ENTSO-E Assembly meeting of 17 October 2024

Date: 17 October 2024

Time: 09:00 -15:00 (CEST)

Place: Budapest

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 also for those attending on-line.

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.

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 Convenor of the Policy and Communication Expert Group informs about the institutional context after the European Elections, including the political priorities of the next European Commission, the composition of the next College of Commissioners and of the relevant Committees.

The Chair of the System Operations Committee reports on the status of the power systems in Ukraine and Moldova, as well as the expected challenges for the upcoming winter.

The Chair of the System Development Committee informs on progress on ERAA2024. The Chair of the Market Committee presents the latest developments regarding the Network Code on Demand Response and reports on the progress of the Bidding Zone review.

The Secretary-General and the Convenor of the Policy and Communication Expert Group present the results of, respectively, the Membership Survey and the External Stakeholder Satisfaction Survey 2024.

> **Decision**
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> The Assembly notes the reporting of the Chair of the Board and the Committee Chairs.

3. Engagement with ACER

The Chair of the Board presents the current work done on engagement with ACER and explains that the objective is to get guidance from the Assembly on the next steps.

> **Decision**
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> The Assembly takes note of the report.

4. System Flexibility Needs for the Energy Transition: Progress and Communication Strategy

The Chair of the Research Development and Innovation Committee (RDIC) informs the Assembly about the Communication Strategy of the ENTSO-E's "System Flexibility Needs for the Energy Transition" work, which follows a specific recommendation from the ENTSO-E Vision: A Power System for Carbon Neutral Europe work. The Chair of RDIC gives the floor to the Project Manager of System Flexibility Needs for the Energy Transition further explains that the Communication Strategy covers the communication goals of the expected report, the key messages and relevant target audience as well as the immediate next steps until the end of 2024.

> **Decision**
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> The Assembly approves the Communication Strategy of ENTSO-E's "System Flexibility Needs for the Energy Transition" work.

5. TYNDP 2026 Key Policy Issues Paper - for Assembly approval

The Chair of the System Development Committee (SDC) introduces the work done on the TYNDP 2026 and gives the floor to the Convenor of the TYNDP Steering Group.. The Convenor informs the Assembly on main strategic approaches that will be developed in the Ten-Year Network Development Plan 2026, based on experience from previous Ten-Year Network Development Plans and requirements from the TEN-E Regulation.

> **Decision**
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> The Assembly approves the strategic framework of the Ten-Year Network Development Plan 2026 (TYNDP2026), as contained in the Key Policy Issues Paper.

6. ENTSO-E Strategy on cooperation with Gas and Hydrogen Sectors – for Assembly approval

The Convenor of the dedicated Task Force on Gas and Hydrogen cooperation presents the strategic analysis undertaken by the Task Force on how to collaborate with the Gas and Hydrogen Sector. He explains that the analysis highlights how collaboration is close on planning topics (including TYNDP and Seasonal Outlook). He further details that closer collaboration is expected on operational and market topics.

Decision

The Assembly approves ENTSO-E Strategy Paper on Cooperation with Gas and Hydrogen Sectors.

7.1 ENTSO-E 2025 Annual Work Programme – for Assembly approval

The Secretary-General provides a status update of the Annual Work Programme 2025 (AWP 2025) to the Assembly Members. She explains that the AWP 2025 has been developed to focus on legal mandates and has been aligned with the Strategic Roadmap, 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. The Secretary-General reminds that a consultation took place over the Summer and that the final AWP 2025 has been recommended to the Assembly by the Board during its 18 September meeting for Assembly approval and reminds the next steps until publication.

7.2 2025 Final Budget and Resource Plan – for Assembly approval

The Secretary-General presents the 2025 Final Budget Proposal and Final 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. The Secretary-General explains that the Secretariat has considered the guidance from the June 2024 Board and Assembly meetings and has revised and updated during summer the budget assumptions in terms of both funding and costs. She mentions that the 2025 Final Budget Proposal has been recommended to the Assembly by the Board during its 18 September meeting. She recalls that an Assembly Webinar was held on 10 October 2024 and that supplementary information have been communicated to Assembly Members on 14 October 2024. She clarifies that the 2025 Final Budget Proposal is now submitted to Assembly approval

7.3 5-year planning – for Assembly information

The Secretary-General presents the updated 5-Year Plan for the period 2025-29. She explains that the 5-Year Plan has been developed considering the approved 5-Year Guiding Principles approved by the Assembly of 7 March 2024 and has been updated with the Committees, the LRG and the

PCG, considering the guidance from the June 2024 Board and June Assembly and the 5-Year Planning Guiding Principles.

Decision

The Assembly:

- acknowledges the feedback received during the Public Consultation and approves the updated Annual Work Programme 2025 in line with the budget recommendations;

- approves the "ENTSO-E Annual Work Programme 2025" for submission to ACER for opinion and for subsequent publication including information on how comments were addressed after the Public Consultation;

- approves the 2025 Final Resource Planning derived from the 2025 Annual Work Programme and the 2025 Final Budget Proposal based on the 2025 Resource Plan, as follows: total operating expenditure of 73,9 M€, of which 47,1 M€ is to be funded by full Membership fees, 3,1 M€ to be funded by Observer fees, 0,7 M€ to be funded by Other TSO fees, 0,5 M€ to be funded by Other Revenues and 1,4 M€ to be funded by reserves and 21,1 M€ funded by non-Membership fees; total capital expenditure of 5,8 M€;

- takes note of the updated 5-Year Plan for the years 2025-2029; and

- approves the sending of a letter to the CEOs of the TSOs informing them of the minimum contribution of their respective TSOs and underlining the importance of providing resources to ENTSO-E.

8. ENTSO-E Corporate Governance

ENTSO-E President presents the proposal of Terms of References (ToR) for the Nomination Advisory committee (NAc). He recalls that the NAc was established in 2014 to ensure a due process for the elections of ENTSO-E office holders. He clarifies that the main objective of the current ToR proposal is to increase transparency. He explains that the Board has endorsed this initiative and provided guidance. He reports that the NAc members have finalised the NAc ToR in line with the Board guidance. He gave the floor to the General Counsel to explain the comments made by a Member ahead of the meeting. Noting the additional remarks presented during the meeting by another Member, the President concludes that an updated version of the NAc ToR will be prepared for the next Assembly meeting.

The Chair of the Resources committee (Rc) presents the updated ToR of the Rc and clarifies that the main goal of the update is to align the ToR with ENTSO-E Articles of Association, by better describing the main roles of the Rc, including for example confirming the Rc's role to oversee all policies impacting ENTSO-E financial statements and to raise matters about resourcing to the Board and the Assembly as foreseen in the AoA. The Chair of the Board further explains that during its last meeting, the Board had a discussion around setting up a remuneration committee and expressed preference to include this mission within the Resources Committee. He explains that this mission is now added in the Rc ToR. The Chair of the Board asks for Assembly guidance in view of finalising the Rc ToR and submitting them to Board approval in November.

The Convenor of the Policy and Communication Group (PCG) informs the Assembly of the approval of the updated PCG ToR during the 18 September 2024 Board meeting. The PCG Convenor presents the changes reflected in the updated PCG ToR, explaining that the main goal is to align the ToR with the 23 November 2023 Association's Strategic Communication Plan.

Decision

The Assembly:

- notes the update of the Nomination Advisory committee Terms of Reference;

- acknowledges and supports the ongoing review of the Resources committee Terms of Reference - that will be submitted for approval at the next Board meeting; and

- acknowledges the update of the Policy and Communications Expert Group Terms of Reference approved by the Board on 18 September 2024 Board.

9. Nomination Advisory committee – Update on the timing for the launch of the March 2025 Elections

The President presents to the Assembly Members the timing of the ENTSO-E Office Holders elections that take place in March 2025. The President clarifies that the March 2025 elections concern the elections of the ENTSO-E President, the ENTSO-E Chair of the Board, the ENTSO-E Committee Chairs and the Chair of the Legal and Regulatory Group. He explains that the second part of the elections will concern the elections of the ENTSO-E Vice-President and of the 11 ENTSO-E Board members, that are planned in June 2025.

Decision

The Assembly takes note of the timing of the launch of the 2025 elections for ENTSO-E Office Holders.

10. 2025 Assembly and Board meeting dates

The President presents 2025 Assembly and Board meeting dates.

Decision

The Assembly approves the 2025 Assembly and Board meeting dates.

10. Any other business

The President presents the initiative launched in relation to the Environmental, Social and Governance legislative package and of the forthcoming ENTSO-E Knowledge Sharing Webinar on ESG will take place on 6 December 2024.

The President, in his capacity of Chair of the Nomination Advisory committee (NAc) provides an update of the on-going process for the election of one Board members to fill in the current vacancy.

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 (not at the meeting)

The Assembly approves the minutes of its meeting of 17 October 2024 and confirms their publication on the ENTSO-E website.

Done in Budapest on 17 October 2024.

Zbyněk Boldiš
President

Sonya Twohig
Secretary-General

List of Participants

President

1.	BOLDIŠ Zbyněk	ČEPS	Czech Republic

Vice-President

2.	SIHVONEN PUNKKA Asta	Fingrid	Finland

Assembly members (m) and substitutes (s)

1.	NEZIRI NUSHI Ilda (m)	OST	Albania
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3.	*holds a proxy for APG*	APG	
4.	FONCK Pascale (s) **online**	Elia	Belgium
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7.	MEĐIMOREC Damjan (s)	HOPS	Croatia
8.	STAVRINOS Stavros (m)	Cyprus TSO	Cyprus
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19.	JESBERGER Michael (s)	TransnetBW	Germany
20.	TOLIAS Ioannis (s)	IPTO	Greece
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24.	RYAN Liam (m) online	EirGrid	Ireland
25.	IRKLIS Rolands (m)	AST	Lativa
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35.	BIKÁR Miloš (m)	SEPS	Slovak Republic
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Additional Representative

2.	MUJAKIC Muhamed	NOSBIH support	Bosnia Herzegovina
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6.	OBRADOVIĆ Nikola	EMS support	Serbia
7.	DOVALA Jozef	SEPS support	Slovak Republic

Additional Invitees

1.	WACHTER-KOLLMANN Romana online	Vice-Chair of Board support	Austria
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8.	LABRA Patricia	Convenor of the TYNDP Steering Group, REE	Spain
9.	CROES Alan	Convenor of the Task Force on Gas Cooperation Strategy, Tennet TSO BV	The Netherlands
10.	SISINNI Mario	Project Manager of System Flexibility Needs for the Energy Transition, TERNA	Italy

Chair of the Board

1.	CORTINAS Damian	RTE	France

Vice-Chair of the Board

2.	KAPETANOVIC Tahir	APG	Austria

Board members and Committees/LRG Chairs

1.	BRUUN Johannes	Energinet	Denmark

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2.	WARZYWODA Remigiusz	PSE	Poland
3.	DE LA TORRE Miguel	REE	Spain
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5.	KAENDLER Gerald, *Chair of System Development Committee*	Amprion	Germany
6.	ARRIVÉ Olivier, *Chair of Systems Operations Committee*	RTE	France
7.	ELSKAMP Fokke, *Chair of Legal & Regulatory group*	TenneT	Netherlands
8.	BARMSNES Kjell A., *Chair of Market Committee*	Statnett	Norway
9.	SALOBIR Uroš, *Chair of the Research and Development Committee*	Eles	Slovenia
10.	DECROIX Timothée, *Convenor of PCG*	Swissgrid	Switzerland

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