
Assembly Meeting

Date: Tuesday, 13 December 2016

Time: 10:30 – 15:00 (with breakfast at 09:30)

Place: ENTSO-E premises, Avenue de Cortenbergh, 100 - 1000 Brussels - ground floor

MINUTES

1. Verification of attendance, quorum, voting rights - Approval of the agenda

The President welcomes the participants to the ENTSO-E Assembly meeting and the new representative of TSOs, who attend the Assembly for the first time: John Fitzgerald (EirGrid) and Juozas Abaravičius (Litgrid).

Decision

- The quorum is verified since the Representatives in attendance hold **96,77%** of the first part of the voting rights, and **99,95%** of the second part of the voting rights of the Association. The attendance form is annexed to these minutes (Appendix 1).
- The agenda is approved.

2. Presentation by Secretary-General designate Laurent Schmitt

The President gives the floor to Laurent Schmitt, ENTSO-E-Secretary-General designate who will enter into function as from 2 January 2017. Laurent Schmitt highlights his main achievements, focusing on his latest position as Smart Grid Strategy Leader at Grid Solutions (a GE and Alstom joint venture). He affirms his strong belief in the central role innovation shall play in the energy transition, with TSOs being the key enablers of the process. He congratulates Konstantin Staschus for having brought the Association at its current highly regarded position and mentions he will deliver his mandate with emphasis on three aspects: innovation, strategy and communication.

3. Report from the Board incl. overview of Committee activities, network code implementation, IT Strategy

The Chair of the Board presents the main issues on which the Board has worked since the 27 September Assembly meeting and which are not covered elsewhere in the Agenda. Her report focuses on the following topics: an update of the 2017 strategic goals, ENTSO-E's next steps in light of ACER's capacity calculation recommendation, the status of the network codes/guidelines and of the main (early) implementation projects, an update on external relations and an outline of ENTSO-E policy note on tariffs harmonisation. A summary of the slides is attached in Appendix 2.

Decision

- The Assembly takes note of the report from the Board.

4. Breakout sessions: Market design package, top five key issues

The President explains that this agenda item is to allow Assembly Members to discuss the Commission "Clean Energy for All Europeans" package proposal and to further refine ENTSO-E positioning, in light of the views exchanged during the 7 December Assembly and the 8 December ENTSO-E Annual Conference.

The Assembly Members break out into four groups to brainstorm key questions on institutional cooperation, regional cooperation, market design, resources adequacy assessment and TSOs-DSOs.

The feedback collected during the break out session together with plenary comments will be used by the Advocacy coordination team as strategic guidance for the further discussion with the Commission, the Council and the Parliament.

5. Approval of the Key Policy Issues Paper for the Ten-Year Network Development Plan 2018 (incl. Cost Benefit Analysis 2.0)

The President gives the floor to the Chair of the System Development Committee (SDC) to present the Key Policy Issues Paper for the Ten-Year Network Development Plan 2018. The SDC Chair outlines the main improvements foreseen for the Ten-Year Network Development Plan 2018: improved consistency of methodologies including Cost Benefit Analysis 2.0; co-creation of scenarios with ENTSOE and a bigger role for system need analyses and target capacities in project assessments.

Decision

- The Assembly approves the Key Policy Issues Paper for the Ten-Year Network Development Plan 2018.
- The Assembly acknowledges that SDC approved the consistent and interlinked model gas-electricity, covered by the Key Policy Issues Paper at its 18 November 2016 meeting.

6. Approval of the Key Policy Issues Paper for the Mid-term Adequacy Forecast 2017

The President gives the floor to the SDC Chair to present the Key Policy Issues Paper for the Mid-term Adequacy Forecast 2017. The SDC Chair explains that the Mid-term Adequacy Forecast shall be seen as a European resource adequacy assessment report complementary to regional and national adequacy reports. He outlines the key anticipated improvements, such as economic viability of the scenarios, modelling of demand side response, increased transparency of data and assumptions and feasibility for flow-based methods.

Decision

- The Assembly approves the Key Policy Issues Paper for the Mid-term Adequacy Forecast 2017.

7. Presentation of the Ten-Year Network Development Plan 2016 final package

The President gives the floor to the SDC Chair to present the Ten-Year Network Development Plan 2016 final package which has been submitted on 28 November 2016 to ACER for a two months commenting phase. The SDC Chair highlights the key findings: interconnection capacities doubled in 2030, integration of 45-60% of renewables, 1.5 to 5 €/MWh reduction of bulk power prices.

Decision

- The Assembly takes note of the Ten-Year Network Development Plan 2016 final package.

8. Approval of ENTSO-E's recommendations relating to the coordination of technical cooperation between Community's and third-country's transmission system operators

The President gives the floor to the Chair of the System Operation Committee (SOC) to present the ENTSO-E recommendations. The SOC Chair notes that these are an ENTSO-E deliverable according to the Third Package. The SOC Chair explains that the recommendations have taken into account ACER's comments and have been discussed with the External Relation unit of the EC. Amongst other key objectives, ENTSO-E aims with its recommendations to support the technical evolution of the transmission system, including the creation of interconnection capacities with third party TSOs.

Decision

- The Assembly approves the updated document “ENTSO-E Recommendations relating to the Coordination of Technical Cooperation with third-country TSOs” and for this to be published on the ENTSO-E website.

9. Approval of Terms of Reference of the Committees/LRG

The Secretary-General explains that the Terms of References of the System Operations Committee, Market Committee, System Development Committee and of the Legal and Regulatory Group have been updated to ensure alignment with the principles introduced during the 2015 Articles of Association's changes and with further Board and Assembly strategic decisions. Cross-committee coordination and proactive Secretariat's role are reinforced, together with increased transparency and stakeholders' involvement.

Decision

- The Assembly approves the updated Terms of Reference of the SOC, MC, SDC and LRG as made available in the Assembly Session File.

10. Status update of the Common Grid Model project (Operational Planning and Data Environment and All TSO Communication Network)

The SOC Chair informs that the Common Grid Model project is entering a critical phase with the finalisation of the Minimum Viable Solution (MVS) Agreement. The MVS Agreement is a means by which the Operational Planning and Data Environment and the All TSO Communication Network infrastructure can be delivered in time to meet CACM deadlines. The MVS Agreement is an initial contract and will be updated after the final Operational Planning and Data Environment and All TSO Communication Network target solutions are decided following stable operation.

Decision

- The Assembly acknowledges the initial implementation of the Operational Planning and Data Environment and the All TSO Communication Network through the Minimum Viable Solution contract which is to be approved by the SOC and will be signed by all parties (all TSOs and all RSCs) in Q1 2017.
- The Assembly notes that the Board has asked the Secretariat to work under the guidance of the Resources committee on separating the project from ENTSO-E budget and to establish under the guidance of the SOC a proposal for a clear budget structure to be submitted to Resources committee's and Board's approvals.

11. Any other business

There is no other business item.

12. Approval of the Minutes

Decision

- The Assembly approves the minutes and their publication on ENTSO-E website.

The President congratulates Konstantin Staschus for successfully setting up ENTSO-E from scratch and thanks him for all the hard work over 8 years and for his continuous commitment to Europe and to the TSOs family. The President thanks all attendees for their participation.

Done in Brussels, 13 December 2016.



Konstantin STASCHUS
Secretary-General



Peder ANDREASEN
President