Board meeting of 11 March 2020 final draft

Date: 11 March 2020
Time: 09:00 – 15:00
Place: web-conference

MINUTES approved at the Board meeting of 23 April 2020

1. Welcome, attendance, adoption of the draft agenda

The Chair of the Board thanks the Board members for participating in the web-conference and gives some practical guidance on the organisation of the call to ensure smooth and efficient web meeting. He announces that another date will be found around the Summer to organise the Board Strategic Workshop that had to be postponed and that he will see when it is possible to find another opportunity to organise a gathering with IPTO.

> **Decision**
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> The Board approves the agenda.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Board Meeting of 6 February 2020 for publication

> **Decision**
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> The Board approves, subject to the change agreed during the meeting, the Minutes of the 6 February 2020 Board meeting for publication.

3. Secretary-General Orientations

3.1 Association Dashboard
3.2 EU Affairs update
3.3 ENTSO-E High-Level Engagement Plan
3.4 Network Code and Clean Energy Package Implementation Programme Report

On the Association dashboard, the Secretary-General reports on the current delay in the finalisation of the scenarios and on the special attention given to respond to the concerns about the low electrification rate and divergence of as demand forecasts. the SDC Chair confirms the current openness to modify the assessment in case comments received during the consultation are well-founded. He clarifies that one scenario is adjusted with the national climate plans and 2 are adjusted to the long-term Green Deal target. The PCG Convener reports on the Green Deal Roadmap and on the TEN-E Regulation update, with EC public consultation expected in May.

> **Decision**
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> The Board
> - acknowledges the reporting for information.

- decides to prepare an external communication highlighting TSOs' and ENTSO-E's readiness to act as an enabler of the Green Deal.

4. Debrief from:

a. Digital committee meeting

The Chair of the Digital committee explains the preparatory work currently undertaken on the future Cybersecurity network code to set up the internal cross-section coordination process and announces that at the 23 April Board meeting, the Dc will present to Board approval the new governance model for the Physical Communication Network.

Decision

The Board acknowledges the debriefs for information.

5. Cyber Incident

5.1 Diagnosis of the situation

The Secretary-General reports on the recent cyber intrusion into its office network. He outlines the outcome of the risk assessment that has been performed.

Decision

The Board acknowledges the diagnosis and currently documented state of the situation.

5.2 Business impact analysis

The Secretary-General presents the result of the interim business impact assessment prepared by the Chairs of the Committees/LRG and the Secretariat. Board members further address with the Committees/LRG Chairs on the impact on the legal mandates.

Decision

The Board:
- acknowledges the interims-results of the business impact analysis on SOC, CGM Programme, MC, SDC and administrative services incl. ENTSO-E main deliverables;
- requests the Chairs to finalise their Business Impact assessment and align them, clearly identifying delays on main legally mandated tasks and according to consequences.

5.3 Mitigation measures

The Secretary-General details the contingency plans that are now in place to reduce the risk of any further attacks. The Secretary-General clarifies that no evidence has been made so far that any operational TSO system has been corrupted by ENTSO-E office network.

Decision

The Board:

- recommends to ensure short-term business continuity by continuing the work on legally mandated tasks until further notice under utmost secure IT circumstances
- approves the use of the financial reserve for the further implementation of the mitigation plan and asks the Resource committee to closely follow and monitor the financial impact until further notice.

6. Covid-19

The Secretary-General presents the measures implemented for the Secretariat staff to limit the risk of a Covid-19 infection and the impact on any meetings planned at the premises. Board members approve the approach and further exchange on the measures adopted by various Members to ensure business continuity.

Decision

The Board:

- acknowledges the guidance and regulations implemented for Secretariat staff to limit the risk of a Covid-19 infection;
- approves the guidance to be implemented by Committees/StGs/WGs/projects to limit the risk of a Covid-19 infection and its proactive internal communication to the members;
- requests the Secretariat to identify proper criteria with Chairs to define Business critical meetings to be validated with Board Chair & Vice-Chair;
- recommends there is no ENTSO-E physical meetings until the beginning of April 2020 to limit the propagation of the virus and asks the Committees' Chairs to organize decision process accordingly.

7. Next steps concerning ACER Decisions on Balancing entities

The Chair of the Board gives the floor to the Chair of the Market Committee. The Chair of the Market Committee outlines the ACER decisions on the implementation frameworks of the aFRR and mFRR platforms and the analysis run that has identified ground for appealing against them. He recalls that the decisions are not addressed to ENTSO-E and he informs that they will be challenged by some members. Board members acknowledge it is important that the association is asked on the question of the launch of such appeal.

Decision

The Board:

- confirms that TSOs individually or jointly are the most appropriate body(ies) to challenge ACER's decisions on the implementation frameworks of the aFRR and mFRR platforms;
- confirms the support to individual TSOs wishing to challenge ACER's decisions and that the bodies of the Association shall continue assisting them with supporting technical and legal argumentations; and
- recommends that the implementation works shall be continued accordingly.

8.   Key priority Research, Development and Innovation Roadmap (RDI Strategy)

The Chair of the Board introduces the topic and askes for comments, then proceeds to the adoption phase.

Decision

The Board approves the Paper "Key priority Research and Innovation needs for ENTSO-E (RDI strategy)".

9.   ENTSO-E position paper on the reduction of SF6 emissions and introduction of alternative technologies – recommendation for Assembly approval

The Chair of the Research, Development and Innovation Committee presents the key principles of the position paper that is subject to Board approval. He explains the paper convey the message that TSO community is committing further efforts to reduce FP6 emissions as far a possible within the next decades. Board members welcome the paper acknowledging this effort is necessary and fully aligned with the Green Deal as it highlights how TSOs can contribute to reduce Greenhouse gas emissions.

Decision

The Board:

- approves for public release and dissemination with stakeholders the ENTSO-E position paper on the reduction of SF6 emissions and introduction of alternative technologies subject to the changes agreed during the meeting.

10. Vision 2030 – approval of Stakeholder Engagement

The Chair of the Board introduces the matter and asks for comments. The Board members note the impact of the Covid-19 situation on the proposed stakeholder engagement.

Decision

The Board:

- approves the launch of the stakeholder engagement and of the coordination internal initiatives as a follow-on to ENTSO-E Vision on Market Design and System Operation towards 2030 presented at the November 2019 ENTSO-E Annual Conference in Helsinki when the COVID 19 situation allows for it; and
- approves the creation of a Cross-Committee Task Force to ensure the coordination of ENTSO-E follow on work on the 2030 Vision, which could later serve to coordinate also the work on the "Energy System 2050" implementation measure as part of the Active 2020+ transformation programme.

11. Update on the SOR proposal – recommendation for Assembly approval

The Chair of the Board gives the floor to the Chair of System Operation Committee. The Chair of System Operation Committee presents the recent developments concerning ENTSO-E proposal on the SOR and the latest position of ACER to organise a single SOR for the whole Continental Europe. He explains that ENTSO-E proposal meets all legal requirements and should, therefore, continue receiving support.

Decision

The Board approves the recommendation to General Assembly to support ENTSO-E's position against the single SOR for the whole of Continental Europe and to advocate for ACER to:

- accept the SOR defined as proposed by ENTSO-E; and
- withdraw its alternative proposal of one SOR for the whole CE.

12. Approval of the report and press release on TSOs response to Storm Ciara – recommendation for Assembly approval

The Chair of the Board introduces the topic and askes for comments, then proceeds to the adoption phase.

Decision

The Board decides to approve press release and short report on TSOs response to Storm Ciara for publication on the ENTSO-E website, subject to change discussed at the meeting.

13. CGM Status Report

Decision

The Board acknowledges the CGM Programme status report.

14. Fora Preparations - *The Decisions on this agenda item were adopted via written process*

a. Florence Forum (delegation and mandate) – 7-8 May 2020

Decision

The Board:

- approves the ENTSO-E delegation consisting of the President, Chair of the Board, the Chair of Market Committee and the Secretariat (Secretary-General and the Head of Market Section);
- asks the ENTSO-E delegation to prepare, with the secretariat's support, the content of their interventions alongside the established ENTSO-E positions.

b. Madrid Forum (delegation and mandate) – 29-30 April 2020

Decision

The Board:

- decides to give a mandate to the System Development Committee to prepare ENTSO-E's presentations and interventions at the Madrid Forum;
- decides that the ENTSO-E delegation to the forum will be composed of one Board member and the Secretary-General.

c. Infrastructure Forum (delegation and mandate) – 28-29 May 2020

Decision

The Board:

- decides to give a mandate to the System Development Committee to prepare ENTSO-E's presentations and interventions at the Infrastructure Forum;
- decides that the ENTSO-E delegation to the forum will be composed of the President of ENTSO-E, of a member of the Board, of the Secretary-General, of Chair and Vice-Chair of SDC and head of SD section.

15.   ENTSO-E Advocacy Plan

Decision

The Board postpones the topic for the next Board meeting.

16.   AoB

Decision

The Board takes note of the update concerning the move to the new building.

17.   Approval of Decisions

Decision

The Board approves the Decisions of the 11 March 2020 Board meeting.