

ENTSO-E Advisory Council Meeting

Date: 15 September 2016

Time: 10:00 – 15:00

Place: ENTSO-G Premises, Avenue de Cortenbergh 100, conference room Reynolds

MINUTES

Advisory Council Members

1.	ALBA RIOS Juan Jose	EURELECTRIC
2.	BLANC Jean-Yves	SEDC
3.	CLAES Peter	IFIEC
4.	GIESBERTZ Paul	EFET
5.	HORNE Stew	BEUC Citizens Advice
6.	PARRES Alfredo	RES Associations
7.	TRIO Wendel	NGOs

Guests

1.	BRUUN Johannes	Energinet.dk
2.	RANSCOMBE Heidi	BEUC Citizens Advice
3.	SUPPONEN Matti	EC, DG ENER

ENTSO-E

1.	GOLDING Matt	National Grid
2.	NIES Susanne	ENTSO-E
3.	STASCHUS Konstantin	ENTSO-E

ENTSO-E Chair of the Board - excused

4.	HAGEM Bente	Statnett
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ENTSO-E President - excused

1.	ANDREASEN Peder	Energinet.dk
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Observer Members – excused

1.	BORCHARDT Klaus Dieter	EC
2.	BUZEK Jerzy	EP

1. Welcome and introduction

Matt Golding welcomes all participants on behalf of ENTSO-E and its Board, and explains the rationale of the Advisory Council.

2. Tour de table and expectations of the Advisory Council members

All participants introduce themselves and set out their expectations for the role of the Advisory Council and ways of working.

The Advisory Council is seen by all as a valuable initiative and there is general agreement amongst the participants that the Advisory Council should: take a high level ('helicopter') view of ENTSO-E's activities and focus largely on strategic and policy related issues; serve as a forum for open discussion; avoid duplication with other stakeholder fora; and consider how to engage with the consumers in a different way (with the expectation that such engagement should be factored into the various work products of ENTSO-E).

Decision

- The work of the Advisory Council should not duplicate the work of any other ENTSO-E stakeholder groups.
- The focus of the Advisory Council should be on strategic and policy related issues
- Ensure that the impact on consumers are considered
- The way of working should be transparent, which will include publication of the agreed minutes of Advisory Council meetings.
- The Advisory Council members agreed that they would very much welcome the appointment of a DSO member to the group in order to ensure that the views of this important sector of the industry are fully represented in the Advisory Council's discussions.

3. Terms of reference

The Terms of Reference (ToR) are presented by Konstantin Staschus and discussed by the Advisory Council. The Advisory Council notes that the ToR were approved by the ENTSO-E Assembly and that a formal review is not foreseen until experience of two to three meetings (over approximately a twelve month period) has been achieved. In the meantime, a number of amendments are proposed by the Advisory Council which cover the following areas: the composition of the Advisory Council; whether access to publicly available information only will limit the effectiveness of the Advisory Council; the interaction of the Advisory Council with ENTSO-Es Board between Advisory Council meetings; meeting frequency; and the decision making process.

Decisions

The review window of opportunity next year should be used to address the points below. These points will already be submitted to the Board of ENTSO-E.

- Reconsider the formulation 'legally non-binding advice'
- the ToR should reflect the relevance of the Advisory Council better and state that the Board of ENTSO-E will fully consider the advice of the Advisory Council and provide updates to the Advisory Council as to how its advice has or has not been acted upon (to include, as appropriate, an explanation as to why the advice has not been acted upon). Reconsider the available documents for the Advisory Council: with a request that access to draft documents may increase the effectiveness of the Council.

- Flexibility on meeting frequency (more than twice a year if need be) and clarification of interaction with ENTSO-E Board in between meetings
- Consider inserting in the first paragraph a reference also to the role of markets and competition. .
- Consider composition, possibly to include regulators as observers, power exchanges, cogeneration, and manufacturers.
- Reconsider the decision making process - which currently requires 2/3 majority.

4. Overview on ENTSO-E's role

Konstantin Staschus presents an overview on the role of ENTSO-E and its key work products for 2017. The fact that ENTSO-E delivers policy advice in addition to legal mandates leads to a discussion on how ENTSO-E could better engage with stakeholders ahead of finalisation of its policy statements. It is also noted that the implementation of Network Codes is also very important for consumers and that more innovative and effective ways need to be found to communicate the implications of future market arrangements for smaller consumers in particular.

5. Work programme of the Advisory Council

Taking account of the presentation and discussion from Item 3, the Advisory Council discussed potential ENTSO-E work products and policy topics for inclusion in the Advisory Council's work programme. The Advisory Council also discussed the process for agreeing on the initial version of the Work Programme.

Decision

- Based on ENTSO-E's key work products for 2017 (as presented during the meeting) and following further discussion with ENTSO-E (to be arranged subsequent to the meeting), the Chair of the Advisory Council will liaise with the Advisory Council members to agree an initial Work Programme for the Advisory Council.

6. Candidates for Chair and Vice Chair and voting methodology

The role of the Chair is discussed by the Advisory Council and clarified as being a role which does not focus on decision making but is rather concerned with ensuring effective co-ordination among members and acts as the interface to ENTSO-E in between Advisory Council meetings.

Following an appointment process, Juan Alba Rios is appointed as Chair of the Advisory Council.

There is further discussion about whether to appoint a Vice Chair. No decision is taken in the meeting and it is agreed that the Chair will facilitate a subsequent discussion within the Advisory Council to consider whether and how to appoint a Vice Chair.

Decision

- Juan Alba Rios is elected the chair of the Advisory Council.
- A discussion on the opportunity of a vice chair will take place within the Advisory Council members facilitated by the Chair.

7. ENTSO-E strategy, development and deliverables

Matt Golding presents the ENTSO-E strategy and its five priority themes for next year as set out in the proposed Annual Work Programme 2017 (which is currently out for consultation). The five themes are: delivering on legal mandates; enhanced stakeholder engagement and greater transparency; pro-active contribution to policy and legislative initiatives; retail-wholesale and TSO-DSO cooperation; and regional cooperation. He invites comments on the content of the presentation.

The ensuing discussion centres around the TSO-DSO cooperation (which should not exclude other actors or predefine solutions without sufficient stakeholder engagement), on the best means of engagement with all categories of consumer and ways forward, as well as on the completeness of the set of ENTSO-E's priority themes.

A number of topics are identified by the Advisory Council members as being potential additions to ENTSO-E's priority themes: tariffs, broadening the TSO-DSO cooperation including other stakeholders, and consumer focus.

8. Approval of Decisions/Minutes

Decision

The decisions are approved. The minutes will be circulated to all members for comment and approval.

9. Next meetings dates

A date for the next meeting of 5 May 2017 is proposed by ENTSO-E. Council members request that an earlier meeting is also arranged in early 2017.

Decision

- ENTSO-E to identify a date for the next meeting in early 2017.
- It is also proposed to hold a meeting on 5 May 2017.