
Annual Assembly Meeting of 11 October 2018

Date: Thursday, 11 October 2018

Time: 10:00 – 15:00

Place: Hotel Thon EU, Rue de la Loi 75, 1000 Brussels, Belgium

MINUTES

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

The President welcomes the participants to the ENTSO-E Assembly meeting. He thanks the participants for coming to Brussels for the meeting and welcomes the new representatives attending the Assembly for the first time: Alex Michels (Creos); Mark Foley (Eirgrid); and Viorel Visiu (Transelectrica).

The President announces that Pascale Fonck (Elia) will give some update on the Winter situation in Belgium before lunch break.

Decision

- The quorum is verified since the Representatives in attendance hold 100% of the first part of the voting rights, and 100% 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. Report from the Board

The President gives the floor to the Chair of the Board for her reporting. The Chair of the Board presents the main issues on which the Board has worked since the June Assembly meeting and which are not covered elsewhere in the agenda. She outlines the on-going work on the DSO neutrality topic. She then provides an update on the ICT review on Balancing Platform noting that the Digital committee has made recommendations on improving consistency and efficiency which are currently implemented in the four projects. She reports on the process planned for the discussion on the future ENTSO-E IT structure. The Secretary-General outlines the main elements of the Secretariat Transformation Program to further improve ENTSO-E operational efficiency. The Secretary-General reports on the recent developments of the CGM Program. The Chair of the Resources committee reports on the major matters followed by the Resources committee, such as the CGM Program and the review of the financial reporting. The Chair of the Digital committee provides an update on cybersecurity. The Secretary-General reports on the work with the independent Advisory council and their positive reaction towards ENTSO-E work on improved transparency on capacity calculation and regional development and the plan to increase efficiency of the Transparency Platform. I. A summary of the slides is attached as Appendix 2.

Decision

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

3. 2019 ENTSO-E Budget – for Assembly approval

The President gives the floor to the Secretary-General for the presentation of the work done for the definition of the 2019 ENTSO-E Budget. The Secretary-General outlines the main elements of the budget proposal and that upon Board instruction, the Secretariat is currently detailing an action plan to support the optimisation that would lead to keep the budget flat. The action plan will be presented to the next Assembly in December. The members exchange views on the need to increase efficiency and keeping ability to deliver on legal mandates.

Decision

- The Assembly acknowledges and approves the approach of the Board to keep the budget flat for the year 2019 compared to 2018 and decides that formal approval decision of the budget, including all relevant documents prepared by the Secretariat and the Committees will be taken during the upcoming December meeting. The Assembly notes that members can assume the same total budget to be reflected in the annual fees taking the most recent distribution keys into account.

4. Building security recommendations: short and long-term mitigation plan

The President gives the floor to the Secretary-General who presents the new ENTSO-E building security strategy. The Members support the approach, noting that the strategy gives a real opportunity to successfully launch an enterprise culture change aiming toward even more agile and efficient way of operating.

Decision

The Assembly:

- acknowledges the status of the risk mitigation plan;
- takes note of the lack of adequate working condition for the Secretariat and the members;
- consequently delegate to the four Main Office Holders and the Secretary-General to take the appropriate actions.

5. Technical Report on current bidding zone configuration

The President gives the floor to the Chair of the Market Committee who presents the main findings of the Technical Report on current bidding zones configuration which is submitted to Assembly approval before being submitted to ACER. He highlights that the Report covers for the first time all EU Member States' bidding zones for the period of 2015-2017. He explains that Technical Report serves as technical fact-collection purpose, noting that the decision to review the bidding zone configuration belongs to ACER. The Members underline the good quality of the report.

Decision

The Assembly:

- approves the Technical Report, subject to format changes, proofreading and minor editorial improvements to be submitted to ACER and published on the ENTSO-E website; and
- asks the Secretariat in cooperation with the Market Committee to prepare a communication plan around the release of the Technical Report.

6. Update on Clean Energy Package, incl. trilogue and timeline for 2019, capacity calculation and impact assessment on ENTSO-E's organisation, governance and budget

The President gives the floor to the Secretary-General for a status report on the Clean Energy Package (CEP). The Secretary-General outlines the recent developments on the capacity calculation provisions, on the RSCs and on gate closure time. The Members discuss on the role of the RSCs.

Decision

- The Assembly acknowledges the status update on the Clean Energy Package and gives guidance to the Secretariat and the Committees for the follow-up of the process.

7. Winter situation in Belgium

Pascale Fonck (Elia) explains the difficult situation expected during winter in Belgium as a result of recent announcement of unavailability of most of the nuclear generating units (especially in November). She explains that TSOs and RSCs of the CWE area have been informed of the situation and that coordination actions are taken both at TSOs and at governmental level to ensure that sufficient imports will be available. Pascale Fonck thanks the TSOs for their cooperation. A weekly process is in place to follow closely the situation in line with the Critical Grid Situation Process.

8. Frequency Deviations in Continental Europe – update

The President gives the floor to the System Operations Manager who reports on the recent developments concerning Continental Europe (CE) deviations and specifically on a visit by the Conveners of the Regional Group Continental Europe (RGCE) and of the Steering Group (StG) Operations to Belgrade and Pristina. She outlines the short and long-term recommendations stemming from the visit. The President gives the floor to EMS who confirms EMS commitments to solve the frequency deviations issue. Members urge the need to find a short term technical solution and a long lasting solution. The President concludes by insisting on the need for the parties to reach quickly an agreement and the need for further coordination with various stakeholders.

Decision

The Assembly:

- notes the report from Regional Group Continental Europe following the fact-finding mission in August 2018; and
- supports the next steps to assess the feasibility of the implementation of the short-term solution proposed in the above report and to work with relevant stakeholders such as the EU to obtain a long-term solution taking into account the legal responsibilities.

9. Annual Work Programme 2019 – for Assembly approval including feedback on the consultation

The President gives the floor to the Secretary-General who outlines the main elements of the ENTSO-E Annual Work Programme (AWP). The Secretary-General explains that the AWP's building blocks reflect the strategic priority areas identified by ENTSO-E. The Secretary-General outlines the procedure having led to the finalization of the AWP, now submitted to Assembly's approval, and having integrated the comments from the public consultation, from ACER informal opinion and the alignment of the AWP with the 2019 ENTSO-E budget proposal. Some Members made recommendations to improve the wording including deleting some background information.

Decision

The Assembly:

- approves the ENTSO-E Annual Work Programme (AWP) 2019, in line with the budget proposal 2019 whose general trend has been approved today and including the adjustments discussed at the meeting and asks the Secretariat to send it to ACER for its formal opinion; and
- gives mandate to the Secretariat to insert ACER's formal comments to the extent it does not require making any substantial change to the content of the AWP.

10. Selection of the Statutory Auditor for the 2018-2019-2020 financial years

The President gives the floor to the Chair of the Resources committee for the presentation of the selection of the Statutory Auditor for the coming three financial years. The Chair of the Resources committee outlines the tender process, the selection criteria applied and the recommendation of the Board, in line with the

recommendation of the Resources committee to appoint BDO as the Statutory Auditor for the coming three financial years.

Decision

- Based on the Board recommendation, the Assembly appoints BDO as Statutory Auditor for the financial years 2018, 2019 and 2020.

11. Preliminary lessons learnt from TYNDP2018

The President proposes to postpone the topic to the December Assembly due to time constraints.

Decision

- The Assembly postpones the topic to the December Assembly.

12. A Strategic positioning of ENTSO-E vis-à-vis the gas sector: presentation of current positioning; exchange of views

The President gives the floor to the Chair of the System Development Committee (SDC) who presents the ENTSO-E current positioning vis-à-vis the gas sector. The Chair of the SDC reports that ENTSO-E has adopted a position on sector coupling highlighting the complementarity of the different sectors and has reached a common approach with ENTSG. He explains that joint scenario building has successfully been done for the first time in the TYNDP2018. The Members exchange views on the challenges of energy transition, on the power to gas competition and conclude on the need to anticipate technologies development.

Decision

- The Assembly welcomes the successful joint scenario building exercises with ENTSG and take note of the current developments.

13. AOB

The President gives the floor to the General Counsel who presents the timeline and process for the 2019 elections within ENTSO-E. The President presents dates of the Assembly meetings in 2019.

Decision

- The Assembly approves the calendar of Assembly meetings for 2019 and takes note of the 2019 elections process.

14. Approval of the Minutes

Decision

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

The President thanks all attendees for participation and reminds that the next meeting will take place in Brussels, on 11 December 2018.

Done in Brussels, on 11 October 2018.



Laurent SCHMITT
Secretary-General



Ben VOORHORST
President