

Board meeting of 6 February 2020 final draft

Date: 6 February 2020

Time: 08:30 – 15:00

Place: ENTSO-E premises, avenue de Cortenbergh 100, 1000 Brussels

MINUTES

List of Participants:

Chair of the Board

1.	VANZETTA Joachim	Amprion	Germany
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Vice Chair of the Board

2.	FONCK Pascale	Elia	Belgium
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Board Members

3.	GUIDA Guido	Terna	Italy
4.	HANSEN Frank Peter	TenneT TSO BV	Netherlands
5.	JESBERGER Michael	Transnet BW	Germany
6.	KRISTENSEN Soren	Energinet	Denmark
7.	MANOUSAKIS Manos	IPTO	Greece
8.	PAPROCKI Robert	PSE	Poland
9.	PRIETO Eduardo	REE	Spain
10.	SLYE Fintan	National Grid ESO	United Kingdom
11.	VIRBICKAS Daivis	Litgrid	Lithuania
12.	ZUMWALD Yves	Swissgrid	Switzerland

President

1.	LAFFAYE Herve	RTE	France
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Vice-President

1.	BOLDIS Zbynek	CEPS	Czech Republic
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Committee Chairs

1.	PURCHALA Konrad <i>Chair of the Market Committee</i>	PSE	Poland
2.	CHANIOTIS Dimitrios <i>Chair of the System Development Committee</i>	RTE	France
3.	BORGEN Hakon <i>Chair of the Research Dev. & Innovation Comm</i>	Statnett	Norway
4.	KAPETANOVIC Tahir <i>Chair of the System Operations Committee</i>	APG	Austria
5.	DE LA BARREDA Ines <i>Chair of the Legal&Regulatory Group</i>	REE	Spain

Invited

1.	DECROIX Timothee	Swissgrid	Switzerland
2.	JONAT Yannick	AMPRION	Germany

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1.	SCHMITT Laurent	ENTSO-E	Belgium
2.	GYULAY Zoltan	ENTSO-E	Belgium
3.	LAWLER Derek	ENTSO-E	Belgium
4.	MELCHIOR Florence	ENTSO-E	Belgium
5.	NIES Susanne	ENTSO-E	Belgium
6.	RICHET Nicolas	ENTSO-E	Belgium
7.	SCARAMANGA Arnaud	ENTSO-E	Belgium
8.	TWOHIG Sonya	ENTSO-E	Belgium
9.	PUJAN Kamila	ENTSO-E	Belgium

1. Welcome, attendance, adoption of the draft agenda

Decision

- The Board approves the agenda, subject to adding the following points under any other business: an update on the status of the System Operation Regions Proposal, the update of the Terms of References from the System Operation Committee and the preparation of ENTSO-E's contributions to the Florence Forum.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Board Meeting of 21 November 2019

Decision

- The Board approves the Minutes of the 21 November 2019 Board meeting.

3. Secretary-General Orientations

3.1 Association Dashboard

3.2 EU Affairs update

3.3 ENTSO-E High Level Engagement Plan

On the Association dashboard, the Secretary-General reports on the comments received in the framework of the presentation of the TYNDP scenarios during a public Workshop. The SDC Chair confirms the quality of the scenarios: they have been defined after a long and precise process, based on robust data. Board members discussed that the current reactions might stem from the potential change in the context initiated by the Green Deal towards a higher degree of electrification. They acknowledge the independent role played by ENTSO-E and note that additional assessments are on-going. On the EU Affairs dashboard, Board members note that the review of the TEN-E Regulation could start end of this year. They exchange on the concept of offshore grid and the enabler role that TSOs and ENTSO-E are playing. They note that a new workstream in ENTSO-E tackles the issue from technology readiness perspective.

Decision

- The Board acknowledges the reportings for information.

4. Debrief from:

4.1 Digital committee meeting

4.2 Resources committee

4.3 TSDO DSO Steering Group

The Chair of the Digital committee (Dc) reports on the last Dc meeting and the launch of a workstream to prepare the grounds of the drafting of the expected Cyber security network code. The Chair also announces

an internal workshop to define the 2020 Annual Dc Work Programme. The Chair of the Resources committee (Rc) presents the outcome of the last Rc meeting. She notes the good TSOs' participation in the CGM's testing. Further, she notes that all measures anticipated in the context of the 2020 reprioritisation Plan are in place, including a new reporting. She highlights the resources need for various important projects such as the TYNDP that were part of the 2020 budget assumption.

Decision

- The Board acknowledges the debriefs for information.

5. Kick-off of the work on the Active 2020+ Strategy

The Chair of the Board explains the status of the Active 2020+ Programme and highlights that this is now for each action leader to organise the work and the delivery. He explains that some of these actions will be part of the strategic discussion during the March Board Strategic Workshop.

Decision

- The Board acknowledges the status of the work and the implementation governance of 'Active2020+' as well as the heads-up on possible strategic topics for the agenda of the Board Strategy Workshop.

6. Strategic Framework of multi sectorial planning support for TYNDP

The Chair of the System Development Committee (SDC) presents the roadmap for multisectorial planning support for TYNDP that is being developed by SDC to ensure that other sectors are taken into consideration in the infrastructure planning process; this requires proper data and modelling across sectors and across time periods. Board members discuss the emergences of new interfaces and that other sectors cannot be neglected because they have an impact on the grid. This requires ensuring their optimal involvement in the process. Members also note the profound change in the generation structure that has to be taken into account as well. They confirm that ENTSO-E has a central role to play in the process of sector coupling planning.

Decision

The Board:

- acknowledges the "Strategic Framework of Multi Sectorial Planning Support for TYNDP" and asks the System Development Committee (SDC) to provide a Roadmap and first stakeholder mapping on this basis; and
- mandates the SDC to further develop the Roadmap and to submit it to Board and Assembly approvals in Q2 2020.

7. Green Deal – Key Impact for ENTSO-E – proposal for next steps

The Chair of the Policy & Communication Expert Group (PCG) presents some of the Green Deal actions that are expected to impact ENTSO-E and the TSO community and seem at this stage to require specific attention. This includes, amongst others, the TEN-E Regulation as well as the State aid guidelines revisions and the taxonomy. Developing strategies for smart sector integration and for offshore wind seems crucial. Board members discuss the need for a global view on offshore financing and infrastructure development considering that it is part of TSOs' core business because it has ultimately an impact on the network stability and security.

Decision

- The Board takes note of the Green Deal and the key priority areas as identified in the Green Deal communication for the TSO community and ENTSO-E.

8. Network Code (NC) and Clean Energy Package Implementation Programme:

8.1 Dashboard report including key program highlights (incl. outcome on the consultation on adequacy)

The Head of System Development Section mentions some challenges with implementing the European adequacy and the Value of Lost Load methodologies.

Decision

- The Board notes the Network Codes and Clean Energy Package Implementation Programme Dashboard.

8.2 Approval of the Terms of Reference (ToR)

The Head of System Operation Section presents the work done to finalise the Terms of Reference of the Network Code and Clean Energy Package Implementation Programme which has been further clarified to ensure coordination and support across all the Committees and the Legal and Regulatory Group.

Decision

- The Board approves the Terms of Reference of the NC and CEP Implementation Programme subject to amending the length of the rotation which should be 1 year.

8.3 Report on balancing platforms' implementation – ACER strive for a 'single entity'

8.4 Updates on Bidding zone status (letter from NRAs)

8.5 European MRC beyond the EU

The Chair of the Market Committee outlines the 24 January 2020 decision of ACER on the implementation framework of the balancing platforms. The Board members assess the main difference between ACER's decision and ENTSO-E's proposal. They identify the possible scenarios for the future. The Chair of the Market Committee informs on the state of play of the Bidding zone methodology and the discussion with the NRAs. In addition, he stresses that this project requires large support in terms of resources. Finally, the Chair of the Market Committee updates on the request to expand the MRC beyond the EU.

Decision

The Board:

- decides to give further guidance on the possible next steps to the ACER's decisions on the implementation of the balancing platforms at the March Board meeting;
- asks TSOs to ensure availability of resources on the Bidding Zone project; and
- concerning the possibility of extending the market coupling beyond the boundaries of the EU, recommends as a pre-condition to be admitted with observer status that any applicant gets from the European Commission a positive assessment of the current compliance with its legal framework.

9. Ukrenergo

9.1 Ukrenergo's inclusion in the inter-TSOs Compensation (ITC) mechanism – approval of the response letter

The Chair of the Board recalls the decision taken by the December 2019 Assembly recommending that the Board issues a letter responding to the request based on the historical background of the existing agreement. He presents the draft letter prepared in light of this decision.

Decision

- The Board approves the sending of the letter to Ukrenergo as circulated in the session file.

9.2 Pan-European Market Modelling Data disclosure to Ukrenerg

The Chair of the System Development Committees explains that the System Development Committee received a request from Ukrenerg to get some pan-European market modelling data and decided in November 2019 to agree to the disclosure provided that the Board of ENTSO-E confirms this disclosure.

Decision

- The Board confirms the 27 November 2019 System Development Committee’s decision to approve the disclosure of ENTSO-E market modelling databases to NPC Ukrenerg as requested in its September 2019 letter.

10. Response to EC letter on third country involvement in capacity calculation – for approval

The Chair of the Market Committee explained that ENTSO-E received a letter from the European Commission (EC), in which the EC raised questions regarding how third-country flows are taken into account in the capacity calculation process pursuant to CACM. According to the EC, consideration of third country flows would be possible on the condition that an agreement has been concluded with the third country TSOs and the TSOs of the capacity calculation region concerned. Board members note that an ENTSO-E task force is currently assessing the possibilities to take into consideration these flows and to start a dialogue with the concerned third country TSOs.

Decision

- The Board approves the acknowledgement letter and recommends that ENTSO-E Secretariat sends it to the European Commission.

11. Status report:

11.1 CGM Programme status report

11.2 STA/OPC Programme status report

The Secretary-General as CGM Programme Sponsor gives a status update on the CGM Program and confirms the success from a TSO’s perspective of the test phase on up-/downloads, basic processing and publishing of Individual Grid Models and Common Grid Models on the Operational Data Environment Platform (OPDE). The Secretary-General as STA/OPC Programme Sponsor updates on the project timeline and delivery and confirms that the project is financially on track.

Decision

- The Board acknowledges the CGM Programme and STA/OPC status report.

12. CGMES governance and conformity assessment - Dc recommendation for Board approval

The Chair of the Dc explains that the Common Grid Model Exchange Standard is a data exchange standard developed to cover the necessary requirements for TSOs’ data exchanges concerning, for example, CGM, TYNDP, network codes, etc.. He explains the need to update the governance and the allocation of certain tasks within the Association.

Decision

The Board:

- approves the proposed modifications of the CGMES governance process to be compliant with the already approved CIM EG ToR;
- takes note of the approval of the CGMES consolidated release (version 3.0) by SOC for standardization purposes only and not for compliance; and

- approves the new assignment of bodies related to the CGMES conformity assessment framework.

13. Draft March 2020 Assembly agenda – for approval

The Chair of the Board and the President present the draft agenda for the forthcoming Assembly. Board members discuss the draft and recommend adding an initial discussion on the Research Development and Innovation Committee Strategy Paper and an update on the ENTSO-E Proposal on the System Operation Regions.

Decision

- The Board approves the draft agenda for the Assembly meeting of 26 March 2020 subject to changes agreed during the meeting.

14. Response to the Baltic Cable letter

The LRG Chair presents the letter received from Baltic Cable asking to become a Member of ENTSO-E. The Board members discuss the certification and designation process of Baltic Cable in light of the conditions for membership.

Decision

The Board:

- takes note of the 31 October 2019 Baltic Cable’s letter asking to become a member of ENTSO-E; and
- asks the Secretariat as first step to respond to Baltic Cable’s letter by inviting it to ENTSO-E premises to get further clarity on their interest in joining the Association and propose Baltic Cable (i) in the short-term to enter a specific contractual arrangement (including treatment of costs) when it will meet Observer membership/All-TSOs requirements and (ii) in the long-term the proper status defined by Active 2020+ strategic roadmap.

15. AoB

The Chair of the Market Committee presents the timeline for the preparation of the Florence Forum. The Chair of the System Operations Committee gives a status update on the System Operation Region Proposal.

Decision

The Board:

- takes note of the preparation of ENTSO-E contribution to the Florence Forum;
- takes note of the update of the Terms of Reference of the System Operations Committee that will be submitted for approval at the next Assembly meeting; and
- takes note of the status of the System Operation Region Proposal.

16. Approval of Decisions

Decision

- The Board approves the Decisions of the 6 February 2020 Board meeting.