ENTSO-E Board meeting of 5 June 2024

Date 5 June2024

Time: 08:00-16:00 (CET)

Place: Brussels, Belgium

MINUTES

1. Secretary-General appointment process (ENTSO-E Board, ENTSO-E President and ENTSO-E Vice-President only)

Following the mandate received from the 17 April Board meeting, the Chair of the Board reports on the results of the discussions he has conducted with ENTSO-E current Secretary-General, and proposes that the Board, at today's meeting, recommends to the forthcoming 26 June 2024 Assembly the reappointment of the current Secretary-General for four-year from 1 January 2025 until 31 December 2028.

Decision

The Board:

- approves the reappointment of the current ENTSO-E Secretary-General for a second four-year mandate from 1 January 2025 until 31 December 2028, subject to Assembly approval, and
- recommends it to Assembly approval.

2. Welcome, attendance, adoption of the draft agenda

Decision

The Board approves the agenda.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the 17 April Board meeting

Decision

The Board approves the minutes of the Board meeting of 17 April 2024 for publication.

4. 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 17 April 2024. The Secretary-General reports on the 23 May 2024 meeting of the External Advisory Group, gives an update on the 2024 Member Engagement Plan, reports on the l myENTSO-E SharePoint platform go-live. Board members acknowledge the go-live of the new platform and thanks the Secretariat for its delivery.

Decision

The Board acknowledges the report of the Secretary-General.

5.1 Committees/Legal Regulatory Group updates to the Board

The Research Development and Innovation Committee Chair (RDIC) presents the key messages on Smart Grid Indicators that will also be presented by ENTSO-E in the next Infrastructure Forum 2024. The RDIC Chair then outlines the ENTSO-E Research, Development and Innovation Roadmap 2024-2034, highlighting the key drivers behind the new edition of this document and the next steps towards its publication, including the public consultation. The Board congratulates the RDIC Chair for the work done under his leadership by RDIC on the ENTSO-E Research, Development and Innovation Roadmap 2024-2034.

The Chair of the System Development Committee (SDC) presents the options considered for the next TYNDP2026 cycle.

The Chair of the Systems Operations Committee (SOC) presents the status of the amendment process of the Connection Agreement with KOSTT and updates the Board about grid imbalances in the control area of KOSTT. The SOC Chair reports on the Common Grid Model (CGM) action plan and presents the messages prepared for the forthcoming June Assembly meeting.

The Chair of the Market Committee (MC) informs the Board about the discussions and conclusions of the Florence Forum.

The Chair of the Legal and Regulatory group (LRG) provides the update from the Energy Community Task Force regarding the implementation of the obligations related to the Capacity Calculation Regions (CCRs). The LRG Chair highlights the importance of continuing the bilateral and multilateral discussions with Energy Community TSOs, and their EU neighbouring TSOs, regarding the possible options for Shadow South-East Capacity Calculation Region (CCR).

The Chair of the Information Technology and Communication Committee (ICTC) updates on cyber incident matters and highlights the needed collaboration with ACER on this matter. Additionally, the ICTC Chair reports on the status of Moldelectrica's compliance with the Observer Membership Agreement (OMA) and its obligations in terms of Cyber security provisions.

The Convenor of the Policy and Communication Expert Group presents the upcoming activity foreseen by the Policy and Communication Expert Group.

Decision

The Board:

- endorses the key messages on Smart Grid Indicators for the next Infrastructure Forum 2024;

- notes the ENTSO-E Research, Development & Innovation Roadmap 2024-2034;

- notes the main objectives set for the TYNDP 2026;

- notes the update on the status of the Connection Agreement with KOSTT;

- acknowledges the Common Grid Model (CGM) status update and actions to present to the next Assembly meeting;

- notes the Florence Forum agenda and of the topics presented by ENTSO-E;

- notes the update from the Energy Community Task Force on the operationalisation of Capacity Calculation Regions;

- notes the Information and Communication Technologies Committee update on the cybersecurity; and

- acknowledges the reporting on the activities planned by the Policy and Communication Expert Group.

5.2 Resources committee reporting

The Chair of the Resources committee (Rc) reports on the topics addressed during the 23 May 2024 Rc meeting, including the 2024 Q1 forecast and updates on the Member resourcing contribution for 2024.

Decision

The Board notes the reporting from the Resources committee meeting of 23 May 2024 including the 2024 Q1 Forecast and the update of the Member resourcing contribution for 2024.

6. ENTSO-E Strategic Priorities for 2025 – recommendation for Assembly approval

The Chair of the Board presents the ENTSO-E Strategic Priorities for 2025. He explains how the outcomes of the Board Workshop held on 16 April 2024 were assessed and how the current proposals were formed. The Chair of the Board also explains that after the Board approval, the Priorities will be proposed for Assembly approval.

Decision

The Board approves the ENTSO-E Strategic Priorities for 2025 subject to changes agreed at the meeting and recommends to the Assembly to approve them.

7.1 2025 Annual Work Programme (AWP) before the launch of the public consultation – recommendation for Assembly approval

7.2 2025 Initial Budget and Resource Plan for Board guidance – recommendation for Assembly information

7.3 5-year planning for Board guidance

The Chair of the Resources committee (Rc) and the Secretary-General present the 2025 Initial Budget and Resource Plan Proposal that has been prepared by the Secretariat together with the Committees' and Legal and Regulatory's Chairs and the Policy and Communication Group's (PCG) Convener in alignment with the proposed 2025 Annual Work Programme (AWP), the Initial Resources Plan and considering the Budget Key Principles and the previous 5-Year Plan as presented to the Assembly on 26 October 2023. They explain the process to develop the AWP 2025 and provide an update to the Board Members on its status. They present the 5-Year Plan also prepared by the Secretariat together with the Committees, LRG/PCG based on the 5-Year Planning Guiding Principles.

The Secretary-General explains that the Secretariat seeks Board guidance on the proposal for presentation for information to the 26 June 2024 Assembly and Board recommendation for Assembly approval of the AWP to be submitted to public consultation. The Secretary-General announces that subject to Assembly approval, public consultation of the AWP will take place during the July and August.

Decision

The Board:

- recommends to the Assembly to approve the draft ENTSO-E Annual Work Programme 2025;
- recommends to the Assembly to approve the document "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.

8. Flexibility Needs Assessment incl. engagement and communication – proposal for the governance structure

The Chair of the Research, Development and Innovation Committee (RDIC) presents an interim governance proposal to carry out under RDIC's lead the flexibility assessment foreseen in the ENTSO-E's Vision work and to deliver on the legal mandate of developing a methodology with the DSO Entity for the national flexibility needs assessment.

> **Decision**
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> The Board approves the proposal for the interim governance of the Flexibility Needs Assessment work.

9. ERAA 2024 engagement strategy and proposed amendments to ERAA methodology – for Board approval

The Chair of the System Development Committee (SDC) reports on the engagement strategy on the European Resource Adequacy Assessments (ERAA) 2024. He presents a set of recommendations about future ERAAS beyond 2024, based on lessons learnt from previous editions and needs identified by TSOs and Member States.

> **Decision**
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> The Board confirms the approach to the revision of the ERAA Methodology as discussed and agreed during the meeting.

10. Offshore update

10.1 Offshore Roadmap

10.2 ENTSO-E key messages on the Offshore Cost Sharing

The Convenor of the Offshore Expert Group presents the work done towards the development of an Offshore Roadmap. He presents the priority topics identified during the gap analysis and the outcome of engagement activities with external stakeholders. He concludes with the timeline for the finalisation of the Roadmap, together with the Committees.

The Chair of the Market Committee (MC) and the Convenor of the Policy and Communication Expert Group (PCG) present ENTSO-E key messages on Offshore Cost Sharing as approved by the MC on 23 May 2024, which will also be the basis for ENTSO-E messages for the Copenhagen Energy Infrastructure Forum.

> **Decision**
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> The Board:
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> - takes note of the progress in developing an Offshore Roadmap; and
> - recommends Assembly approval of the ENTSO-E key messages on offshore cost-sharing for the Copenhagen Energy Infrastructure Forum as presented and agreed during the meeting;
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11. Grid Infrastructure update

11.1 ENTSO-E position on anticipatory investments
11.2 State of play of all other actions
11.3 Key messages for the Copenhagen Forum

The Chair of the Market Committee (MC) presents ENTSO-E key messages on anticipatory investments based on the initial sections of the position paper that were approved by the MC on 23 May, which will also be the basis for ENTSO-E messages for the Copenhagen Energy Infrastructure Forum. The MC Chair also presents the ongoing work on the development of the remaining sections of the position paper and asks feedback from Board members on the scope and content.

The Convenor of the Expert Group Grid Infrastructure gives an overview of EU Grid Action Plan implementations, with focus on the high-level interactions with manufacturer associations in compliance with competition law and the set-up of a new Finance Advisory Group as decided in the previous Board meeting.

The Convenor of the Expert Group Grid Infrastructure updates on the latest program for the Copenhagen Forum and how ENTSO-E messages are being prepared with involvement of the Committees and Expert Group.

Decision

The Board:

- approves the key messages on anticipatory investments;
- approves the composition of the new finance advisory group as circulated in the session file; and
- approves the main messaging for the Copenhagen Energy Infrastructure Forum and the approach for further preparations.

12. ENTSO-E Strategy on Cooperation with Gas and Hydrogen Sectors

The Convenor of the Task Force on Gas Cooperation Strategy reports on the progress on the development of an ENTSO-E strategy paper on engagement with the gas and hydrogen sectors. The Convenor presents an overview of the main points for attention identified in the strategy paper, namely why, with whom, where and how to cooperate. He explains that Assembly approval of the paper is expected in Q4 2024.

Decision

The Board takes note of the progress in developing a strategy on cooperation with the gas and hydrogen sectors.

13. ENTSO-E Procurement Policy

The General Counsel and the Head of the Corporate Service Section present the enhanced version of the ENTSO-E Procurement Policy and its related delegations of power and propose the Board to recommend it for Assembly approval.

> **Decision**
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> The Board approves the enhanced version of the ENTSO-E Procurement Policy.

14. Endorsement of the 2023 ENTSO-E Annual Accounts

The Chair of the Resources committee (Rc) reports on the recommendation to the Board from the Rc to submit the ENTSO-E 2023 Annual Accounts to Assembly for approval, explaining that this recommendation has been confirmed and reported by the Rc based on its 23 May 2024 meeting with the statutory auditors, BDO, who provided a so-called unqualified audit opinion.

> **Decision**
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> The Board recommends the Assembly to:
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> - note that the statutory audit by BDO has been completed with an Unqualified Audit Opinion;
> - approve the 2023 Annual Accounts showing a total balance sheet of 74.621 k€ and a net result of 2.904 k€; and
> - allocate the 2023 net result of 2.904 k€ to the reserves, totalising 14.236 k€ after allocation;

15. General Counsel matters

15.1 Articles of Association and Rules of Procedure – approach for implementation

15.2 All TSOs Policy – recommendation for Assembly approval

15.3 Updated Guidance on Working Arrangements with UK TSOs next steps – recommendation for Assembly approval

The General Counsel explains the work done to update the policies to further details the Articles of Association approved by the Assembly in September 1023. The Chair of the Legal and Regulatory Group outlines the key features of the All TSOs Policy and purpose that the Board recommends to the Assembly to approve it. They present the main points of the recent updated guidance on the Working Arrangements for the cooperation with the UK TSOs under the Trade and Cooperation agreement published on the European Commission site and present the targeted and limited changes to bring to the Working Arrangements to bring them in line with the new Guidance. They recommend that the Board recommend the Assembly to approve them.

Decision

The Board:

- takes note of the reporting regarding the approach for the implementation of the Articles of Association;
- notes the approval of the updated All TSOs Policy by the Legal and Regulatory Group, approves it and recommends it for approval by the Assembly;
- agrees with the proposed approach regarding the Working Arrangements with the UK TSOs; and
- approves the targeted amendments to the Working Arrangements as agreed in the meeting and recommends them for Assembly approval.

16. Draft agenda of 26 June Assembly meeting

The President of the Assembly presents the draft agenda for the 26 June Assembly meeting.

Decision

The Board approves the 26 June 2024 Assembly draft agenda, subject to the changes agreed at the meeting.

17. Any Other Business

The Vice-Chair of the Board announces a reporting on the work with the DSO entity as part of the reporting to the forthcoming Assembly.

18. Approval of decisions

Decision

The Board approves the decisions of the 5 June 2024 Board meeting.

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LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

Chair of the Board

1.	CORTINAS Damian	RTE	France

Vice-Chair of the Board

1.	KAPETANOVIC Tahir	APG	Austria

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1.	BIERMANN Dirk	50Hertz	Germany
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6.	BRUUN Johannes	Energinet	Denmark
7.	REIMANN Nell (online)	Swissgrid	Switzerland
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9.	WEDUM Anne Elisabeth	Statnett	Norway
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2.	KAENDLER Gerald	Amprion	Germany

Committee Chairs

Chair of the System Development Committee

3.	SALOBIR Uroš *Chair of the Research Dev. & Innovation Committee*	ELES	Slovenia
4.	ARRIVÉ Olivier *Chair of the System Operations Committee*	RTE	France
5.	ELSKAMP Fokke *Chair of the Legal & Regulatory Group*	TenneT	Netherlands
6.	HARTMAN Radek *Chair of the Information and Communication Technologies Committee*	ČEPS	Czech Republic

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