

MCSC meeting minutes

16.09.2026

Minutes

Title of Meeting Market Coupling Steering Committee (MCSC)

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Attendance list

- R: organisation represented
- P: person attending
- T: organisation not represented

Institution	16-Sep
50Hertz	R
ADMIE	R
Amprion	R
APG	R
AST	R
Baltic Cable	R
ČEPS	T
Creos	R
Eirgrid	R
Elering	R
ELES	R
Elia	R
Energinet	R
ESO	R
Fingrid	R
HOPS	R
Kraftnät Åland	T
Litgrid	R
MAVIR	R
PSE	R
REE	R
REN	R
RTE	R
SEPS	R
SONI (TSO)	T
Statnett	R
Svenska Kraftnät	R
Terna	R
Transelectrica	T
TransnetBW	R
TenneT Germany	R
TenneT Netherlands	R
BRM	T
BSP	R
CROPEX	T
EPEX SPOT	R
ETPA	R
EXAA	T
GME	R
HEnEx	R
HUPX	R
IBEX	R
Nord Pool EMCO	R
OKTE	R
OMIE	R
OPCOM	R
OTE	R
SONI (SEMOpX)	T
Eirgrid (NEMO)	T
TGE	R

1.1) Confirmation of quorum

The MCSC quorum is confirmed by the MCSC PMO.

1.2) Meeting agenda

ID	Decision
861	The meeting agenda of the MCSC meeting (16/09/2026) is approved.

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

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

1.4) List of action points

New action points agreed in the meeting:

ID	Action
11536	Gov TF and LTF to draft a detailed approach for access of 3rd parties [November MCSC]
11537	Gov TF to facilitate the collection and drafting of improvement points for MCSC organisation [November MCSC]
11538	LTF to provide a simple option to include the transfer of governance from Core Joint to MCSC
11539	Core Joint to provide a more detailed document on how integration would work
11540	PMO to share outcomes of decisions on third party access with Swissgrid
11541	PMO to inform PCR SC of the approval of Eirgrid and SONI to become SF subscribers
11542	PMO to inform Litgrid and CREG that their request for SF simulation results sharing/publication is approved.
11543	FEG conveners to execute a sanity check of the comprehensive document on fallback [23/09]
11544	SIDC QARM to present the overview of latencies based on the implemented KPIs and a proposal for testing or not testing of PTS increase production [October MCSC]
11545	COM TF to prepare a proposal for the improvement of IDA incident communication [October MCSC]
11546	SIDC OPSCOM to prepare a report on the 24/08 incident [October MCSC]
11547	SIM TF to prepare options for penetration test frequency [October MCSC]
11548	ITA TF to include the possibility of executing multiple tests per day in its considerations of the future market coupling architecture.
11549	BMTF and SDAC QARM conveners to clarify the cost reporting for C.JONET.

The following decisions are approved in the meeting.

ID	Decision
861	The meeting agenda of the MCSC meeting (16/09/2026) is approved.
862	MCSC agrees: The infeasibility solution is to be developed. It is important to detect and mitigate infeasibilities before 11:00. Additionally, this should be implemented in production on short notice—with the step-wise approach as a viable path. Implementation in IDAs could be foreseen after the implementation of FB in IDAs.
863	MCSC agrees: To ask LTF to provide a simple option to include the transfer of governance from Core Joint to MCSC.

	To ask Core Joint to provide a more detailed document on how integration would work.
864	MCSC approves Ben Schlautmann as PMO for SDAC and SIDC QARM
865	MCSC approves Lajos Valent (HUPX) as NEMO Gov TF co-convenor.
866	MCSC approves Jan Rönnback (EXT) as NEMO SDAC MSD convenor.
867	MCSC approves Gabriel Bonnet (Coreso) as SDAC OPSCOM TSO convenor from Jan/27 – Jan/29.
868	MCSC is not in a position to grant access to unredacted documents, as this cannot be provided to third parties without a regulatory framework between Switzerland and EU in force
869	MCSC is not in a position to grant access to working groups under MCSC to parties that are not Members of MCSC, without a regulatory framework between Switzerland and EU in force
870	MCSC confirms that the same go-live windows apply: Q1 for SDAC, Q4 for SIDC, with announcement and fulfilment of relevant preconditions 18 months before the go-live window.
871	MCSC confirms that this can be possible, depending on planning and technical aspects
872	MCSC approves the sharing of Litgrid simulation facility outcomes with the Lithuanian NRA
873	MCSC approves the CREG request to share a study including the outcomes of simulation facility done in the context of a study of high price in Belgium on 24/6/26
874	MCSC approves the request of EirGrid (as NEMO) and SONI (as NEMO) to become Subscribers to the SDAC Simulation Facility, in order to facilitate N-SIDE, acting on their behalf, to run simulations based on historical SDAC data, limited to the SEMOpX market data
875	MCSC approves the updated process for approval of sharing of simulation results
876	MCSC approves the agenda for 22/10 MCCG.
877	MCSC approves the extended assessment from FEG (evaluation of alternatives and reaction to ACER's proposal) as provided by FEG convenor on 11 th of September and agrees to send the complete document to ACER prior to the next PCG WS.
878	MCSC approves the 2026 & 2027 communication plan, including the communication approach defined for each milestone type.
879	MCSC approves that NIS2 compliance requirement should be added to the contract with relevant MCSC suppliers. (Cybersecurity TF to identify relevant suppliers that this requirement should be applied to and the evidence needed, subsequently LTF to proceed with the contractual changes). The requirement would only be included when new contracts are drafted or current contracts are amended.
880	MCSC approves that Cybersecurity TF is mandated to initiate the process of requesting proof of registration from the relevant suppliers with their local member state authority.
881	MCSC approves that a cybersecurity information sharing arrangement should be established under MCSC and Cybersecurity TF is mandated to lead the process and create a proposal in collaboration with other MC expert groups on how it can be arranged (including organisation, type of information to be shared).
882	MCSC approves Scenario 3 for extension of hosting services for PMI logger application. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] MCSC acknowledges that the extension of hosting services, if needed in 2026, will proportionally impact 2026 budget.
883	MCSC agrees to not test increase of PTS in production at this point in time.
884	MCSC approves AM & SH reports for June & July 2026.
885	MCSC approves IDA public incident report for IDA1 cancellation DD20260807.
886	MCSC approves IDA public incident report for IDA1 Automatic Partial Decoupling DD20260809.
887	MCSC approves that SIDC MSD will prepare the request for MVP regarding FB in CT, to be further aligned with DBAG, covering two alternatives for the matching algorithm: (a) one prioritising the continuous nature of matching, and (b) another prioritising multi-order matching, in order to also enable the evaluation of discrete-time matching, in line with ACER's request.

888	MCSC approves SIM TF to reallocate already allotted 2026 budget to cover additional CR development and testing.
889	MCSC approves the appointment of Claire Jonet as SDAC QARM SPoC for Core and CCCT questions.
890	MCSC approves SDAC OPSCOM mandate to confirm the go-live date of 'EPEX SPOT extension to the Baltics region'.
891	MCSC approves the updated planning of the Phase 2 simulations and Co-opt R2 report delivery.

1.5) Welcome, practicalities

The chairs open the meeting by welcoming TSOs and NEMOs.

2. JOINT Part – General points

2.1) Outcomes WS

MCSC validates the outcomes of the MCSC WS on 15/09.

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863	MCSC agrees: ▶ To ask LTF to provide a simple option to include the transfer of governance from Core Joint to MCSC. ▶ To ask Core Joint to provide a more detailed document on how integration would work.

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2.2) PMO staffing

MCSC approves Ben Schlautmann as PMO for SDAC and SIDC QARM.

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2.3) Convener mandates

MCSC discusses and approves the proposed convener mandates.

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866	MCSC approves Jan Rönnback (EXT) as NEMO SDAC MSD convenor.
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2.4) Request Swissgrid

MCSC discusses the requests from Swissgrid as MCSC Observer.

It is highlighted that a green light from the European Commission is a crucial pre-condition for accession to market coupling for any party outside the EU.

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870	MCSC confirms that the same go-live windows apply: Q1 for SDAC, Q4 for SIDC, with announcement and fulfilment of relevant preconditions 18 months before the go-live window.
871	MCSC confirms that this can be possible, depending on planning and technical aspects.

ID	Action
11540	PMO to share outcomes of decisions on third party access with Swissgrid

2.5) Request publication of SF results

MCSC has received and approved several requests for publication of results obtained through the SF, as well as access to the SF.

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873	MCSC approves the CREG request to share a study including the outcomes of simulation facility done in the context of a study of high price in Belgium on 24/6/26.
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11542	PMO to inform Litgrid and CREG that their request for SF simulation results sharing/publication is approved.
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3. JOINT Part – Decisions requested & Information

3.1)MCCG

MCSC approves the MCCG agenda for 22/10.

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876	MCSC approves the agenda for 22/10 MCCG.

3.2)Legal TF

Legal TF reports that the MCOA drafting is ongoing, with the aim to finalise in Q4 2026.

3.3)Fallback expert group

FEG presented feedback to the ACER-proposed fallback solution for MCSC approval. Following the approval the document will be shared with ACER.

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877	MCSC approves the extended assessment from FEG (evaluation of alternatives and reaction to ACER's proposal) and agrees to send the complete document to ACER prior to the next PCG WS.

ID	Action
11543	FEG conveners to execute a sanity check of the comprehensive document on fallback [23/09]

3.4)Com TF

MCSC approves the 2026 and 2027 communication plan.

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878	MCSC approves the 2026 & 2027 communication plan, including the communication approach defined for each milestone type.

3.5)BMTF

MCSC provides guidance related to the budgeting of possible future evolutions of regulations.

3.6)Cybersecurity TF

Cybersecurity TF shares the status of recent activities.

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880	MCSC approves that Cybersecurity TF is mandated to initiate the process of requesting proof of registration from the relevant suppliers with their local member state authority.
881	MCSC approves that a cybersecurity information sharing arrangement should be established under MCSC and Cybersecurity TF is mandated to lead the process and create a proposal in collaboration with other MC expert groups on how it can be arranged (including organisation, type of information to be shared).

3.7) ITA TF

ITA TF shares the results of the first assessment of the MCSC IT architecture.

3.8) Joint OPSCOM

MCSC agrees to postpone the approval of the joint SDAC-SIDC operational procedures document.

4. SIDC – Decisions requested & Information

4.1) SIDC QARM

MCSC is informed of the status of R5.1 testing and the updated roadmap (changes for FB in IDAs). MCSC approves the extension of hosting services for the PMI logger analysing tool and provides guidance regarding the testing of corrective measures (PROD activation of PTS modification).

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882	MCSC approves Scenario 3 for extension of hosting services for PMI logger application. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] MCSC acknowledges that the extension of hosting services, if needed in 2026, will proportionally impact 2026 budget.
883	MCSC agrees to not test increase of PTS in production at this point in time.

ID	Action
11544	SIDC QARM to present the overview of latencies based on the implemented KPIs and a proposal for testing or not testing of PTS increase production [October MCSC]

4.2) SIDC OPSCOM

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884	MCSC approves AM & SH reports for June & July 2026.
885	MCSC approves IDA public incident report for IDA1 cancellation DD20260807.
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11545	COM TF to prepare a proposal for the improvement of IDA incident communication publication [October MCSC]
11546	SIDC OPSCOM to prepare a report on the 24/08 incident [October MCSC]

4.3)SIDC MSD

MCSC is informed of the progress on FB in IDAs and FB in continuous trading. MCSC approves the initiation of the MVP for FB in CT.

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5. SDAC – Decisions requested & Information

5.1)SDAC SIM TF

MCSC is informed of the latest activities of the SIM TF.

ID	Decision
888	MCSC approves SIM TF to reallocate already allotted 2026 budget to cover additional CR development and testing.

ID	Action
11547	SIM TF to prepare options for penetration test frequency [October MCSC]

5.2)SDAC QARM

MCSC is informed of the testing timeline in SDAC, noting that there is limited space for additional tests. SDAC QARM shares the results of the survey on testing more than one scenario per day—the key outcome is that limited improvements are possible given the current SDAC and local architectures.

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889	MCSC approves the appointment of Claire Jonet as SDAC QARM SPoC for Core and CCCT questions.

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11548	ITA TF to include the possibility of executing multiple tests per day in its considerations of the future market coupling architecture.
11549	BMTF and SDAC QARM conveners to clarify the cost reporting for C.JONET.

5.3)SDAC OPSCOM

SDAC OPSCOM reports on the progress on implementation of a single distribution list, member training preparation, and operational events.

ID	Decision
890	MCSC approves SDAC OPSCOM mandate to confirm the go-live date of 'EPEX SPOT extension to the Baltics region'.

5.4)SDAC MSD

SDAC MSD shares the outcomes of the public consultation on storage orders.

SDAC MSD shares the preliminary outcomes of iteration 15 of E-lab Euphemia improvements.

The Co-optimisation subgroup provides a report on the ongoing simulation preparations and shares an updated planning for approval. This is approved by MCSC and will be shared with ACER.

ID	Decision
891	MCSC approves the updated planning of the Phase 2 simulations and Co-opt R2 report delivery.

6. AOB

6.1)Magnus Energy annual client satisfaction survey

Magnus Energy uses annual client satisfaction surveys to continuously improve its services. This year's survey will be sent in September. Results of the survey will be shared with MCSC in November.

6.2)Preparation of MESC and PCG based on additional inputs from ACER

Co-chairs share that the latest revision of the PCG ToRs was received including a proposal for closing the JETs and moving the content to PCG. However, within the MESC, there is a proposal for the establishment of working group-level bodies. This is to be discussed in next week's PCG (22/09).

6.3)Meeting dates and locations

MCSC members raise the request to accommodate the February Nordic holiday and the first week of September.

7. Meeting closure

Chairs close the meeting.