

# ENTSO-E Market Committee Meeting

Date: Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Place: ENTSO-E MS Teams - [Online]

## MC Minutes

### 1. Introduction, attendance, approval of agenda and minutes of previous meeting

The MC Chair welcomes the participants, opens the meeting, and declares the quorum is met (89,74 % of MC Members are present or represented). He asks if the MC members have comments regarding the agenda, or the minutes of the last meeting. No comments are raised.

#### Decision

The MC approves the agenda.

The MC approves the Minutes of the MC meeting of 12 September 2024 for publication.

### 2. Update on internal/external developments [No decisions]

The MC Chair informs that the project Vision for Regional Coordinated Centres would like to have a SPOC from the MC and proposes that the MC Strategic group will discuss and appoint one. The proposal is accepted by the MC members. He also proposes that the Chairs of the balancing platforms will be invited from time to time to the MC meetings if there are relevant topics for them discussed. The proposal is also accepted.

#### 2.1 Assembly/Board meeting

The MC Chair shares the latest update from the Board and the Assembly meetings.

#### 2.2 Regional Governance Assessment project

The LRG Chair presents the status of the work and indicates that the legal assessment does not provide sufficient elements to make recommendations. Therefore, a webinar is to be organised on the 11 December to get inputs from the committees.

### 3. Working Group Market Integration (WG MI) – MC Part

#### 3.1 MI Convenership

The ENTSO-E Market Integration manager informs that MIWG members recommend the Market Committee to confirm the re-appointment Energinet and Statnett MIWG members as MIWG co-conveners.

## Decisions

**3.1.** The MC approves the co-convenership of Energinet and Statnett members for the Market Integration working group for the period 30 November 2024 – 30 November 2026.

### **3.2 MIWG work program and MI recognition to its expert team lead and members [for decision]**

The MIWG Co-Convener presents the list of achievements of the MIWG for 2024. He also informs about the recognition certificates awarded to the leaders of different sub-groups and project teams for their exceptional work in 2024 and asks MC members to share this recognition within their TSO.

## Decisions

**3.2.** The MC approves the MI WG Work Program for 2025 – 2026.

## 4. All TSOs Meeting

The meeting of All TSOs is the subject of separate minutes.

## 5. Working Group Ancillary Services (WG AS) – MC Part

### **5.1. Offshore Balancing [for decision]**

The WG AS Convener presents the recent developments on the offshore balancing topic, including the collaboration planning with other most interdependent topics according to the Offshore Roadmap approved by the ENTSO-E Board on 6 November.

The WG AS Convener asks for MC's approval of the new Project Initiation Document (PID) for the Project Team Offshore Balancing to formally establish a project team for the next phase of work developing the concept for offshore balancing aligned with EU legislation, allowing the integration of offshore bidding zones in the European electricity markets in December 2024 – December 2025.

The proposed decision is approved with unanimity.

## Decision

**5.1.** The MC approves the Project Initiation Document (PID) for the Offshore Balancing Project Team, as provided in the MC Session file.

### **5.2. Network Code Demand Response - related EB Regulation amendments [for discussion]**

The WG AS Convener presents the recent developments regarding the updated NCDR-related EB Regulation amendment, including the ENTSO-E submission of the responses to ACER's public consultation on 31 October

and subsequent receipt of the further updated versions on 15 November for any additional feedback by 29 November.

WG AS Convener reminds MC members that the MC has mandated the MC Strategic Group to approve for submission to ACER on 29 November any additional ENTSO-E comment (compared to the version submitted by 31 October).

### **5.3. Intraday gate closure time 30min [for discussion]**

WG AS Convener provides an update on the shortening of the intraday cross-zonal gate closure time (ID GCT-30min) to 30 minutes ahead of real time, including the status overview of the planned derogations and the ongoing discussions on different levels (pan-EU, regional and local), involving different bodies to find the optimal and futureproof solution.

WG AS Convener informs MC members of a working-level workshop requested by ACER on the 17 December, to understand better the ID GCT-30min impacts on various processes; all SPOCs are currently preparing the materials for the workshop.

### **5.4. EB Regulation list of information pursuant to Article 63(3) of the EB Regulation [for decision]**

WG AS Convener provides an update on the list of relevant information to be communicated by ENTSO-E to ACER to monitor the implementation of the EB Regulation, as well as the development of the Detailed Data Definition (DDD) Document which is required for the implementation on the Transparency Platform (TP).

One TSO asks about the purpose of the data which will be submitted by the TSOs. WG AS Convener responds that the formal objective from ACER is market monitoring according to their legal mandate. WG AS convener further notes that the data of 2024 and 2025 will need to be provided individually by TSOs, before it is implemented on the Transparency Platform in 2026.

WG AS Convener asks for MC's approval of the amended EB Regulation list of Data Annex, as well as the DDD Document. The proposed decision is approved with unanimity.

## **Decision**

**5.4.** The MC approves the amended EB List of Data Annex and Detailed Data Definition (DDD) Document, subject to English proof reading, consistency check and cosmetic changes.

### **5.5. EB Monitoring [for Decision]**

The WG AS Convener provides an update on the amended Balancing Performance Indicators (PIs) Definition document and the revised EB Monitoring Plan.

The WG AS Convener asks for MC's approval of the Balancing Performance Indicators (PIs) Definitions document and the revised EB Monitoring Plan for submission to ACER in December 2024.

The proposed decision is approved with unanimity.

## **Decision**

**5.5.** The MC approves the Balancing Performance Indicators (PIs) Definition's document and the EB Monitoring Plan for submission to ACER in December 2024.

## 5.6. PT Advocacy [for Decision]

The WG AS Convener asks for MC's approval of the new Project Initiation Document (PID) for the Project Team Advocacy, working on the various Electricity Balancing Regulation related strategic topics. The proposed decision is approved with unanimity.

### Decision

5.6. The MC approves the updated Project Initiation Document (PID) for the Project Team Advocacy, as provided in the meeting materials.

## 6. Task Force Demand-Side Flexibility (TF DSF)

### 6.1. Network Code Demand Response Status Update [for decision]

The TF DSF Convener briefs the MC members on the physical 3-day ACER meetings that took place in Ljubljana with all the relevant external stakeholders and NRAs on 20, 21, and 22 November. He reports about the discussions that took place and conclusions from the meetings by categorizing them into positive, neutral, and concerning from ENTSO-E perspective. Moreover, TF DSF advisor informs about the ACER November-December NC DR process as well as the expectation of ACER on receiving new comments on the 15 November NC DR package, released by ACER. He also reminds about the MC Strategic Group Meeting to take place on 29 November, where all (NC DR legal text and EB Regulation related) new comments will be subject to approval to be submitted to ACER. It was also mentioned that ACER will process the comments received from all stakeholders and foresees the final submission to the European Commission on the 8 March 2025.

### Decision

6.1. The MC nominates the MC Strategic Group as decision making body for ENTSO-E reactions on the NC DR Package review process taking place in November-December period by ACER.

## 7. Technical Report

### 7.2. Technical report: Chapter on the fulfilment the 70% requirement [for decision]

The Technical Report Co-Convener presents the technical report structure and how each of the chapters will look like, highlighting the changes from the previous technical report.

The PT art 16 Convener presents the MC the open question on how to represent the national data on the Chapter of the 70% requirement in the technical report for 2023 data. After some discussion, an agreement is reached to use one graph making clear visual distinction on the national differences and including clear disclaimers about it.

### Decision

**7.2.** The MC agrees to a joint presentation of data of all countries in one graph, with very clear visual distinction on varying data calculation methods in the graph itself. It should be explained (clearer than just small asterix), that the data is based on various calculation methods, for the Chapter of the 70% requirement in the Technical Report for 2023 data.

## **8. Project Team Sea Basin Cross-Border Cost -Sharing (PT SB CBCS)**

### **8.1. Offshore Cost Sharing Position Paper: evaluation of first policy options [for discussion]**

The Secretariat representative updates MC members on the progress on the Position Paper on Offshore Cost Sharing, asking members' feedback on the PT SB CBCS draft assessment of the policy options analysed so far. Members generally welcome the assessment but some of them express strong reservations about the feasibility and opportunity of an EU tariff component. The Secretariat representative explains that the several limitations and downsides of this options are already included in the draft assessment and that MC members' feedback will be further incorporated in the continuation of the work.

#### **Decision**

**8.1.** The MC welcomes the draft assessment of the policy options analyzed so far.

### **8.2. Approval of new PT Co-Convenership [for approval]**

The Secretariat representative informs about the proposed nomination of a second co-convenor for the PT SBCS. The proposal is supported by members.

#### **Decision**

**8.2.** The MC approves the appointment of the nominated co-convenor from Statnett for the PT SB CBCS.

## **9. Working Group Market Design and Renewables (WG MD & RES)**

### **9.1. Storage Position Paper [for discussion]**

The WG MDRES representative leading the development of the Position Paper on Storage presents to MC members the proposed structure, scope and storyline of the paper. MC members welcome the proposal but ask to reflect in the paper that different market models could be suitable for storage development depending on market conditions and national system needs. It is also suggested to further stress the importance of locational signals to guide investment siting decisions more in line with system constraints and costs.

#### **Decision**

**9.1.** The MC supports the proposed structure and storyline of the Position Paper on Storage.

## 10. Working Group Economic Framework (WG EF)

### 10.1 Slides on Impact Future TSO grid investments on tariffs [for decision]

The WGEF co-Convener explains the progress made on the topic. She highlights that the work is in progress. She explains the spike in volume for investments, as the numbers have been updated in the last month and mentions that tariffs will increase until 2050. The Convener presents the key messages to be used externally and asks MC members to approve it.

The MC members propose adding a disclaimer to indicate that the document is intended solely to present a common position. MC members point out that the messaging should express that tariffs may remain affordable provided that electrification is ongoing. The co-Conveners will share the agreed messages of the slide externally with stakeholders.

The proposed decision is approved with unanimity.

#### Decision

**10.1.** The MC approves the slide with the messages on the Impact of future TSO grid investments on tariffs for external use.

### 10.2 MC Guidance on Common position on tariffs [for decision]

The WGEF co-Convener introduces the background of the topic, including the increasing interest on tariffs and requests guidance from the MC to go forward on developing a common position and best practices.

### 10.4 Position paper on anticipatory investments [for decision]

The WGEF co-Convener presents the paper with main messages and the key principles included. He explains the need for a unanimous MC decision to approve the paper to be able to publish it ahead of the workshop with the European Commission on 11 December.

The proposed decision is approved with unanimity.

#### Decision

**10.4.1.** The MC approves the position paper on anticipatory investments and its publication by 11 December 2024, subject to format, consistency, and proof-reading changes.

**10.4.2.** The MC approves the external use of the slides related to the position paper on anticipatory investments.

## 11. Inter-TSO Compensation (ITC)

### 11.1 Potential extension of PT ITC

The PT ITC Convener presents the extension of the scope on the future ITC. One member votes against the proposed decision.

## Decision

**11.1.** The MC approves the proposed extension of the Project Team on the future of ITC.

### **11.2. Deliverable 3.1: Mapping of TSO-TSO Cost Sharing Mechanisms in Europe**

The PT ITC Convener explains the progress over the deliverable and the on-going LRG review. He proposes the organisation of a workshop on the matter for the beginning of 2025.

The MC vice-Chair highlights that some sections need further alignment with System Development.

### **11.4. Response to ACER's data request follow-up**

No discussion.

## Decision

**11.4.** The MC approves the final response to the ACER's ITC Data Request follow-up subject to format, consistency, and proof-reading changes.

### **11.5. Results from the preliminary data collection (Perimeter fee + Publication on the website)**

The WGEF co-Convener highlights that the preliminary data collection took place until mid-November, leading to the computation of its outcomes. As per the ITC agreement, the preliminary ex-ante spreadsheet needs to be available before 31 of December each year. He explains that during the computation process of the 2025 ex-ante spreadsheet, one data set was originally missing, since Ukrenergjo joined ITC during 2024 and UE flows from 2023 were missing. However, Ukrenergjo sent the data over the last weeks and the Data administrators were able to process it.

The WGEF co-Convener explains that the approval of the results from the preliminary data collection is expected to be managed via Written Voting Procedure before the end of the year.

He also explains that the same issue was identified for 2026 Audit. However, as it was already identified, the matter will be resolved before the start of next year's data collection process/Audit.

### **11.6. Launch of the ITC Audit 2025**

No discussion.

## Decision

**11.6.** The MC approves the launch of the ITC Audit 2025 and asks all ITC Parties to comply with the ENTSO-E Secretariat's data request.

## 12. Working Group Market Information and Transparency (WG MIT)

### 12.3. Revised Renewable Energy Directive [for decision]

The WG MIT Convener presents updates on TP Redesign and TP Vision projects, which address back-end upgrade and new Graphical User Interface (GUI) for the platform respectively. He informs that many of the data screens are already available on the new GUI, and remaining screens will be implemented in December 2024. Considering this finalization, he offers to provide a demo session to the Market Committee members in Q1/Q2 2025, ahead of the official launch of the new platform.

The WG MIT Convener informs about the revised Renewable Energy Directive, its timeline, the requirements, and impact on member states and TSO's to make available the emissions data, as well as the facilitation of communication between the Commission and TSO's on these matters by WG MIT. Answering the question by the MC members he explains that there is no legal mandate for ENTSO-E, but the Guidance refers the TSO's to collaborate within the framework of ENTSO-E. Considering the lack of involvement or expertise by any other group within ENTSO-E on this matter, he suggests that WG MIT is ready to support the efforts on development of a common methodology and analyse the possibilities around using Transparency Platform for future publications.

Following the discussions, MC Members highlight the need for a fact-finding mission in the form of a feasibility study to identify the potential impact, existing practices, and differing approaches before making further commitments. Hence, the proposed decision is updated to reflect this request, and a second part is added to enable WG MIT representatives to communicate with EC and other stakeholders on the anticipated next steps and involvement from ENTSO-E.

#### Decision

**12.3.** The MC approves start of a feasibility study, initiating a fact-finding mission on existing practices in order to in a second step take the initiative in the development of a harmonized calculation methodology, with reference to Article 20a of the revised Renewable Energy Directive.

The WG MIT Convener then provides updates on TP Vision 2030 workstreams, namely TP mobile app reinvention, data quality improvement measures and enhancing user engagement. He presents current status on data quality and backlog of open tickets, which has been on increase. In return, the MC asks all TSOs who are in breach of their obligations for resolution of tickets to increase their efforts and prepare a plan to overcome their delays.

The Convener concludes the presentation with informing on the lack of active participation by Working Group members which challenges the implementation of ongoing efforts. The MC Chair asks the MC members to take note of this and support cooperation.

## 13. Working Group Reporting on Market Integration (WG RMI)

### 13.1. Market Report [for decision]

The Convener provides an update on the latest developments of the project, highlighting several key points. These included the status of the Market Report 2024 videos and their storage locations, feedback gathered from the *Lessons Learnt* call held in September, and details about the upcoming Kick-off meeting for the Market Report 2025, scheduled for December 2024. Additionally, the Convener presents the list of SPOCs for the Market Report 2025 and the approved Table of Contents, which had received endorsement from the MC.



## Decision

**13.1.** The MC approves the Table of Contents of Market Report 2025.

### **13.2. CC&A Report [for decision]**

The Convener explains the situation surrounding the CC&A Report 2025. ACER had requested that the report not be produced, citing a lack of added value in the latest iteration. One of the MC members inquires whether there was a written request from ACER to support this stance. The Convener confirms that such a request exists explicitly through a mail. The SPOCs for the CC&A Report 2025, who had already been involved in the preliminary work, were informed about the intention to pause the project. They will be officially notified of the final decision to discontinue the project.

## Decision

**13.2.** The MC approves not to produce the CC&A Report 2025.

## 14. AOB

The MC Chair informs the members on changes of MC membership.

***Next MC/ All TSOs meeting: 28 January 2025 – ENTSO-E (Online).***