

ENTSO-E Information and Communication Technologies Committee – Initial Budget Proposal Workshop of 2023

- a. Date: 22 March 2023
- b. Time: 09:30 – 15:00 (EET)
- c. Place: Athens and Online

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

TSO	Role
50Hertz	Substitute
Amprion	Substitute
APG	Member
AST	Member
ČEPS	Member
Cyprus-TSO	Member
Eirgrid	Substitute
Elering	Member
Elia	Substitute
Energinet	Member
ESO	Substitute
Fingrid	Member
HOPS	Member
IPTO	Member
Litgrid	Member
MAVIR	Member
NOS BiH	Member
PSE	Member
REE	Member
REN	Substitute
RTE	Member
SEPS	Member
STATNETT	Member
Swissgrid	Substitute
TenneT TSO B.V	Substitute
TenneT TSO GmbH	Substitute
Transelectrica	Member
TransetBW	Member

MINUTES

1. Introduction to the ICTC Initial Budget Proposal Workshop of 2023

The ICTC Chair introduces the purpose of the workshop, particularly the progress made to set forth strategic goals and to review of the prioritized tasks, and the ICTC Vice-Chair welcomes the ICTC Members in Athens and facilitates the workshop discussions on site.

Decision

The ICTC:

- **acknowledges** that the meeting is quorate.
- **approves** the agenda of the meeting.

2. Review and follow-up of 2023 Strategic goals for STG ICT Strategy

The STG ICT Strategy Convener presents the strategic goals as they are currently defined, the mission and prioritized tasks as defined in STG ICT Strategy, as well as the approach to bridge the gap between the AS-IS and the TO-BE (i.e., Project Portfolio Management concept, Architecture office, interim governance to meet current business needs).

ICTC Members generally agree with the focus on the Portfolio Management concept and Architecture office, as it is key to prioritize and get expectations from the business. It is also agreed that an interim governance is needed.

A point of attention is raised on the lack of resources which needs to be shared with business Committees as this issue is not always on IT, cannot be solved merely by spending more money, and can have multiple possible solutions (e.g., combination of TSO-resources and internal office staff at ENTSO-E, external resources and etc.). It is reminded that the IT Council Mechanism will play a role in the capacity planning, as it will facilitate the means to endorse the proposed solutions in regard to capacity planning.

With regards to the lack of resources, ICTC Members raise a concern that creating more bodies and requesting more TSO resources is not a viable option. It is suggested to centrally create core competencies (e.g., Chief Architect).

For Information

The ICTC **notes** the progress of the strategic goals for STG ICT Strategy, with the highlight on the Project Portfolio Management concept, the Architecture Office and the Interim Governance.

3. Review and follow-up of 2023 Strategic goals for STG ICT Security

The STG ICT Security Convener presents the strategic goals as they are currently defined, as well as the prioritized tasks as defined in STG ICT Security.

Similarly, a point of attention is raised, as the STG ICT Security faces difficulties with resources, considering that there are not enough active members to fulfil the tasks. It is noted that resource deficiencies are captured in the budget and resource plan of 2024.

As for the communication with the SOC, the STG ICT Security Convener clarifies that the overseeing of activities is within the STG ICT Security, yet no cooperation mechanism is currently in place with SOC.

Decision

The ICTC **notes** the progress of the strategic goals for STG ICT Security.

4. Review and follow-up of 2023 Strategic goals for STG ICT Delivery

The STG ICT Delivery Convener presents the strategic goals as they are currently defined, as well as the prioritized tasks, as defined in STG ICT Security. The STG ICT Delivery Convener reminds the ICTC Members that the current priorities are to (i) complete the transition of the Core/Task Teams and ensure efficient operation in parallel to business-as-usual activities, (ii) Project Portfolio Management concept, (iii) intermediate operation model, as well as the risks associated with the scarcity of resources and commitment from the existing resources.

ICTC Members express their concern particularly for “GOAL 08 – Create transparency about operational cost of the existing IT-Tools”, as the collection of the data is considered to be rather straightforward since the costs are existing already. It is reminded to ICTC Members that the budget and resource plans [with figures] will be presented at the ICTC ad-hoc meeting of 19 April, scheduled specifically to discuss and approve the Initial Budget Proposal.

For Information

The ICTC **notes** the progress of the strategic goals for STG ICT Delivery, with the highlight on the:

- (i) Completion of the transition & efficient operation in parallel to business as usual.

- (ii) Project Portfolio Management concept.
- (iii) Intermediate operation model, as well as the risk regarding the resource availability and commitment.

5. AOB

Members raise additional points for discussion related to the (i) knowledge sharing, (ii) strategic decisions at their respective TSOs for which the input of the TSO community would be most agreeable.

The proposal for the next steps is to discuss this point at ICTC meeting no.05 of 23 March 2023 to obtain a decision from ICTC, to create a task force for the Knowledge Sharing which could facilitate to collect the topics of interest for the TSO Community, draft questionnaires on those topics, and plan workshops (or use ICTC workshops) for discussion, depending on the outcomes of the questionnaires.

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The ICTC **notes** the additional points raised during the workshop, regarding the Knowledge Sharing and the need to go towards a community-based best practices, to support TSOs in their similar issues/topics of interest.