

ENTSO-E Board meeting of 31 January 2024

Date: 31 January 2024

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 23 November Board meeting

Decision

The Board approves the minutes of the Board meeting of 23 November 2023 for publication.

3. Secretary-General Updates

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 23 November 2023. The Secretary-General updates the Board on the 2024 Member Engagement Plan, on new Sharepoint platform project and proposes to close the 3 Key Priorities which were initiated from the Member Satisfaction Survey 2022.

Decision

The Board acknowledges the report of the Secretary-General and agrees to close the Member Satisfaction Survey 2022 3 Key Priorities.

4.1 Committees/Legal Regulatory Group updates to the Board

The Chair of the Research Development and Innovation Committee reports on recent developments and first results from the Flexibility Need Assessment project, mentioning the links with the upcoming obligations under the Electricity Market Design Reform (EMDR). The Chair addresses the question of the use and dissemination of the project results.

The Chair of the System Operations Committee informs Board members on the progress of the development of the methodology concerning the task of the regional coordination centres to support the coordination and optimisation of regional restoration.

The Chair of the System Development Committee and the Head of the Policy, Communication & Stakeholder Management Section report on the High-level Roundtable organised by ENTSO-E on 23 January 2024 in Brussels for the launch of the Offshore Network Development Plans. They explain that the event was attended by the European Commissioner for Energy, the Belgian Energy Ministry, also representing the current Presidency of the Council of the European Union, and key stakeholders. They highlight that the roundtable discussion included the topics of cost sharing of offshore development projects, financing and investments needs; standardisation and supply chain aspects, among others.

The Chair of the System Development Committee, the Legal and Regulatory Group Chair and the Head of Legal Section report on progress on the European Resource Adequacy Assessment 2023 (ERAA2023) and reflections from the process undertaken.

The Chair of the Market Committee explains that the Market Committee's decision on accession of a new party to the Inter-TSOs Compensation (ITC) contract has been escalated to the Assembly, and he outlines the next steps.

The Chair of the Market Committee updates the Board on the development of the Network Code on Demand Response and the remaining steps until the submission of the final draft to ACER.

The Chair of the Market Committee summarises the initial assessment of the provisionally agreed text of the Electricity Market Design Reform (EMDR). He also proposes a new role of the Task Force EMDR for this year, focusing on strategic guidance and preparation of ENTSO-E policy priorities on Market Design for the new Commission.

The Chair of the Information and Communication Technologies Committee (ICTC) provides the ENTSO-E Board with two cybersecurity updates. The first one is a status report on Moldelectrica's compliance with its Observer Membership Agreement (OMA) and the second concerns the cybersecurity incident that impacted ACER, which was publicly announced in the 4th Quarter of 2023.

The Chair of the TSO-DSO Expert Group explains that the Expert Group has prepared a first draft of the joint TSO-DSO workplan 2024-2025, that will be discussed and finalized with the DSO Entity. He clarifies that the aim is to submit it to the next Board meeting in April.

The Legal and Regulatory Group Chair provides an update on recent Energy Community developments, and in particular concerning Capacity Calculation Regions (CCRs).

The Chair of the Policy and Communication Group provides an update on ENTSO-E advocacy on the Net Zero Industry Act and clarifies that the file is currently in Trilogue with the objective to finalise negotiations under the current Belgian Presidency by end of February 2024.

Decision

The Board:

- notes the reporting;
- thanks the Task Force Electricity Market Design Reform (the TF EMDR) and the European Resource Adequacy Assessment team for their efforts and achievements during 2023; and
- asks the TF EMDR to continue providing strategic guidance to ENTSO-E market design reform during 2024.

4.2 Resources committee reporting

The Chair of the Resources committee (Rc) reports on the topics addressed during the 19 January 2024 Rc meeting, including the Resourcing and Finance reports, the update on the internal audits and the Risk register.

Decision

The Board:

- notes the reporting from the Resources committee meeting of 19 January 2024;
- recommends to the Assembly the renewal of BDO auditors for the financial years 2024, 2025 and 2026 and;
- approves the 2024 Internal Audit Plan to be coordinated and supervised by the Risk and Audit Advisor (Internal Audit Responsible) and performed by independent (external) auditors.

5. ENTSO-E Strategic Roadmap

5.1 ENTSO-E Strategic Roadmap

The Chair of the Board presents the ENTSO- Strategic Roadmap for 2024-2025 and proposes its publication subject to Board approval.

The Chair of the Board introduces the prioritisation approach used to reflect both top-down and bottom-up input received respectively from Board members and from the Chairs of Committees and he presents the strategic topics for Board attention in 2024.

Decision

The Board approves the ENTSO-E Strategic Roadmap for 2024-2025 for publication and the approach for prioritisation of ENTSO-E activities in 2024, including the top priorities for the association for this year.

5.2 Update of the Strategic Communication Plan

As a follow-up to last Board meeting the Chair of the Policy and Communication Group presents an updated version of the Strategic Communication Plan which includes now proposals for communication actions supporting the objectives of ENTSO-E Strategic Roadmap with a high-level timeline. The Chair of the Policy and Communication Group specifies that detailed action plan will be provided for the next Board Meeting in April 2024. He clarifies that in a next phase, the goal will be to develop a measurement framework for the effectiveness of the different communication measures.

Decision

The Board notes the update of the Strategic Communication Plan including the update of the Implementation Plan.

6. Grid Infrastructure Implementation Plan

The Chair of the Board presents how the EU Grid Action Plan objectives are taken up and implemented by the various ENTSO-E Committees and coordinated by the Expert Group on Grid Infrastructure and reports on recent engagements with the EC and the Council including discussions on the governance to oversee the EU Grid Action Plan.

Decision

The Board notes the publication of the EU Grid Action Plan and approves the implementation plan and the proposed next steps for engagement with the European Commission.

7. Offshore update

7.1 Strategic analysis including cost sharing

The Chair of the System Development Committee (SDC) presents a draft strategic analysis on the implications of large offshore rollouts for planning, operations and markets. He explains that coordination and strategic elements mentioned in this analysis are proposed to be taken up by a

new dedicated Expert Group on Offshore reporting to the Board. He clarifies that one specific element highlighted are the next steps of the Offshore Network Development Plans where the TEN-E Regulation mandates ENTSO-E to apply a cost sharing methodology by summer 2025.

Decision

The Board notes the discussion.

7.2 Terms of Reference of the new Offshore Expert Group

The Chair of the System Development Committee (SDC) presents the Terms of Reference of the new Expert Group and other working arrangements on the functioning of this new group.

Decision

The Board:

- approves the Terms of Reference of the Offshore Expert Group;
- appoints the Chair of the System Development Committee as Convenor of the Offshore Expert Group for a mandate of 2 years; and
- confirms the following Board members as members of the Offshore Expert Group: Anne Elisabeth Wedum, Liam Ryan, Susana de Almeida de Graaff and Enrico Carlini.

8. Elements for an ENTSO-E strategy for cooperation with the gas sector

The Chair of the Board, the Chair of the System Development Committee (SDC) and the Chair of the Policy and Communication Group (PCG) invite the Board to provide guidance on several strategic questions concerning the future cooperation with the gas sector at the European level. They explain that these questions relate in particular to system planning, to the design the electricity market in terms of providing flexibility signals for hydrogen generation and demand, and interactions and responsibilities within the system of systems.

Decision

The Board acknowledges the reporting.

9. Bidding Zones review: status update and priorities needed for timely delivery

The Chair of the Market Committee (MC) explains that this reporting is a follow-up on the Board requests from the 5 October and 11 November 2023 Board meetings. He explains that the definition

of bidding zones is a significant pillar of the European electricity market. He clarifies that the European regulation mandates All TSOs to regularly carry out a bidding zones review within a pre-set timeline and using a methodology developed by ACER which requires a technically complex modelling.

Decision

The Board notes the report on bidding zones review.

10. Synchronisation of the Baltic Power System with the Continental Europe Synchronous Area - Main Challenges and Roadmap

The referent Board member for North-Eastern Europe matters and Chair of the System Operations Committee (SOC) explain the status of the synchronisation project of the Baltic States power system with the Continental Europe Synchronous Area including the synchronization roadmap. They highlight the main risks of the project and the related mitigation measures.

Decision

The Board notes the status of the synchronisation project of the Baltic States power system with the Continental Europe Synchronous Area.

11. 5-Year planning (2025-2029) and guiding principles

The Chair of the Resources committee (Rc) summarizes the outcomes of the Rc Workshop hold on 19 January 2024 on the proposed 5-Year Planning Guiding Principles and outlines them.

Decision

The Board:

- approves the 5-Year Planning Guiding Principles to apply for next budgetary process (2025-2029); and
- recommends them for Assembly approval.

12. Draft agenda of 7 March Assembly meeting

The President of the Assembly presents the 7 March 2024 Assembly draft agenda.

Decision

The Board approves the 7 March 2024 Assembly draft agenda, subject to the changes agreed at the meeting.

13. Any other business

The Chair of the Board informs Board members that there are no other items to discuss.

Decision

The Board notes the absence of any other business items.

14. Approval of decisions**Decision**

The Board approves the decisions of the 31 January 2024 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
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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 (excused)	RTE	France
3.	KUGLER Ondřej	ČEPS	Czech Republic

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