

ENTSO-E Assembly meeting of 26 June 2024

Date: 26 June 2024

Time: 09:00 -14:30 (EEST)

Place: Athens

MINUTES

1. Welcome, verification of attendance, quorum, voting rights, approval of the agenda

The President welcomes the participants to the ENTSO-E Assembly meeting. He thanks the participants for joining the meeting in person and provides guidance to ensure the smooth and efficient running of the meeting.

Decision

- The quorum is verified since the Representatives in attendance hold 100% of the first part of the voting rights, and 100 % of the second part of the voting rights of the Association. The attendance form is annexed to these minutes (Appendix 1).
- The agenda is approved, subject to change approved during the meeting.

2.1 Report from the Board

The Chair of the Board presents the main points on which the Board has worked since the last Assembly meeting, and which are not covered elsewhere in the agenda.

The Chair of the System Development Committee (SDC) presents a review and lessons learned from the European Resource Adequacy Assessment (ERAA) 2023 development leading to a first approval decision by ACER of an ERAA deliverable. He shares progress and focus points for ERAA 2024 and outlines initial proposals to feed into a formal ERAA methodology amendment process.

The Chair of the Research and Development Committee (RDIC) outlines the ENTSO-E Research, Development and Innovation Roadmap 2024-2034, highlighting the key drivers behind the new edition of this document, the feedback from the public consultation and announcing its publication end of June.

The Convenor of the Expert Group TSO-DSO presents the final version of the common TSO-DSO work plan 2024-25 (Executive Summary) that was approved by the Board at its 17 April 2024 meeting, following the alignment with Committee representatives of the Expert Group TSO-DSO and further exchanges with the EU DSO Entity.

The Convenor of the Policy Communication Expert Group (PCG) presents the update of the Strategic Communication Plan for ENTSO-E as approved by the Board during its 17 April meeting and specifies that reporting will be presented to the Board on a regular basis.

Decision

The Assembly notes of the reporting.

2.2 Common Grid Model (CGM): Status update and action plan

The Chair of the System Operations Committee (SOC) gives an update on the Common Grid Model status and action plan. He explains the measures expected from TSOs to support this plan.

Decision

The Assembly acknowledges the reporting on the Common Grid Model and the related action plan.

3. ENTSO-E Strategic Priorities for 2025 – for Assembly approval

The Chair of the Board explains that following the approval of ENTSO-E Strategic Roadmap in January 2024, a prioritisation exercise has been launched to define ENTSO-E strategic priorities for 2025 and was discussed at the Board Workshop on 16 April 2024. He then presents the 2025 Priorities which have been recommended by the Board for Assembly approval.

Decision

The Assembly approves the ENTSO-E Strategic Priorities for 2025.

4. Assembly strategic discussion: System Flexibility Needs for the Energy Transition

The Chair of the Board and the Chair of the Research Development and Innovation Committee inform the Assembly about the current status of the ENTSO-E work on “System Flexibility Needs for the Energy Transition”. They explain that ENTSO-E work takes into consideration the European Methodology for national flexibility assessments that is expected to be drafted together with the EU DSO Entity, and all the relevant obligations and provisions stemming from the Electricity Market Design Reform (EMDR) Regulation.

Decision

The Assembly takes note of the current status of developments with regards to System Flexibility Needs for the Energy Transition.

5.1 2025 Annual Work Programme (AWP) before the launch of the public consultation – for Assembly approval

The Secretary-General explains the process to develop the Annual Work Programme 2025 (AWP 2025) and provides a status update to the Assembly Members. She recalls that the AWP 2025 has been developed to focus on legal mandates and has been aligned with the 5-year Budget and the

Resources plan to ensure that the mandated services under the AWP have the corresponding resources and budget allocated in the 2025 Budget proposal.

5.2 2025 Initial Budget and Resource Plan – for Assembly information

5.3 5-year planning – for Assembly information

The Secretary-General presents the 2025 Initial Budget Proposal and Initial Resources Plan which have been drafted in collaboration with the Committees, the Legal and Regulatory Group and the Policy and Communication Group. She explains that both documents have been prepared in accordance with the Budget Key Principles previously approved by the Assembly and with the proposed 2025 Annual Work Programme and that they both consider the Strategic Roadmap and TSO resources contribution.

The Secretary-General clarifies that the Secretariat seeks Assembly guidance on the proposal for refinement before approval of the 2025 Final Budget in the October Assembly.

The Chair of the Resources committee presents the 5-Year Plan for the period 2025-29. He explains that the 5-Year Plan has been developed considering the approved 5-Year Guiding Principles presented at the Assembly meeting of 7 March 2024.

Decision

The Assembly:

- approves the draft ENTSO-E Annual Work Programme 2025 for public consultation;
- notes the 2025 Initial Budget Proposal and Initial Resources Planning derived from the 2025 Initial Annual Work Programme in the form of options which are to be funded by Membership and Non-Membership fees; and
- notes the 2025 5-Year Plan which is to be funded by Membership and Non-Membership fees.

6. Endorsement of the 2023 ENTSO-E Annual Accounts – for Assembly approval

The Chair of the Resource committee (Rc) gives a few words introduction on the 2023 Annual Accounts process and reports that the statutory auditors, BDO, have delivered an unqualified audit opinion. The Chair of the Rc reports on the recommendation of the Board to submit ENTSO-E 2023 Annual Accounts to the Assembly for approval, upon recommendation by the Rc. He presents the recommendation of the Board to renew the mandates of BDO as Statutory Auditor for the financial years 2024, 2025 and 2026.

Decision

The Assembly

- notes that the statutory audit by BDO has been completed with an Unqualified Audit Opinion;
- based on the recommendation from the Board approves the 2023 Annual Accounts showing a total balance sheet of 74.621.828,29 € and a net result of 2.903.843,38 €;
- allocates the 2023 net result of 2.903.843,38 € to the reserves, totalising 14.235.617,23 € after allocation;
- grants discharge to the Board Members and the statutory auditors for the performance of their duties during the 2023 financial year;
- authorises the Secretary-General, acting alone and with the power of substitution, to file the Statutory Annual Accounts duly signed by its Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board with the registry of the French-speaking Trade Court of Brussels and;
- based on the Board recommendation, approves the renewal of BDO as Statutory Auditor for the financial years 2024, 2025 and 2026.

7. Reappointment of the Secretary-General – for Assembly approval

Only Assembly Members and Main Office Holders

The President gives the floor to the Chair of the Board. The Chair of the Board describes the process by which the Board, at its meeting on 5 June 2024, unanimously decided to recommend to today's Assembly the reappointment of the current Secretary-General for a four-year term from 1 January 2025 until 31 December 2028.

Decision

In accordance with Articles 17.2 f) and 26.2 of ENTSO-E Articles of Association, upon Board recommendation, the Assembly reappoints Sonya Twohig as ENTSO-E Secretary-General for a second mandate of four years starting on 1 January 2025 and ending on 31 December 2028.

8. ENTSO-E preliminary assessment of EC Guidance on Sea Basin Cost-Benefit Cost-Sharing for Offshore

The Chair of the Market Committee (MC) presents a summary and preliminary assessment of the EC Guidance on Sea Basin Cost-Benefit Cost-Sharing for Offshore. Based on the EC Guidance and on the recent discussions at Board and Assembly level, they propose a set of key messages on offshore cost-sharing to be delivered orally at the Copenhagen Energy Infrastructure Forum by the ENTSO-E delegation. The MC Chair informs Assembly members about the ongoing work to develop ENTSO-E Position Paper on the topic.

Decision

The Assembly:

- approves ENTSO-E key messages on offshore cost-sharing; and
- takes note of the preliminary assessment of EC Guidance on Sea Basin Cost-Benefit Cost-Sharing for Offshore.

9. EU Elections 2024 – for Assembly approval

The Convenor of the Policy and Communications Expert Group (PCG) presents the forthcoming EU Elections 2024 and the main steps for defining the next European key mandate (2024-2029). He also presents a consolidated set of the next steps related to the publication of those priorities as well as dissemination and engagement activities.

Decision

The Assembly takes note of the presentation on the EU Elections 2024 and approves the consolidated set of ENTSO-E priorities.

10. Articles of Association and Rules of Procedure: approach for implementation – for Assembly information

The President explains that to ensure implementation and ensure a good level of awareness across ENTSO-E of the Articles of Association approved by the Assembly in September 2023, certain new provisions are further implemented in explanatory notes or policies. He gives the floor to the General Counsel who details the process for elaborating them and informs about their central location, so that they are easily accessible to Members.

Decision

The Assembly takes note of the approach for implementation of the Articles of Association and Rules of Procedure.

11. Any other business

Forums' conclusions (Madrid, Florence, Athens)

The Head of Business planning section explains that the Madrid and Florence Fora have already taken place and that the official conclusions have been circulated to Members.

The Chair of the Market Committee explains that a partial decoupling affected the day-ahead market on 25 June 2024 and that this incident will be the subject of an in-depth analysis.

The Chair of the System Operations Committee informs the Assembly of the grid incident that occurred on 21 June 2024 in South-East Europe and of the ongoing technical investigation. The President announces an ENTSO-E Seminar on HR matters in Budapest on 16 and 17 October 2024.

12. Approval of the Minutes

The President thanks all participants for their attendance and the Secretariat for all the preparations for this meeting and then invites all Assembly members to the next Assembly meeting.

Decision

The Assembly approves the minutes of its meeting of 26 June 2024 and confirms their publication on the ENTSO-E website.

Done in Athens on 26 June 2024.

Zbyněk Boldiš
President

Sonya Twohig
Secretary-General

List of Participants

ENTSO-E Assembly Meeting
Athens

Date: 26 June 2024

President

1.	BOLDIŠ Zbyněk	ČEPS	Czech Republic
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Vice-President

2.	SIHVONEN PUNKKA Asta	Fingrid	Finland
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Assembly members (m) and substitutes (s)

1.	NEZIRI NUSHI Ilda(m)	OST	Albania
2.	KARALL Thomas (s)	APG	Austria
3.	KUMMER Christine (m)	VUEN	Austria
4.	FONCK Pascale (s)	Elia	Belgium
5.	NOSOVIĆ Predrag (s)	NOSBiH	Bosnia Herzegovina
6.	TSACHEV Angelin (m)	ESO	Bulgaria
7.	MEĐIMOREC Damjan (s)	HOPS	Croatia
8.	STAVRINOS Stavros (m)	Cyprus TSO	Cyprus
9.	DURČÁK Martin (m)	ČEPS	Czech Republic
10.	EGEBO Thomas (m)	Energinet	Denmark
11.	KILK Kalle (s)	Elering	Estonia
12.	JYRINSALO Jussi (m)	Fingrid	Finland
13.	THOUVENIN Vincent (s)	RTE	France
14.	NEUMANN Hendrik (m)	Amprion	Germany
15.	<u>holds a proxy for:</u>	CREOS	Luxembourg
16.	SCHMIDT Ingo (m)	TenneT TSO (DE)	Germany
17.		TenneT TSO (NL)	Netherlands
18.	BIERMANN Dirk (s)*	50Hertz	Germany

19.	JESBERGER Michael (m)	TransnetBW	Germany
20.	TOLIAS Ioannis (s)	IPTO	Greece
21.	TIHANYI Zoltán (m)	MAVIR	Hungary
22.	ÁSMUNDSSON Guðmundur (m)	Landsnet	Iceland
23.	CARLINI Enrico Maria (s)*	Terna	Italy
24.	RYAN Liam (m)*	EirGrid	Ireland
25.	CAMPBELL Alan (m)	SONI	Northern Ireland
26.	IRKILIS Rolands (m)	AST	Latvia
27.	KRASAUSKIENE Aiste (m)	LITGRID	Lithuania
28.	MIJUSKOVIC Aleksandar (m)	CGES	Montenegro
29.	VARDHEIM Elisabeth (m)	Statnett	Norway
30.	ONICHIMOWSKI Grzegorz (s)	PSE	Poland
31.	CLARA Maria José (s)	REN	Portugal
32.	ALEKSOSKI Borko (s)	MEPSO	Republic of North Macedonia
33.	PAUN Mihai (s)	Transelectrica	Romania
34.	OBRADOVIĆ Nikola (s)	EMS	Serbia
35.	MAGATH Martin (m)	SEPS	Slovak Republic
36.	SABLOIR Uroš (s)*	ELES	Slovenia
37.	PRIETO Eduardo (s)	REE	Spain
38.	DAMSGRAAD Nicolas (s)	Svenska Kraftnät	Sweden
39.	MÄDER Andrea (s)	Swissgrid	Switzerland
40.	KUYDRYTSKYI Volodymyr (m)	Ukrenergo	Ukraine
<i>*Board member</i>			

Additional Representatives

1.	ASANOVIC Ivan (s)	CGES	Montenegro
2.	BOULAXIS Nikolaos (s)	IPTO	Greece
3.	DIERICK Maurice	RTE	France
4.	GOMEZ Cristina	REE	Spain
5.	STOJANOVSKI Igor	MEPSO	North Macedonia
6.	VERBEETEN Marthe	Statnett	Norway
7.	VITALIY Zaychenko	Ukrenergo	Ukraine
8.	ZARCHEV Dimitar (s)	ESO	Bulgaria

Chair of the Board

1.	CORTINAS Damian	RTE	France
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Vice-Chair of the Board

2.	KAPETANOVIC Tahir	APG	Austria
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Board members and Committees/LRG Chairs

1.	BRUUN Johannes	Energinet	Denmark
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3.	CHARPANTIDOU Eleni	IPTO	Greece
4.	CARLINI Enrico Maria	TERNA	Italy
5.	RYAN Liam	Eirgrid	Ireland
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7.	WEDUM Anne Elisabeth	Statnett	Norway
8.	WARZYWODA Remigiusz	PSE	Poland
9.	DE LA TORRE Miguel	REE	Spain
10.	REIMANN Nell (excused)	Swissgrid	Switzerland
11.	HARTMAN Radek, <i>Chair of the Information and Communication Technologies Committee</i>	ČEPS	Czech Republic

12.	KAENDLER Gerald, <i>Chair of System Development Committee</i>	Amprion	Germany
13.	ARRIVÉ Olivier, <i>Chair of Systems Operations Committee</i>	RTE	France
14.	ELSKAMP Fokke, <i>Chair of Legal & Regulatory group</i>	TenneT	Netherlands
15.	BARMSNES Kjell A., <i>Chair of Market Committee</i>	Statnett	Norway
16.	SABLOIR Uroš, <i>Chair of Research and Development Committee</i>	ELES	Slovenia
17.	DECROIX Timothée, <i>Convenor of PCG</i>	Swissgrid	Switzerland

Additional invitees

1.	SISINNI Mario, <i>Project Manager of System Flexibility Needs for the Energy Transition</i>	TERNA	Italy
2.	BUDAI Tomáš (s)	ČEPS support (President office)	Czech Republic
3.	DARQUENNES Theo	RTE support (Chair of the Board office)	France

Secretariat

1.	TWOHIG Sonya	ENTSO-E	Belgium
2.	MELCHIOR Florence	ENTSO-E	Belgium
3.	GOUVERNEUR Bruno	ENTSO-E	Belgium
4.	GYULAY Zoltan	ENTSO-E	Belgium
5.	VERSTRAETEN Christelle	ENTSO-E	Belgium
6.	HAESEN Edwin (excused)	ENTSO-E	Belgium
7.	RICHET Nicolas (excused)	ENTSO-E	Belgium
8.	TALESKI Ivan	ENTSO-E	Belgium
9.	DRIANE Evelyne	ENTSO-E	Belgium
10.	MACABEO Bertrand	ENTSO-E	Belgium
11.	THEOLOGISTIS Ioannis	ENTSO-E	Belgium

12.	TANWAR Megha (excused)	ENTSO-E	Belgium
13.	AXELSSON Gabriella	ENTSO-E	Belgium