/2024 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.

2.3) MCSC Market Coupling Workshop 04/06 Helsinki – Wrap-up

2.4) EnC Information Package approval

MCSC previously agreed on a process to share a redacted information package with EnC countries. This package has been reviewed and modified by the Com TF and MCSC WGs. MCSC approval is requested to share this final version with EnC countries via the EnC Secretariat.

2.5) Voting tool statical data update & IDOA and DAOA Annexes update approval

Statistical data for calculating voting shares and thresholds in MCSC is included in specific documents (SDAC DAOA Annex 13 & SIDC IDOA Exh 20). Proposal is to store data on ProjectPlace to simplify the update process. MCSC will be requested to approve the update and its effective date. Improved Voting tool layout for clear vote identification and outcome shall be implemented.

2.6) ProjectPlace back up and cyber security set-up proposal

Regular backups of ProjectPlace files shall be initiated. JAO informed MCSC about the ongoing evaluation of a solution for quarterly backups.

Additionally, JAO proposes enforcing 2-factor authentication for PP logins to improve security to be implemented for MCSC storage.

3. JOINT Part – Decisions requested & information

3.1) Legal TF

LTF finalized the draft notice to Planview and the draft declaration for observers, both requiring MCSC approval.



Status about other LTF ongoing activities was provided - The review of the CSE SLA Amendment is in progress (replaces existing CSE SLA for SDAC to cover both SDAC and SIDC services), work on the Accession EnC Action Plan is ongoing. The review of the Template Mandate Agreement for future tenders is also ongoing.

3.2) BMTF

Update on 2023 CACM Cost Report is provided in the meeting. The draft 2023 CACM cost report is under review by internal teams and an external service provider. MCSC can expect the final report for review by mid-June 2024.

To track budget consumption and resource usage across different working groups, a new dashboard is available. Additional Change Requests (CRs) for SDAC tooling require contingency allocation as they were not budgeted for in 2024.

3.3) Com TF

Com TF provides an update on the status of creating common MCSC email address. The email address would be considered as the Single Point of Contact (SPOC) for external communication.

PRs for the IDAs go live were prepared, requiring MCSC approval.

Additionally, Com TF Conveners provide an update on the finalisation process of the EnC information package and the support provided for the MCCG #6 preparation.

3.4) MCCG

MCCG meeting is planned for June 27th, 2024 covering key SDAC and SIDC topics and updates. Session file is being finalised and will be approved after the MCSC meeting incorporating the main outcomes.

4. SIDC – Decisions requested & Information

4.1) SIDC MSD

SIDC MSD informs that the configurations for the IDA launch are finalized, including extended message delivery time and Romanian Bidding Zone inclusion.

Further, MCSC is informed that XBID 4.2 specification review is ongoing, potentially, while Flow-Based design testing revealed issues with order books, routing, and performance. Solutions proposed by SIDC MSD are under review, and additional resources might be needed.

4.2) SIDC QARM

SIDC QARM activity update is provided, mainly providing insights on IDA go-live preparations. Ongoing Activities focus on XBID R4.1 Testing, System Boundary Optimization (performance improvements needed).

Following the IDA go-live, the organisation of SIDC will require optimisation. Highlighted changes are: IDA related topics will become part of the SIDC MSD after Go Live. Other project bodies will continue until major implementations (like 15-MTU) are finished (estimated 1 year).

4.3) SIDC OPSCOM

SIDC OPSCOM provided MCSC an update about the occurrence of operational incidents and incident management as well as implemented changes.

Last updates of procedures were introduced by OTF for better communication and handling of IDAs. MCSC is asked to approve these changes to be applicable as of IDA go-live.

5. SDAC – Decisions requested & information

5.1) SDAC SIM TF

SDAC SIM TF provides latest information about the ongoing activities. The timeline was updated due to LTF review processes. Further, FSFO Role Transfer is being discussed in the SIM TF, especially due to the increased workload connected to new SF users (NRAs). SIM TF proposes extending the FSFO role to non-PCR members (temporarily). SDAC SIM TF will explore options how the role extension to non-PCR members could be done.

5.2) SDAC MSD

SDAC MSD highlights that Xpress Solver Decision is needed by July 31st to avoid extra costs. New solver meets current time limits, with the potential for improvement.

Updates on 15-Min MTU activities was provided. Any identified improvements needed for the algorithm should be based on early results.

Co-Optimization R&D work is ongoing. Any stakeholder discussions shall be organised within the current governance structures.

5.3) SDAC QARM



SDAC QARM provides 15-Minute MTU Update. Readiness for the 15-minute MTU testing launch in mid June is monitored and pre-coupling systems are mostly on track.

SDAC QARM highlights that the Change Control Procedure update for IDAs shall be ready shortly after the go-live.

5.4) SDAC OPSCOM

SDAC OPSCOM informed about the upcoming RfCs and Go-Lives.

On the Decoupling training, SDAC OPSCOM informs on the high initial interest and lower participation in nomination exercises. In the upcoming MCCG meeting, the objective is to discuss training usefulness and explore additional MP testing scenarios. Next training will be included in 15-minute MTU Market participants testing.

6. AOB

7. Market coupling WS – Remaining points for discussion

8. Meeting closure

Parties thanked each other and the meeting was closed.

