19th Electricity Balancing Stakeholder Group

(EBSG) Meeting

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Minutes

# **Welcome and introduction**

ACER and ENTSO-E representatives welcome participants online and present physically in Brussels.

# **CZC allocation harmonised methodology**

ENTSO-E representatives present the latest development of the CZCA Harmonised Methodology content, summarise some of the feedback received during the public consultation, and invite EBSG attendees to discuss parts of the public consultation feedback.

EBSG discusses:

* EURELECTRIC representative asks presenters to provide context and further details when presenting complex topics, such as forecasting.
* EURELECTRIC representative asks what the governance process is for defining the forecasting process by the platform during the implementation phase.
  + ENTSO-E representative responds that the actual forecasting method is not defined in the methodology.
  + ENTSO-E representative supplements that it is hardly possible to harmonise the forecasting method on the pan-European level. The CZCA Harmonised Methodology will define in what frame the forecasting should take place and which tools to use, but the details would be up to each platform and forecast process to decide within these overarching rules. He adds that as to the degree of freedom for decision-making, if TSOs cannot define further rules in this CZCA Harmonised Methodology, then there will be a more significant role of NRAs.
  + EURELECTRIC representative suggests that CZCA Harmonised Methodology should mention that, while defining further rules on forecasting, sufficient transparency and stakeholder engagement should be ensured.
* ACER representative provides an update on the latest developments on the co-optimisation approach. He notes that ACER is planning on submitting the request for amendments to the Requirements for the Price Coupling Algorithm that to the TSOs and NEMOs. He adds that All TSOs and All NEMOs from SDAC submitted the N-SIDE Co-optimisation study to ACER on 26 October 2022.
  + EFET representative asks whether there is a debate between ACER, NEMOs and TSOs on multilateral versus unilateral linking. He adds that stakeholders are not informed on this.
  + ENTSO-E representative responds that after the N-SIDE study has been completed, there was no interaction between TSOs and NEMOs; TSOs view market-based as a better alternative than co-optimised. He adds that linking is not viewed as the biggest obstacle as there is also a huge concern with regard to the impact on EUPHEMIA.
  + ENTSO-E representative notes that, at the moment, because of the complexity, there is no TSO that is focused on applying co-optimisation. He adds that, when ACER, NEMOs and NRAs make the decisions on the way forward, ENTSO-E would like to be involved in the next steps.
* ENGIE representative asks what would be the next steps on the co-optimisation and what is the decision process in the coming months.
  + ACER representative confirms that the next steps are not yet defined. He adds that ACER and NRAs disagree with TSOs and NEMOs’ proposal to not do anything further on the submitted Requirements in June 2022. He notes that the CZCA Harmonised Methodology does not include changes to the co-optimisation content from the content in Art. 40, therefore, ACER sees the need to request changes to the submitted Requirements and to define the next steps.
  + ACER representative complements that ACER sees the co-optimisation as a long-term target. However, ACER does not want to endanger other ongoing deliverables by TSOs and NEMOs.
  + ACER representative confirms that ACER indeed views the co-optimised as a long-term target and thinks that planning already would be required now.
  + ENTSO-E representative suggests that building something with the goal to apply it should be a priority. Therefore, a simpler first step - such as no linking - may be considered and further investigated.
  + ACER representative responds that ACER does not want to implement something without applying it, but there is also value in having co-optimisation. In order to have co-optimisation in the 2025 time horizon, the planning should be done and some efforts should be invested already now.
* ENTSO-E representative summarises some of the feedback received during the public consultation and invites EBSG attendees to discuss parts of the public consultation feedback.
  + EFET representative notes that a comparison of energy price and the capacity price is not applicable because the two are different.
  + EFET representative and ACER representative exchange about the price cap related feedback received during the public consultation.
  + EFET representative notes that the made connection between reduced available capacity and forecasting accuracy is appreciated, i.e., that there is a provision that if the forecasting fails, the volume of allocated CZC for the application of the entire mechanism should be reduced.
* ACER representative asks whether the inverted market-based will be included in the Methodology.
  + ENTSO-E representative responds that TSOs are yet to finalise this. However, as it is proposed now, there will be an article for the inverted market-based, but it will be nearly empty with a placeholder provision that should there be a TSO willing to apply it, needs to develop further provisions. Only the rule that the platform of inverted market based shall be the co-optimised platform shall be defined in the methodology.
* ENGIE representative asks whether the N-SIDE prototype study on the co-optimisation approach received yesterday by ACER will be published.
  + ACER representative responds that confidentiality provisions will need to be checked first.
* EFET representative asks how the co-optimisation requirements and CZCA Harmonised Methodology deadlines are connected from the timeframe perspective.
  + ACER representative responds that CZCA Harmonised Methodology must be submitted by 17 December 2022 and ACER will take the decision by 17 June 2023. The co-optimisation requirements will need to be further worked on – ACER is in the process of defining the next steps.
  + EURELECTRIC representative asks whether ACER will consult on the CZCA Harmonised Methodology and when.
  + ACER representative confirms and notes that the planning has not been finalised, but it should be expected sometime in February.
* ENTSO-E representative thanks all stakeholders for providing technical and detailed feedback, which was very helpful for TSOs.
* **ACER is asked to provide clarity on the next steps on the co-optimisation approach and the requirements for the price coupling algorithm (which were submitted to NEMOs by TSOs on 16 June 2022).**

# **Coffee break**

# **Updates on the platform go-live**

## PICASSO

ENTSO-E representative presents an update on the latest developments in the PICASSO project.

EBSG discusses:

* EFET representative asks whether the price convergence is taking place at any time of the day.
  + ENTSO-E representative responds that price convergence exists, and it is taking place approximately 60-70% of the time, covering several TSOs.
  + EFET representative asks about the remaining 30-40% of prices.
  + ENTSO-E representative responds that he does not have this data today, but this information will be reported in the PICASSO social welfare report.
* ACER representative asks about the demand for aFRR and whether it is, on average, long positive or long negative.
  + ENTSO- representative responds that no difference has been observed in the past several months.
* ENGIE representative asks about cross-border capacity values and asks for them to be included in the social welfare report.
  + ENTSO-E representative responds that this feedback will be taken into account.
* VEMW representative asks about any changes in the supply because of the standardization of the products.
  + ENTSO-E representative explains that, from a German TSOs’ perspective, there was no increase or decrease in the balancing market in Germany with the start of the PICASSO platform. He also adds that the features of the standard product are currently being used in the balancing market.
* VEMW representative asks whether the changes in volumes exchanged were observed since the start of the PICASSO platform.
  + ENTSO-E representative replies that it is not the case.
* ACER representative asks about the use of the 15-min feature of the standard products.
  + E-CONTROL representative notes that the 15-min feature is not used very much in Austria. He adds that some existing market participants appear to be not interested in this feature.
  + ACER representative responds that it is also important to look at the behavioural changes over time.
  + ENTSO-E representative agrees with ACER and explains that because PICASSO went live over summer and because of the current energy crisis, it will take some time to see the evolution in the market.
* EURELECTRIC representative asks about whether the data for PICASSO from regelleistung.net is being shifted to Transparency Platform (TP) and when.
  + ENTSO-E representative responds that he cannot answer this at the moment, but stakeholders will be notified via the website if this is the case.
* ENTSO-E representative notes that the most up-to-date PICASSO Accession Roadmap was published on the ENTSO-E website yesterday.
  + ACER representative asks what the reason for the delay in ELIA’s accession is.
  + CREG representative clarifies that ELIA's delay in accession has to do with the balancing bid price cap proposal which was rejected by Belgian NRA and is currently being reviewed by ACER.
  + ACER representative asks how much time it will take for ELIA to technically connect if they decide to join immediately.
  + ENTSO-E representative responds that it is a matter of weeks, not months, because ELIA is ready for accession from the technical perspective.

## MARI

ENTSO-E representative presents an update on the latest development in the MARI project and notes that the most up-to-date MARI Accession Roadmap was published on the ENTSO-E website yesterday.

## Stakeholder workshop

ENTSO-E representative provides an update that the next Balancing Platforms Stakeholder Workshop will take place on 8 December. All four balancing platforms will be covered there. She adds that the registration links and further information will be distributed to the EBSG.

# **Transparency platform updates**

## TSOs updates

ENTSO-E representative presents an update on the Transparency Platform (TP) readiness.

EBSG discusses:

* EURELECTRIC representative asks when all data will be available on the Transparency platform.
  + ENTSO-E representative responds that the gap solution for data publication is foreseen until Q4 2022, so all data that are published today at TransnetBW. website should be available on the TP from Q1 2023. She notes that TSOs need to discuss whether the historic data should be transferred to the TP from the Transnet website (i.e., from the gap solution location).
  + EURELECTRIC representative notes that, for stakeholders, it is more convenient when all the data is available on the same platform.
  + ACER representative notes that, indeed, there is no obligation to have all of the data on the same platform, but the target was always that everything should be published on the TP starting from a specific point in time onwards.
  + ENTSO-E representative responds that the data that today is published on the TransnetBW website – i.e., the exchange volumes, cross border marginal prices and bid availability data – will not be available on the TP unless it is specifically transferred and that TSOs will need to internally discuss to the arrangements of such transfer . She reiterates that all the data from PICASSO will be published on the TP from Q1 2023 onwards.
* EFET representative asks whether batteries can be included as a separate production type in the data reported on the TP.
  + ENTSO-E representative responds that it needs to be clarified as the definition is currently not clearly defined.
  + EFET representative agrees that in the current TP Regulation there was no definition because 10 years ago batteries were not at the center of attention. He adds that it is crucial today to define batteries for data reporting and it is being discussed within “Fit for 55” work.
  + ENTSO-E representative confirms that this will be looked at.
* ACER representative asks whether all legally required data is available on the TP, such as demand for activated balancing energy.
  + ENTSO-E representative responds that the TP is capable of receiving all of the data.
  + ACER representative responds that ACER cannot find the demand for activated balancing energy on the TP, but they will double-check.
* **ENTSO-E and Transparency Platform experts from TSOs are expected to discuss internally whether to transfer** **the historic data from the gap solution location Transnet website published there before Q1 2023 to the Transparency Platform.**
* **ENTSO-E and Transparency Platform experts from TSOs to research a possibility to clarify the definition of the batteries for the purpose of data reporting and to report the data for batteries separately on the Transparency Platform.**
* **PICASSO is expected to clarify what PICASSO data is already available on the TP and will be available on the TP from Q1 2023.**

## Eurelectric feedback

EURELECTRIC representative presents market participants‘ feedback on the use of the transparency platform.

EBSG discusses:

* ENTSO-E representative thanks EURELECTRIC for raised concerns and provides clarifications:
  + Missing data is not ideal, but currently, the publication is done on a best-effort basis. While ENTSO-E checks the data for consistency, it is up to the TSOs to deliver the data.
  + The currency has not been yet configured in the TP, so the inconsistencies can be explained by that.
  + The data that is published on the TP is published there according to the various regulatory requirements. ENTSO-E and TSOs try to mark the data to correspond to the specific requirements, although it may not always be the case. The DDD (Data Description Document) has information about this, as well.
* EFET representative notes that the description on the TP for balancing data is missing.
  + ENTSO-E representative agrees that the description for balancing data should be added on the TP, especially given that this knowledge is available. He confirms that he takes it back to the project.
* ACER representative notes that a quick review of the TP shows that the data is mislabelled, and the values are missing. Therefore, ACER calls for quick intervention on this by the TP experts.
  + ENTSO-E representative confirms that this will be looked at and asks ACER to follow-up via email with further details of their quick review.
* EURELECTRIC representative thanks ENTSO-E for the explanation, but notes that stakeholders request an actual action plan. She notes that the “quick win” and “low-hanging fruit” strategy should be used by introducing a “correspondence table” in order to address issues such as the same data being named in two different ways because currently, people cannot use this platform properly. As the second step, new data can be added. The cleaning up of data on the TP is crucial for market participants.
  + ENTSO-E representative welcomes the feedback and notes that this will be looked at.
* EURELECTRIC representative asks when the next Transparency Stakeholder Group will take place.
  + ENTSO-E representative responds that there is no date right now, but it will be scheduled as soon as possible. He notes that the TP project team at ENTSO-E has a long list of tickets to resolve and the issue is also partially in resources.
* EURELECTRIC representative asks whether the TP is ready for the PICASSO data.
  + ENTSO-E representative confirms that the TP is ready for the PICASSO data and notes that the PICASSO data will be published there in the nearest future.
  + ACER representative notes that PICASSO data on Czech and Austrian markets is not available on the TP. He encourages TP experts to address these issues urgently.
  + E-CONTROL representative explains the Austrian data incompleteness.
* **ENTSO-E and Transparency Platform experts from TSOs are expected to add a description for balancing data on the TP and consider creating a correspondence/explanatory table to support TP data querying.**
* **ENTSO-E and Transparency Platform experts from TSOs are expected to determine the date and inform stakeholders as to when the Transparency Stakeholder Group will take place.**
* **ACER is expected to follow up on the action items for the TP user group and the corresponding next steps.**
* **ENTSO-E and Transparency Platform experts from TSOs are expected to provide written responses to the market participants’ (EURELECTRIC) TP-related questions and feedback raised during the 27 October EBSG meeting.**

# **Implementation framework amendments**

* 1. ACER updates

ACER representative presents an update on the latest IF amendments developments and ACER’s decisions issued on 30 September.

* 1. Upcoming IF survey

ENTSO-E representative presents an update on the upcoming IF Survey and the currently discussed process and timeline with ACER.

# **Capacity calculation in balancing timeframe – regional methodologies overview**

ENTSO-E representative presents an update on Capacity calculation in balancing timeframe and the regional methodologies consultations overview.

EBSG discusses:

* ACER representative asks market participants if they are involved in the regional consultations.
  + ENGIE representative notes that they welcome consultations, but public webinars during public consultations would have been very much appreciated as well.
  + ACER representative clarifies that, since these are regional processes, they are addressed to NRAs.

# **Closing and next steps**

ACER representative notes that, in 2023, ACER is expecting two proposals on RCC tasks in Q1 2023 (RCC sizing and RCC procurement). ACER will organise market participant consultation on these two proposals and the CZCA harmonised Methodology at the same time.

ACER representative summarises takeaways and action items for ACER.

EFET representative proposes to organise a process for addressing stakeholders requests on how to query data (while the fundamental issues will be addressed). ACER representative proposes to discuss this within the TP user group.

ENTSO-E representative concludes the meeting, thanks all of the participants and notes that the meeting minutes will be published.