

ENTSO-E Board meeting of 5 October 2023

Date: 5 October 2023

Time: 08:30-16:00

Place: Brussels, Belgium

MINUTES

1. Welcome, attendance, adoption of the draft agenda

Decision

The Board approves the agenda.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the 1 June Board meeting and 4 July Extraordinary Board meeting for publication

Decision

The Board approves the minutes of the Board meetings of 1 June 2023 and of 4 July 2023 for publication.

3. Secretary-General Reporting, including High-Level Engagement Plan

The Secretary-General provides a short debrief on the main Secretariat high-level engagement activities, strategic meetings and other developments that the Board Members should be informed about since the last Board meeting on 1 June 2023. The Secretary-General updates the Board on the High-Level Engagements, the EU High-Level Grids Forum of 7 September and on the External Advisory Group. The Chair of the Board and Secretary-General report on the meeting of 20 September 2023 with ACER.

Decision

The Board acknowledges the reporting of the Secretary-General.

4. Conclusions of the 4 October 2023 Board Workshop

The Chair of the Board recalls the outcome of the Board Workshop on 4 October 2023. He highlights the main point of the proposed ENTSO-E Strategic Roadmap and the related communications steps. He explains the guiding principles for the forthcoming creation of an internal expert group on Grid Infrastructure and Industrial Policy. Regarding TSO-DSO, the Chair of the Board explains the updates to the strategic priorities for the TSO-DSO cooperation paper following Assembly feedback received in June 2023. He also presents the proposed organisation for TSO-DSO matters in the Association and the new interface with the DSO Entity.

Decision

The Board:

- endorses the key principles and the structure of the proposed ENTSO-E Strategic Roadmap subject to accommodating the guidance provided during the Workshop;
- takes note of the final conclusions of the High-Level Grids Forum;
- endorses the guiding principles for a new Expert Group on Grid Infrastructure to be set up subject to accommodating the guidance provided during the Workshop;
- recommends the Assembly to endorse the strategic priorities for TSO-DSO cooperation subject to the change agreed at the Workshop;
- approves the proposal of new organisation for TSO-DSO activities in the Association, including the Terms of Reference of the new Expert Group replacing the Steering Group Transmission & Distribution Interface;
- mandates PCG to elaborate a comprehensive communication strategy based on the new strategic roadmap accommodating the guidance provided during the Workshop;
- mandates PCG to work on the finalisation of revised advocacy and communication concept aligned with the strategic roadmap;
- mandates PCG to propose an «implementation plan», i.e. priorities and action plan for 2024 (2024 advocacy and communication priorities); and
- notes the results of the Members Satisfaction Survey 2023.

5.1 Committees/LRG/Rc/PCG Reporting

a) Update on the Electricity Market Design Reform

The Chair of the Market Committee reports on the state of play of the legislative process concerning the Electricity Market Design Reform and the recent developments concerning the assessment of flexibility needs and REMIT obligations. Further, he reports on the latest developments concerning the bidding zones review.

b) Ramping restrictions on HVDC interconnectors with Great Britain

The Chair of the System Operations Committee (SOC) explains that the National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO) is launching a public consultation on the maximum ramping rate for each High Voltage Direct Current interconnector. He clarifies that SOC intends to participate in this consultation on behalf of the concerned TSOs.

c) Update on Capacity Calculation Regions (CCRs) in the Energy Community (EnC)

The Chair of the Legal and Regulatory Group (LRG) updates the Board members on the latest Energy Community developments, specifically focusing on the process of Capacity Calculation Regions (CCRs) establishment in this region.

Decision

The Board notes the reporting by the Committee Chairs.

6. Roles and responsibilities under the Board

The Chair of the Board and the Secretary-General recall that during the Extraordinary Board meeting of 4 July 2023, following the 28 June 2023 Assembly elections, the Chair of the Board informed the newly elected Board members about the current Board related roles and the possibility that new roles would be created during the 5 October 2023 Board meeting. The Chair of the Board also explains that at the same meeting, he has informed about bilateral discussions to be held with each Board member over the summer on these matters to prepare for this 5 October Board meeting.

Decision

The Board acknowledges that there is one candidate for each of the open positions and agrees to proceed with an appointment by applause as follows:

6.1 Election of Vice-Chair of the Board

1. appoints Tahir Kapetanovic for the position of Vice-Chair of the Board with a mandate of two years;

6.2 Resources committee

2. amends the Terms of reference of the Resources committee;
3. appoints Tahir Kapetanovic for the position of Chair of the Resources committee; and appoints Dirk Biermann, Nell Reimann and Eleni Charpantidou for the positions of members of the Resources committee with a mandate of two years;

6.3 Other Expert Groups membership and roles:

6.3.1 Offshore Expert Group

4. confirms Gerald Kaendler for the position of Chair of the Offshore Expert Group; and appoints Anne-Elisabeth Wedum, Liam Ryan, Susana De Almeida de Graaff and Enrico Carlini for the positions of members of the Offshore Expert Group for the remaining duration of the group;

6.3.2 TSO-DSO Expert Group

5. notes the creation of a permanent TSO-DSO Expert Group;
6. appoints Tahir Kapetanovic for the position of Chair of the future TSO-DSO Expert Group and ENTSO-E representative for TSO-DSO matters with a mandate of two years; and
7. appoints Remigiusz Warzywoda, and Nell Reimann as vice-Chairs in the future TSO-DSO Expert Group with a mandate of two years;

6.3.3 Electricity Market Design Reform Task Force

8. appoints Johannes Bruun and Liam Ryan for the positions of Referent (reference person) Board joint co-Chairs; and appoints the Market Committee Chair, Kjell Barmsnes as Market Committee Referent (reference person) co-Chair in the Electricity Market Design Reform Task Force for the duration of the Task Force, with a mandate of two years;

6.3.4 Network Codes and Clean Energy Package Implementation Programme (NCCIP)

9. appoints Miguel De La Torre as Referent (reference person) Board Member for Network Codes strategy, and towards the Cross Committee Network Code Monitoring Group, with a mandate of two years;

6.3.5 Grid Infrastructure Expert Group

10. notes the on-going creation of Grid Infrastructure Expert Group;
11. appoints Damian Cortinas for the position of Chair of the future Grid Infrastructure Expert Group with a mandate of two years; and appoints Dirk Biermann, Johannes Bruun and Miguel de la Torre as members of the future Grid Infrastructure Expert Group with a mandate of two years;

6.3.6 Referent Board members for North-Eastern and for South-Eastern Europe matters

12. creates the roles of referent (reference person) Board member for North-Eastern Europe matters and Referent (reference person) Board member for South-Eastern Europe matters; and
13. appoints Remigiusz Warzywoda and Eleni Charpantidou in the role of, respectively, Referent (reference person) Board member for North-Eastern Europe matters and Referent (reference person) Board member for South-Eastern Europe matters with a mandate of two years.

7. Membership update

7.1 Moldelectrica application for Observer Member status – recommendation for Assembly approval

The Secretary-General informs the Board about Modelectrica’s application for Observer Member status and proposes that the Board recommends to the Assembly the admission of Moldelectrica as Observer Member.

Decision

The Board:

- recommends to the Assembly to approve the admission of Moldelectrica as Observer Member based on the analysis made by the Secretary-General as circulated in the session file and subject to the discussion during the meeting;
- recommends to the Assembly to approve the signature by ENTSO-E of the Observer Membership Agreement (OMA) as circulated in the session file and discussed during the meeting; and
- recommends to the Assembly to grant to Moldelectrica the status of Observer Member for a period of three years taking effect on 1 January 2024, subject to the signature by both parties of the OMA.

7.2 Ukrenergo update – for Board discussion

The Secretary-General reports on the recent developments regarding Ukrenergo. The Chair of the Legal and Regulatory Group (LRG) provides an update of the status of Ukrenergo planned adherence to the relevant platform Multi-lateral Agreements (MLAs) and to the Synchronous Area Framework Agreement (SAFA). He also explains the approach with respect to the operational security risk mitigation.

Decision

The Board takes note of the reporting.

8.1 2024 Final Annual Work Programme (AWP)

The Secretary-General presents the outcome of the public consultation on the ENTSO-E 2023 Annual Work Programme (AWP) that took place in July and August and summarises the updates to the final version. She explains that after the internal webinar presenting the updated version, the AWP is now submitted for Board to be recommended for Assembly approval before being submitted to ACER.

8.2 2024 Final Resource Plan incl. 5-year planning

The Secretary-General explains the Committees' resources planning for the period 2024-28. She highlights that the planning is based on the AWP for 2024 and provides resources information for future needs for the years 2024-28 for ENTSO-E as a whole, including resource needs for AWP tasks in projects at the Committee level. She explains that the Secretariat in close cooperation with the Committee has made some update to accommodate the input and guidance received from the June Board and Assembly meetings. She concludes that the 2024 Final Resource Plan is now presented to the Board in view of being recommended to Assembly for approval.

8.3 2024 Final Budget Proposal

The Chair of the Resources committee (Rc) and the Secretary-General present the 2024 Final Budget Proposal that has been prepared by the Secretariat, the Committees, the LRG and the PCG in accordance with the proposed 2024 Annual Work Programme and the Final Resources Plan. The Secretary-General explains that the Secretariat has considered the guidance from the June Board and Assembly and has revised and updated during summer the budget assumptions in terms of funding and costs.

Decision

The Board:

- takes note of the stakeholder feedback received from the public consultation which closed on 16 August 2023 and approves the updates to the ENTSO-E Annual Work Programme 2024;
- recommends the Assembly to approve the ENTSO-E Annual Work Programme 2024 as circulated in the session file for submission to ACER for Opinion and for subsequent publication subject to the changes agreed at the meeting;
- recommends to the Assembly to approve the ENTSO-E 2024 Final Resource Plan and the 2024-2028 High-Level Resource Plan enabling ENTSO-E to efficiently plan its resource needs and ensuring involvement of the Members;
- approve the 2024 Final Budget Proposal as follows: total operating expenditure of 71,6 M€, of which 44,2 M€ is to be funded by full Membership fees, 2,9 M€ to be funded by Observer fees, 1,2 M€ to be funded by Other TSO fees and Other Revenues and 23,3 M€ funded by non-Membership fees; total capital expenditure of 6,1 M€;
- note that the 2024 Membership fee and Observer Membership fees will be invoiced in December 2023;
- acknowledge the updated 5-Year Plan for the years 2024-2028 and notes the next steps for the 5 year plan; and
- notes the proposed clarification of roles and responsibilities in the context of the budget approval of the Multi-Lateral Agreements.

9. Preparations for the Winter 2023/2024

The Chair of the System Development Committee (SDC) and the Chair of the System Operations Committee (SOC) provide an update on the preparation of the Winter Outlook and on the operational preparedness for the coming winter.

Decision

The Board

- notes the Winter Outlook 2023/2024 update and endorses a proactive communication with authorities via the ECG, while alignment at national level via TSOs; and
- notes the reporting on the operational preparedness initiatives.

10. System flexibility matters

10.1 Flexibility Need Assessment Methodology Project update

The Chair of the Research Development Innovation Committee (RDIC) reports on the latest developments of the recently approved project on Flexibility Need Assessment. The Chair highlights the links with the possible upcoming obligations under the Article 19c of the Electricity Market Design Reform (EMDR) and seeks guidance with regard to next steps.

Decision

The Board notes the progress on the Flexibility Needs Assessment Project from the Chair of the Research, Development & Innovation Committee.

10.2 ENTSO-E Position Paper Electrification of Heavy-duty Electric Vehicles – recommendation for Assembly approval

The Chair of the Research Development Innovation Committee (RDIC) presents the key messages of the new paper on “Deployment of Heavy-Duty Electric Vehicles and their Impact on the Power System”, which complements ENTSO-E’s past work on sector coupling, electromobility and respective flexibility potential. He explains that the study will be published on ENTSO-E website and dissemination activities will be initiated according to an agreed Communication Plan.

Decision

The Board:

- approves the position paper on “Deployment of Heavy-Duty Electric Vehicles and their Impact on the Power System” and the four technical deliverables for publication; and
- approves the respective Communication Plan on “Deployment of Heavy-Duty Electric Vehicles and their Impact on the Power System”.

11. TSO-DSO matters

11.1 Network Code Demand Response – status update

The Chair of the Market Committee (MC) reports that the Market Committee mandated the development team to negotiate a compromise text for public consultation, to be finally confirmed by the MC Chairs with the support of the Chair of the Board. He explains that a compromise was found and that the public consultation is underway until 10 November.

11.2 Data Interoperability and Access – appointment of the leading Committee

The Chair of the Information and Communication Technologies Committee (ICTC) acknowledges the appointment of the ICT Committee as the leading Committee for the delivery of the legal mandate on Data Interoperability and Access, in cooperation with the DSO Entity. He explains that subsequent work will be organized to ensure coordination with the newly created TSO-DSO expert group and with relevant Committees/LRG/PCG to perform the tasks of the Task Force Data Interoperability & Access, including the non-legally mandated tasks.

11.3 Digitalising the Energy System - EU Action Plan (DESAP) – Digital Twin

The Chair of the Research Development Innovation Committee (RDIC) informs the Board about the progress on the Digital Twin work that is developed commonly with the EU DSO Entity. He explains that both organisations have been working on finalising the milestone of establishing a concrete cooperation and project proposal to meet the objectives agreed in the Declaration of Intent.

Decision

The Board:

- notes the reporting on the Network Code Demand Response;
- appoints the Information and Communication Technologies Committee as the leading Committee for the legal mandate on Data Interoperability and Access in cooperation with the DSO Entity; and
- acknowledges the progress of the Joint ENTSO-E EU-DSO Entity Task Force on Digital Twin, ongoing developments and next steps.

12. Draft agenda of 26 October Assembly meeting – for Board approval

The President of the Assembly presents the 26 October Assembly draft agenda.

Decision

The Board approves the 26 October 2023 Assembly draft agenda.

13. Any other business

The Chair of the Board thanks all the meeting participants for the good meeting.

14. Approval of decisions

Decision

The Board approves the decisions of the 5 October 2023 Board meeting.

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LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

Chair of the Board

1.	CORTINAS Damian	RTE	France
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Board Members

2.	BIERMANN Dirk	50Hertz	Germany
3.	CARLINI Enrico Maria	TERNA	Italy
4.	CHARPANTIDOU Eleni	IPTO	Greece
5.	DE ALMEIDA DE GRAAFF Susanna	Tennet	Netherlands/Germany
6.	DE LA TORRE Miguel (online)	REE	Spain
7.	BRUUN Johannes	Energinet	Denmark
8.	KAPETANOVIC Tahir	APG	Austria
9.	REIMANN Nell	Swissgrid	Switzerland
10.	RYAN Liam	Eirgrid	Ireland
11.	WEDUM Anne Elisabeth	Statnett	Norway
12.	WARZYWODA Remigiusz	PSE	Poland

President

1.	BOLDIŠ Zbyněk	CEPS	Czech Republic
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Vice-President

1.	SIHVONEN PUNKKA Asta	Fingrid	Finland
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Committee Chairs

1.	BARMSNES Kjell <i>Chair of the Market Committee</i>	Statnett	Norway
2.	KAENDLER Gerald <i>Chair of the System Development Committee</i>	Amprion	Germany
3.	SALOBIR Uroš	ELES	Slovenia

Committee Chairs

	<i>Chair of the Research Dev. & Innovation Committee</i>		
4.	ARRIVÉ Olivier <i>Chair of the System Operations Committee</i>	RTE	France
5.	ELSKAMP Fokke <i>Chair of the Legal & Regulatory Group</i>	TenneT	Netherlands
6.	HARTMAN Radek <i>Chair of the Information and Communication Technologies Committee</i>	CEPS	Czech Republic

Invited

1.	DECROIX Timothée	Swissgrid	Switzerland
2.	DARQUENNES Theo	RTE	France
3.	GOMEZ Cristina	REE	Spain

ENTSO-E

1.	TWOHIG Sonya	ENTSO-E	Belgium
2.	MELCHIOR Florence (excused)	ENTSO-E	Belgium
3.	SMADJA Guillemette	ENTSO-E	Belgium
4.	TALESKI Ivan	ENTSO-E	Belgium
5.	GYULAY Zoltan	ENTSO-E	Belgium
6.	VERSTRAETEN Christelle	ENTSO-E	Belgium
7.	GOUVERNEUR Bruno	ENTSO-E	Belgium
8.	CONSTANTINESCU Norela	ENTSO-E	Belgium
9.	HAESEN Edwin	ENTSO-E	Belgium
10.	RICHET Nicolas	ENTSO-E	Belgium
11.	DRIANE Evelyne	ENTSO-E	Belgium
12.	BREGU Ervin	ENTSO-E	Belgium
13.	MACABEO Bertrand	ENTSO-E	Belgium
14.	PUJAN Kamila	ENTSO-E	Belgium
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