

ENTSO-E Board meeting of 23 November 2023

Date: 23 November 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 5 October Board meeting

Decision

The Board approves the minutes of the Board meeting of 5 October 2023 for publication.

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

The Secretary-General provides a short debrief on the high-level engagement activities, strategic meetings and other developments that the Board Members should be informed about since the last Board meeting on 5 October 2023. The Secretary-General updates the Board on the External Advisory Group and on the 2024 Member Engagement Plan.

Decision

The Board acknowledges the reporting of the Secretary-General.

4.1 Committees/Legal Regulatory Group Reporting

The Chair of the System Development Committee informs on the progress of the work on the ERAA 2023 which is planned for submission to ACER mid-December.

The Chairs of the System Operation Committee and of the Legal and Regulatory Group reports on the unintended frequency deviations situation in RG CE synchronous areas and the measures currently considered to remedy the situation.

The Chair of the Market Committee explains the state of play of the ITC accession requests and of the bidding zones review. He also reports on the decoupling event of 28 October 2023.

The Chair of the Research Development Innovation Committee (RDIC) presents the structure of the Digitalising the Energy System – EU Actions Plan (DESAP) project proposal that was jointly developed and agreed with the EU DSO Entity and the Joint Task Force. The RDIC Chair presents the use cases that will be developed for exploring the potential Digital Twins in the next months.

Finally, the RDIC Chair reports on the timeline and deliverables of the Flexibility Need Assessment project, highlighting the links with the possible upcoming obligations under the Electricity Market Design Reform (EMDR).

4.2 Resources committee reporting

The Chair of the Resources committee (Rc) reports on the topics addressed during the 8 November 2023 Rc meeting, including the Finance and Resourcing Reports, the 2023 Annual Accounts and the renewal of the statutory auditors and a review of the Major Expenditures Projects.

4.3 European Policy Update from Policy and Communication Group

The Convenor of the Policy and Communication Group provides an update on the latest policy developments on European Wind Power Action Plan, Electricity Market Design, Gas Package, Net Zero Industry Act legislative files.

4.4 TSO/DSO Expert Group – update on appointment of new members

The Convenor of the TSO-DSO Expert Group explains that the first meeting of the Expert Group will take place in December, after the appointment of all Committees and LRG representatives. He reports on the recent meeting held with Board members of the DSO Entity.

Decision

The Board notes the reporting.

5. Application of Ukrenerg as full member – recommendation for Assembly approval

The Secretary-General informs on the progress made since the Board meeting of 5 October 2023 and indicates that Ukrenerg submitted its official application for full member status on 26 October 2023. She explains that Ukrenerg will be compliant with the Articles of Association’s full membership requirements before the Assembly meeting of 14 December 2023, subject to the relevant Regional Group Continental Europe’s decisions anticipated for the meeting of 28 November 2023. Therefore, the Secretary-General proposes that the Board recommends to the Assembly of 14 December 2023 the admission of Ukrenerg as a full Member as of 1 January 2024. She clarifies

that when taking the decision granting to Ukrenergo the full member status, the Assembly voting powers will simultaneously need to be updated to reflect the new member in the relevant Articles of Association provision.

Decision

The Board:

- acknowledges the assessment of the Secretary-General which confirms that Ukrenergo will comply with all the requirements to be met before the 14 December 2023 Assembly meeting subject to the relevant Regional Group Continental Europe’s decisions anticipated for the meeting of 28 November 2023;
- recommends to the Assembly to grant to Ukrenergo the status of full member taking effect on 1 January 2024; and
- recommends, subject to the above, the Assembly to amend Table 1 under Article 17(6) of the Articles of Association by adding the following row:

Country	Member	First Part of Voting Power (<i>‘one country, one vote principle’</i>)	Second Part of Voting Power (<i>‘population per control area in thousand inhabitants’</i>)
Ukraine	NPC Ukrenergo	12	41.418,7

6. ENTSO-E Strategy – recommendation for Assembly approval

6.1 ENTSO-E Strategic Roadmap

The Chair of the Board presents the main elements of the proposed Strategic Roadmap, including the key principles having led its development. He explains that the proposed Strategy Roadmap is based on two main pillars, one focussing on achieving a *Power System for a Carbon-Neutral Europe* and the second one on ensuring a *Secure and Efficient Power System for the whole of Europe* and presents the main “building blocks” of each of the two pillars. He proposes that the Board recommends to the Assembly of 14 December 2023 the approval of the Strategic Roadmap

Decision

The Board recommends the Strategic Roadmap for Assembly approval, subject to the changes discussed and agreed during the meeting.

6.2 ENTSO-E Strategic Communication Plan

The Convenor of the Policy and Communication Group presents to the Board the ENTSO-E Strategic Communication Plan. The Strategic Communication Plan includes amongst other matters, the communication priorities for 2024 and the actions foreseen for the ENTSO-E 15-year anniversary. The Convenor of the Policy and Communication Group clarifies that the Strategic Communication Plan submitted today for Board approval will be further refined and detailed in the coming months and an update will be presented to the Board in January 2024.

Decision

The Board:

- approves the Strategic Communication Plan as presented by PCG; and
- approves the communication priorities for 2024 as outlined in the implementation plan.

7. Expert Group on Grid Infrastructure

7.1 ENTSOE input to the EC Action Plan and

7.2 Terms of Reference

The Chair of the Board presents the timeline for the development of the Grid Action Plan by the EC. He mentions that ENTSO-E has sent its recommendations to the EC on 20 November 2023 and reports on the subsequent engagements with the EC on this Plan. He explains that the recommendations address the following topics: Planning Europe's future electricity system today; Financing a ramp-up of grid investments; Adequate and sustainable manufacturing capacity; and Enhanced regulatory drivers. The Chair of the Board presents the key principles guiding the creation of the new Expert Group on Infrastructure, including its mission, governance, objectives and cross-Committee interactions.

Decision

The Board

- acknowledges the reporting on the developments concerning the upcoming publication of the EU Grid Action Plan;
- approves ENTSO-E being co-signatory of the EC proposed Pact for Engagement and gives mandate to the Secretary-General to sign the Pact; and
- approves the Terms of Reference of the Expert Group on Grid Infrastructure subject to the changes agreed during the meeting.

8. Offshore Group Update

Main offshore challenges and activities and principles for the establishment of a new permanent expert group Board guidance

The Chair of the System Development Committee (SDC) explains the expected significant impact of offshored developments on TSOs and on ENTSO-E and details that investments in offshore are expected to grow significantly and impact system operations, development and market. The SDC Chair then presents the proposed work organisation and key tasks of the future Offshore Expert Group expected to be operational as of February 2024. The SDC Chair clarifies that today's discussion will be used to finalise the Terms of Reference of the future Offshore Expert Group, which will be submitted to the Board for approval in January.

Decision

The Board approves the principles circulated in the session file for the drafting of the Terms of Reference of the Offshore Expert Group.

9. Report on Diversity and Inclusion – recommendation for Assembly approval

The Chair of the Resource committee (Rc) and the Head of People, Talent and Culture Section present the reporting on Diversity and Inclusion 2023, including the comparison with 2022 and a status update on the actions achieved in 2023. The Chair of the Rc explains that the proposal is that Resource Committee will continue working on the Diversity and Inclusion Roadmap 2024 in alignment with the Members. The Chair of the Rc proposes that the Board recommends to the Assembly of 14 December 2023 the approval of the Diversity & Inclusion Report 2023.

Decision

The Board recommends the Assembly to approve the Diversity & Inclusion Report 2023.

10. Draft agenda of 14 December Assembly meeting – for Board approval

The President of the Assembly presents the 14 December 2023 Assembly draft agenda.

Decision

The Board approves the 14 December 2023 Assembly draft agenda, subject to the changes agreed at the meeting.

11. Any other business

The Chair of the Board reports on the signature event of the Observer Membership Agreement with Moldelectrica that took place on 23 November 2023 in ENTSO-E offices with the presence of the

Moldovan Ambassador, Head of the Mission of the Republic of Moldova to the European Union. He clarifies that the Observer status starts as from 1 January 2024. The Chair of the Board thanks the meeting participants for the good meeting.

12. Approval of decisions

Decision

The Board approves the decisions of the 23 November 2023 Board meeting.

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LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

Chair of the Board

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

1.	KAPETANOVIC Tahir	APG	Austria
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Board Members

2.	BIERMANN Dirk	50Hertz	Germany
3.	CARLINI Enrico Maria	TERNA	Italy
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6.	DE LA TORRE Miguel	REE	Spain
7.	BRUUN Johannes	Energinet	Denmark
8.	REIMANN Nell	Swissgrid	Switzerland
9.	RYAN Liam	Eirgrid	Ireland
10.	WEDUM Anne Elisabeth	Statnett	Norway
11.	WARZYWODA Remigiusz	PSE	Poland

President

1.	BOLDIŠ Zbyněk	ČEPS	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	Amprion	Germany

Committee Chairs

Chair of the System Development Committee

3.	SALOBIR Uroš <i>Chair of the Research Dev. & Innovation Committee</i>	ELES	Slovenia
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>	ČEPS	Czech Republic

Invited

1.	DECROIX Timothée	Swissgrid	Switzerland
2.	DARQUENNES Theo	RTE	France
3.	KOPÝTKOVÁ Petra	ČEPS	Czech Republic

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