

Minutes Market Coupling Steering Committee Meeting

10. July 2024, Conference call

Present SDAC and/or SIDC parties

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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
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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	JSC MO	

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 – 11:15	
2.1	Approval of minutes (internal and external)	Dec	Co-Chairs	▪
2.2	Review of action points	Inf	MCSC PMO	▪
2.3	Athens MCSC meeting travel arrangement and accommodation costs	Dec	Co-Chairs	▪
2.4	Re-initiation of Gov TF	Dec	Co-Chairs	▪
2.5	Operational resilience and external communication process	Dec	SDAC & SIDC OPSCOM Com TF & Co-chairs	▪
3	JOINT – Decisions requested & for information topics		11:15 – 11:40	
3.1	Legal TF (5 min) - General status update on various LTF deliverables	Inf	Legal TF Co-Conveners	▪
3.2	BMTF (10 min) - 2023 CACM cost report	Dec	BMTF TF Co-Conveners	▪
3.3	MCCG (10 min) - MCCG # 6 feedback	Inf	MCCG Co-Conveners	▪
4	SDAC – Decisions requested		11:40 – 12:20	
4.1	SDAC SIM TF (10 min) - DisCo in SF - FSFO role set-up - SF tender update	Inf Inf Inf	SDAC SIM TF Co-Conveners	▪
4.2	SDAC MSD (10 min) - Xpress solver - Co-opt SG update	Dec Dec	SDAC MSD Co-Conveners	▪
4.3	SDAC QARM (10 min) - SDAC CCP - SDAC Roadmap - 15minMTU progress	Dec Inf Inf	SDAC QARM Co-Conveners	▪

4.4	SDAC OPSCOM (10 min) - <i>Optimisation of operational timings: partial decoupling timing</i> - <i>Partial decoupling (25/06)</i>	Inf Inf	SDAC OPSCOM Co- Chairs	▪
5	SIDC – Decisions requested		12:20 – 12:40	
5.1	SIDC QARM (10 min) - <i>SIDC Roadmap</i>	Dec	SIDC QARM Co-Conveners	▪
5.2	SIDC OPSCOM (10 min) - <i>Long-term IDA indicators</i> - <i>15 Min MTU Implementation</i> - <i>Implementation of AVACS</i>	Inf Inf Dec	SIDC OPSCOM Co-Chairs	▪
6	AOB - <i>Extension of the number of PP access licenses & other related updates</i> - <i>Clarification of voting rules</i> - <i>TSO AoBs: TSOs' Progress on the MCOA, RCC and JAO participation, Update on co-optimisation governance</i> - <i>NEMO update on Algo Methodology amendment</i>			12:40 – 13:00
7	Meeting closure			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

ID	Decision Description	Remark(s)/Result(s)
	The meeting agenda is approved.	Unanimously approved
	The minutes [PP] of the MCSC meeting on 05/06/2024 are approved. The minutes extract of the 05/06 meeting is approved for publication under the dedicated SDAC & SIDC section at the ENTSO-E and NC websites.	Unanimously approved
	MCSC acknowledges that PMO can reimburse accommodation costs for September MCSC up to 250 EUR per night.	Unanimously approved
	MCSC approves to re-activate Gov TF from the 1 September 2024, with the nomination for members to be provided by 15 August 2024, and ToR to be updated by the Gov TF with possible submission for approval in September MCSC.	Not approved – postponed to September 2024
	MCSC approves OPSCOM & Com TF to review the current proposed drafts for external communication using the defined templates on SDAC and SIDC (e.g. PD, SOB down).	Unanimously approved
	MCSC approves that until a new procedure on external publication is approved, the following process for SDAC and SIDC (not IDAs) will apply: COM TF convenors to fill in the templates together with OPSCOM (inputs to be provided in OPSCOM post-incident meeting), and after green light from the MCSC co-chairs and owner of the Incident these will be published on NC and ENTSO-E webpages.	Unanimously approved (with addition)
	MCSC approved to use ad hoc reporting (not a press release) in case of IDA cancellation at least until mid-September following the Com TF prepared template that will be shared with MCSC for deemed approval after the 10/07 meeting.	Unanimously approved (after modification in the meeting)
	MCSC approves Com TF to prepare the new procedure for external publishing.	Unanimously approved
	MCSC validates the 2023 CACM cost report and agrees to proceed with its submission for NC and ENTSO-E approval.	Unanimously approved (after modification in the meeting)
	MCSC approves the extension of Xpress solver license until 15th September 2026 and the costs associated with it.	Unanimously approved
	MCSC approves SDAC MSD to mandate N-Side to start negotiations with IBM for a CPLEX extension until June 2026, but no later than December 2026.	Unanimously approved
	MCSC approves the SDAC Change Control Procedure and agrees to initiate follow-up review of an updated version.	Unanimously approved (after modification in the meeting)
	MCSC acknowledges updated SIDC planning.	Unanimously approved
	MCSC approves the proposal of DBAG for the solving of “Slow generation of CZC files XBID-7301”. This fix will be part of the R.4.1, without negative impact on the 4.1 testing and 4.2 development. Change Request is estimated to be 48 794 EUR for	Unanimously approved (after modification in the meeting)

	DBAG's internal implementation and test, and 3 416 EUR additional yearly maintenance fee. MCSC gives mandate to SIDC QARM for the finalization of the CR process and the planification of this release. In case MCSC provide their go on 10/7, the version would be made available by DBAG on 11.09.2024.	
	The MCSC approves 1800 EUR budget for the Implementation of AVACS.	Unanimously approved

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 05/06/2024 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) Athens MCSC meeting travel arrangement and accommodation costs

Practical organisation of the next physical meeting is discussed, including travel costs for the PMO team.

2.4) Re-initiation of Gov TF

The MCSC Gov TF re-activation from September 2024 is discussion with high-level overview of expected activities. Further, Gov TF ToRs may require an update and members shall be nominated.

2.5) Operational resilience and external communication process

Discussions are initiated on improving operational resilience and external communication, including clarifying communication processes and reviewing message templates following the IDA go-live and relevant operational incidents. MCSC agrees on the next steps to further elaborate the solutions and clarify the external communication process for future cases.

3. JOINT Part – Decisions requested & information

3.1) Legal TF

LTF provides an update on the currently ongoing activities, including review of contractual documentations for the tender, follow-up on the EnC accession action points, and CSE SLA amendment.

3.2) BMTF

The BMTF informs MCSC about pre-final version of the 2023 CACM cost report for MCSC validation. The report will be shared with Nemo Committee and All TSOs for approval following incorporation of recent additions and changes.

3.3) MCCG

Debrief from the last MCCG meeting (27/06) is provided to MCSC. Feedback from market participants on 15 MTU testing optimization and go-live planning was received. Next steps include follow-up on feedback, finalizing answers to questions, and publication of MCCG #6 Q&A and recording.

4. SDAC – Decisions requested & information

4.1) SDAC SIM TF

SIM TF provides an update on the tender preparation. Moreover, key activities cover implementation of Distributed Computing (DisCo) in SF and role set-up for the FSFO. These topics will require MCSC decisions and/or further discussion in the coming period following further clarification and a proposal.

4.2) SDAC MSD

SDAC MSD informs MCSC about the Euphemia solver showing improved performance. A proposal is raised to transition from CPLEX to Xpress solver.

Co-optimisation R&D initiated conceptual study to define set of use cases based on which design considerations and requirements shall be elaborated. This conceptual study shall further continue with the clarification of design details in the next phase (until end of 2024).

4.3) SDAC QARM

SDAC QARM provides summary of the FIT1 testing conducted for the SDAC 15 min MTU central implementation, including the purpose, issues faced, and outcomes. It also discusses the readiness monitoring for pre-coupling, coupling, and post-coupling, as well as the plans for FIT2.

Given that the review of the SDAC CCP was finalised by all relevant working groups, SDAC QARM presents the CCP for MCSC approval. The section concludes with an update on the risks and issues in the SDAC roadmap.

4.4) SDAC OPSCOM

SDAC OPSCOM presents proposed operational timing optimizations for the day-ahead market coupling process: new partial decoupling deadline of 13:00 CET (currently set at 13:05 CET). Intending to improve the efficiency of the market coupling process.

Further, SDAC OPSCOM covers the partial decoupling incident that occurred on June 25, 2024, due to technical issues. SDAC OPSCOM is analysing the incident and proposing changes to the operational timings to prevent similar incidents in the future.

5. SIDC – Decisions requested & Information

5.1) SIDC QARM

SIDC QARM informs MCSC about ongoing activities following a successful IDA go-live. Follow-up change requests are presented and MCSC is asked to approve the CR for Slow generation of CZC files fix.

Main focus is on new XBID release quality assurance, discussions and investigation of system boundaries. The most optimal implementation timeline for mitigation measures and fixes is currently being discussed.

5.2) SIDC OPSCOM

SIDC OPSCOM requests MCSC approval of additional resources for implementation of AVACS due to increased testing costs.

In parallel, SIDC OPSCOM evaluates Algorithm Monitoring requirements for IDA performance indicators in collaboration with the Day-Ahead and Intraday reporting teams.

Coordination is underway for the efficient organization and coordination of the IDCT & IDA 15' MTU switch.

6. AOB

7. Meeting closure

Parties thanked each other and the meeting was closed.

