

ENTSO-E Board meeting, 5-6 March 2025, Warsaw

Date: 5 and 6 March 2025
 Time: 5 March: 13.00-18.00
 6 March: 9.00-16.00
 Place: Warsaw, Poland

MINUTES

1. Welcome, attendance, adoption of the draft agenda

Decision

The Board approves the agenda.

2. Approval of the minutes of the 22 January 2025 Board meetings for publication

Decision

The Board approves the minutes of the 22 January 2025 Board meetings for publication.

3. Secretary-General Update

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 22 January 2025. In addition to the regular meetings with ENNOH, Energy Community, Eurelectric and RGI, the Secretary-General highlights the meetings held with DG ENER, with the EU DSO Entity and with the UK Minister of Climate. She announces the upcoming External Advisory Group meeting and presents a number of Member initiatives planned for the coming months.

Decision

The Board acknowledges the report of the Secretary-General.

4.1 Committees/LRG updates

The Chair of the Market Committee provides a status update on the long-term flow-based project, including the recent workshop with ACER, National Regulatory Authorities and the European Commission.

The Chair of the System Operations Committee informs on the status of the CGM action plan and clarifies the timeline towards the expected go-live of the first CGM-based processes.

The Chair of the System Operation Committee provides an overview of the electricity exports from the European Union to Ukraine and Moldova during the winter 2024-25. He highlights the specific

challenges faced by Moldova since January and how the TSOs and ENTSO-E have helped to meet these challenges.

The Chair of the System Operations Committee and the Secretary-General update the Board on the successful synchronisation of the Baltic States power system with the Continental Europe synchronous area on 9 February 2025.

The Chair of the Legal and Regulatory Group and the Referent Board Member for South-Eastern Europe matters provide an update about the activities towards the implementation of the TSOs agreements made in the Joint Declaration, and the relevant external developments, such as ACER's request for the amendment of the Capacity Calculation Regions.

The Chair of the Information and Communication Technologies Committee (ICTC) updates the Board on the Network code on Cybersecurity. He presents the work done in 2024 and the next steps coming in 2025. He announces the next update to the Board planned during the Board meeting of 5 June 2025.

The Chair of the System Development Committee presents a status update on calculations of the Sea-Basin Cross-Border Cost Sharing Analysis as foreseen in TEN-E, as well as next steps including Board and Assembly approvals by the end of June 2025.

The ICTC Chair presents the ENTSO-E ICT Strategy Implementation Plan. He highlights the approach taken by the cross-Steering Group Task Force under the ICTC in implementing the 36 initiatives defined in the ENTSO-E ICT Strategy document. He explains that, in order to make an efficient use of the limited resources available, the cross-Steering Group Task Force will be selecting out of these initiatives a list of priority initiatives and will define their respective implementation plan for discussion and approval at the March ICTC meeting. He concludes by announcing that he will be presenting the list of prioritised initiatives and the high-level implementation plan to the Board in its meeting of 5 June 2025.

The Chair of the Legal and Regulatory Group provides an update on the case brought by Swissgrid before the European Court of Justice on the balancing platforms. He reports that in this case, Swissgrid sought the annulment of a letter from the European Commission that effectively refused Switzerland's participation in the Trans European Replacement Reserves Exchange (TERRE) platform.

Decision

The Board notes the reporting of the Committees/LRG Chairs.

4.2 Board Groups updates

The Chair of the Resources committee (Rc) reports on the topics addressed during the 19 February 2025 Rc meeting, including the report on the Major Expenditure Projects, the Finance, Procurement and People Talent & Culture Reports and an update on the Internal Audit and Risk Register.

The Convener of the Policy and Communication Board Group (PCG) presents an overview of the topics discussed at the PCG meeting of 5 February 2025 and updates the Board on the relevant developments related to policy, communication and stakeholder engagement.

The Chair of the Board updates the Board on the progress of the Grid Infrastructure Board Group and the meeting of 5 March 2025. He announces that ENTSO-E, together with key stakeholders (Europacable, the EU DSO Entity, and T&D Europe) will hold their second experts' meeting on Grid Action Plan 13 on 13 March 2025, followed by a workforce webinar in April 2025. He explains that first milestone for GAP No. 6 will be presented at the Infrastructure Forum 2025, including a progress report and the Capacitypedia concept.

The Offshore Board Group Convenor reports to the Board the outcome of the meeting of 4 March 2025, including the stakeholders workshop organised in February and the on-going work on the ENTSO-E Offshore Roadmap with the objective to release it by the Copenhagen Infrastructure Forum, while reviewing existing position papers in parallel.

The Convenor of the TSO/DSO Board Group reports to the Board the main points addressed at the meeting of 13 February 2025. He reports that on the implementation of the common TSO-DSO Work Plan for 2025 and the periodic exchanges with DSO Entity representatives for alignment. He mentions that the Common TSO-DSO Work Plan for 2026 and an improved Memorandum of Understanding are discussed.

The Board referent member and the Head of Business Planning Section report on the main points addressed during the meeting of the NCCIP on 7 February 2025. They explain that the main focus is on Network Code on Demand Response finalisation process, and Regional Coordination Centre Procurement and Sizing. They detail that in the framework of legal obligation to submit the methodology to ACER on 15 October 2025 (Sizing – in April 2026), SORs have to deliver the parameters. They report that ENTSO-E Board awareness is being raised to ensure that TSOs of each SOR answer the request on time.

The Board Referent member and Head of Business Planning Section update the Board on the meeting of the Finance Advisory Group of 11 February 2025 with European Investment Bank representatives. They present a membership change in the Finance Advisory Group for Board approval. They further report that the Finance Advisory Group is continuing its activities with a focus on developing messages on financing and engaging with key stakeholders. They announce that the next meeting of the Finance Advisory Group will take place on 12 May 2025 in Brussels.

Decision

The Board:

- acknowledges the reporting of the Resources committee and of the the Board Groups; and
- approves the nomination of new members of the Finance Advisory Group.

5. Capacity mechanisms

The Chair of the Market Committee updates Board members on the latest developments in the area of capacity mechanisms. He presents the ongoing work by the Market Committee to develop a position on the future design of capacity mechanisms and presents the key messages currently developed to Board members. He informs the Board about the European Commission initiatives to streamline and simplify the application of capacity mechanisms. Lastly, he outlines the next steps planned by the Market Committee, in coordination with the System Development Committee and Policy and Communication Group.

Decision

The Board approves the key messages on future design of Capacity Mechanisms.

6. Transparency platform: Overview of on-going projects and challenges

The Chair of the Market Committee and the Chair of the Information and Communication Technologies Committee present an overview of ongoing projects and challenges of the transparency platform. They highlight the progress made in implementing the Transparency Platform's Vision 2030 and stress the importance of individual efforts by all TSOs with regards to data quality.

Decision

The Board:

- notes the progress made in implementing the Transparency Platform's Vision 2030; and
- supports the measures taken to address the main current challenges and opportunities.

7. TYNDP2026 progress: Project collections, scenario development and work organisation

The Chair System Development Committee (SDC) reports on the status of TYNDP2026, with a focus on the upcoming project collection window and the number of committed TSO resources. The SDC Chair presents the mitigation actions to ensure timely delivery in high quality and proposes that this topic is highlighted in the next Assembly meeting. The SDC Chair notes the importance of the TYNDP in context of the EC's planned TEN-E review.

Decision

The Board takes note of the reporting regarding the TYNDP 2026 progress.

8. European Resource Adequacy Assessments: Finalisation of the 2024 submission and preparation of the 2025 Assessment

The Chair of the System Development Committee (SDC) updates the Board on the European Resource Adequacy Assessment 2025 (ERAA2025), and the direction taken to ensure timely delivery of ERAA2025. He reports on the finalisation of the ERAA 2024 submission, based on steps the SDC Steering Group took to the required buy-in from TSOs and to address expectations from EC and ACER.

Decision

The Board takes note of the reporting regarding the European Resource Adequacy Assessment.

9. ENTSO-E offshore roadmap and stakeholder engagement plan

The Convenor of the Offshore Board Group presents the ENTSO-E offshore roadmap and stakeholder engagement plan for Board guidance. He explains that the Offshore Roadmap builds on discussions with stakeholders held in the 18 February 2025 Workshop and will focus on ENTSO-E activities relevant for offshore and on the 6 priority topics previously identified. He announces that the engagement plan foresees a release by the Copenhagen Infrastructure Forum, further engagement activities with key stakeholders as well as dissemination activities towards a less-expert audience.

Decision

The Board confirms the approach presented during the meeting for the preparation of the ENTSO-E Offshore Roadmap and its stakeholder engagement.

10. The new EU legislative agenda

10.1 EU Agenda: Commission work programme, competitiveness compass, priorities of the Polish Presidency

The Convener of the Policy and Communication Board Group (PCG) provides an overview of the following new EU legislative developments, relevant for the TSO community: the priorities and planned activities of the Polish Presidency, the European Commission Work Programme 2025, the Competitiveness Compass, the Clean Industrial Deal, the Action Plan for Affordable Energy and the EC Communication on implementation and simplification.

Decision

The Board takes note of the status of the legislative agenda.

10.2 Organisation of “EU Grids Legislative Initiatives” Board Group

The Chair of the Board and the Head of Business Planning Section present the organisation of EU Grids Legislative Initiatives Board Group for Board approval.

Decision

The Board confirms the approach to the EU Legislative Agenda.

10.3 ENTSO-E Mission: Driving European Energy Security, Competitiveness and Decarbonisation

The PCG Convener presents the principles of the draft paper “ENTSO-E’s Mission: Driving European Energy Security, Competitiveness and Decarbonisation”. Board members discuss the principle of the draft paper and provide additional feedback.

Decision

The Board approves the paper “ENTSO-E Mission: Driving European Energy Security, Competitiveness and Decarbonisation” taking into account the guidance received.

10.4 Advocacy on Grid Investments and cost of electricity

The Chair of the Board, the Chair of the System Development Committee and the Chair of the Market Committee update the Board on initiatives around grid investments and cost of electricity. They outline that a high-level position statement will be prepared in April by ENTSO-E under the coordination of the Policy and Communications Group to communicate on the need for the investments and the TSOs commitment to maintaining affordability.

Decision

The Board confirms the proposed approach on advocacy on Grid Investments and cost of electricity.

11. Strategic discussion: Security of the Power System

The Chair of the Board leads a discussion on the security of the power system in Europe. He presents proposal to be submitted to the March Assembly for approval.

Decision

The Board notes the discussion on Security of the Power System and the proposed next steps to take place at the March Assembly.

12. National flexibility needs: Status of the methodology and strategic considerations – for Board guidance

The Chair of Research, Development and Innovation Committee (RDIC) and the Convener of Task Force on Flexibility Needs Assessment present a status report on the draft methodology for the national flexibility needs. They recall that the draft methodology has been developed jointly by ENTSO-E and DSO Entity and is expected to be submitted to ACER on 16 April 2025. They explain that the drafting team has reached all milestones in a timely manner and has proactively engaged with EC, stakeholders and particular ACER in the process, incorporating their feedback ahead of the ACER approval period. They report on the link between Flexibility Needs Assessment Methodology and European Resource Adequacy Assessment and on the mandate of ACER for the Union level analysis of Flexibility Needs.

Decision

The Board confirms the approach and the next steps on Methodology for the Analysis of National Flexibility Needs as presented during the meeting.

13. Establishing the ENTSO-E strategic priorities for 2026 – Process and next steps

The Chair of the Board and the Head of Business Planning Section present the planned process and next steps for establishing the ENTSO-E strategic priorities for 2026.

Decision

The Board takes note of the process established for reviewing the Association priorities for 2026.

14. Annual Planning (budget, resources, and Annual Work Programme): Status and next steps

The Secretary-General informs the Board on the 2026 Annual Planning. She presents the approach that will be followed this year regarding the Annual Work Programme, Resources Plan and Budget and 5-Year Plan. She provides a status update of the work conducted in the last months and discusses the next steps.

Decision

The Board acknowledges the ongoing Annual Planning 2026 work.

15. Reserves Management Policy

The Chair of the Resources committee (Rc) presents to the Board the Reserves Management Policy as endorsed by the Resources committee and presents the next steps consisting in submitting the Policy to the Assembly for guidance.

Decision

The Board confirms the approach of the Reserves Management Policy presented and discussed at the meeting.

16. TSO-DSO common work plan 2025

The Convenor of the TSO-DSO Board Group recalls that the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between ENTSO-E and the EU DSO Entity, signed on 11 January 2022, foresees a commonly agreed yearly work programme. He indicates that the current Work Plan, approved by Board on 17 April 2024, is covering 2024 and 2025 and that a preliminary assessment from ENTSO-E and the EU DSO Entity show that the Work Plan still appropriate for 2025.

Decision

The Board confirms for 2025 the common TSO-DSO work plan 2024-25 (Executive Summary) that was developed with the EU DSO Entity and approved by ENTSO-E Board on 17 April 2024.

17. Draft agenda of 26 March Assembly meeting

The President presents the agenda of the 26 March 2025 Assembly meeting.

Decision

The Board approves the 26 March 2025 Assembly draft agenda, subject to the changes discussed and agreed at the meeting.

18. Annual stakeholder fora organised by the European Commission and Energy Community Secretariat in 2025: Delegations and mandates

The Head of Business Planning presents the approach to the annual stakeholder fora organised by the European Commission and by the Energy Community Secretariat in 2025.

Decision

The Board:

- appoints the delegations for the fora; and
- mandates the delegation to prepare messages and represent ENTSO-E based on approved ENTSO-E positions.

19. Any other business

The Chair of the Board and the Secretary General discussed the upcoming high-level meeting with ACER management.

20. Approval of the Decisions

Decision

The Board approves the decisions of the 5 and 6 March 2025 Board meeting.

ENTSO-E Board Meeting of 5 and 6 March 2025

Date: 5 and 6 March 2025

Time: 5 March: 12.00-13.00: Lunch; 13.00-18.00: Board meeting

6 March: 9.00-16.00: Board meeting

Place: Warsaw, Poland

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

1.	BIERMANN Dirk	50Hertz	Germany
2.	BRUUN Johannes	Energinet	Denmark
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4.	CHARPANTIDOU Eleni	IPTO	Greece
5.	DE ALMEIDA DE GRAAFF Susana (online morning March 6)	TenneT	Netherlands
6.	DE LA TORRE RODRIGUEZ Miguel (online)	REE	Spain
7.	MUNTHE Kristin Lucie	Stattnet	Norway
8.	REIMANN Nell	Swissgrid	Switzerland
9.	RYAN Liam	Eirgrid	Ireland
10.	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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Committees, LRG, PCG

1.	ARRIVÉ Olivier <i>Chair of the System Operations Committee</i>	RTE	France
2.	BARMSNES Kjell <i>Chair of the Market Committee</i>	Statnett	Norway
3.	ELSKAMP Fokke <i>Chair of the Legal & Regulatory Group</i>	TenneT	Netherlands
4.	HARTMAN Radek <i>Chair of the Information and Communication Technologies Committee</i>	ČEPS	Czech Republic
5.	KEANDLER Gerald (excused on March 6) <i>Chair of the System Development Committee</i>	Amprion	Germany
6.	CHANLOTIS Dimitrios (substituting KEANDLER Gerald on March 6) <i>Vice-Chair of the System Development Committee</i>	RTE	France
7.	SALOBIR Uroš <i>Chair of the Research Dev. & Innovation Committee</i>	ELES	Slovenia
8.	PELLEGATTA Anna <i>Convenor of the Policy and Communication Group</i>	TERNA	Italy

Invited

1.	DARQUENNES Theo	RTE	France
2.	KUGLER Ondřej	ČEPS	Czech Republic
3.	WACHTER-KOLLMANN Romana	APG	Austria
4.	SISINNI Mario (online)	TERNA	Italy

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