

## ENTSO-E Board meeting of 09 June 2022

Date: 09 June 2022

Time: 8:30-15:30

Place: Dublin and Online

### MINUTES

#### 1. Welcome, attendance, adoption of the draft agenda

##### Decision

The Board approves the agenda.

#### 2. Approval of the Minutes of the 28 April 2022 Board meeting for publication

##### Decision

The Board approves the minutes of the Board meeting of 28 April 2022 for publication.

#### 3. Secretary-General Reporting including High Level Engagement Plan

The Secretary-General provides a short debrief on the main Secretariat activities, strategic meetings and other developments that the Board Members should be informed about since the last Board meeting on 28 April 2022 including a presentation of topics foreseen for Strategic Webinars that will be organised for all Members until end of this year.

##### Decision

The Board acknowledges the reporting of the Secretary-General.

## 4. Dashboard reporting of Legal Mandates and Committees'/LRG special topics

### 4.1 Special topics to highlight in this Board Meeting

#### 4.2 Network Code Coordination

The Chair of the System Operation Committee (SOC) updates the Board members about ACER's proposed revision of the Network Code on Cyber Security and on the evolution of imbalances payments situations and the steps taken to mitigate these situations in the future. He then reports that UkrenergO has asked the Regional Group Continental Europe (RGCE) to consider the possibility of a gradual reopening of the electricity trade and that RGCE has decided to address this request positively, subject to the fulfilment of the technical preconditions. The fulfilment of these conditions is necessary to guarantee the security of the interconnected system. The SOC Chair then provides an update on CGM and cooperation with the Market Committee.

The Chair of the System Development Committee (SDC) gives an update on the TYNDP2022 progress, stressing the need for resources. ERAA2022 is on track from the perspective of the ambition set last year and the exchanges with ACER. The energy crisis in terms of prices and possible fuel switches as emphasised in REPowerEU requires a discussion on how to present ERAA2022 later this year. ENTSO-E strives for alignment with EC and ACER aiming for a positive outcome later this year. He gives an update on the key messages from the Gas Regulatory Forum and the Energy Infrastructure Forum

The Chair of the Research, Development and Innovation Committee (RDIC) reports on the favourable opinion delivered by ACER on the RDI Implementation Report 2021-2025. He then focuses on the survey of lead (Pb) presence in cables and the report which will be published. The RDIC Chair also highlights the Digitalization of Energy Action initiative to be issued by the European Commission in September 2022.

The Vice-Chair of the Market Committee (MC) reports on the CACM amendment and on the topics that will be addressed in the Florence Forum by the MC Chair. He explains that ACER is consulting about Implementation Framework amendments for balancing platforms. On balancing, he highlights that the Picasso platform went live on 1 June ahead of the legal deadline. Concerning the bidding zones review, he reports that following ACER's proposal on the reconfiguration, All TSOs prepared coordinated feedback that has been delivered during the 8 June public hearing.

He presents the key messages on high energy prices and market design developed by the MC, explaining that they are mostly focused on short-term measures which are currently the central point of attention in the policy debate. He clarifies that further positioning on long-term market design reforms are also being developed by the MC considering the REPowerEU package and ENTSO-E Vision work.

The Head of the Legal Section reports on the work done by the ENTSO-E Energy Community Task Force and the input provided to the EnC and the EC in relation to the adaptation of the EU Energy legislation in the Energy Community Contracting Parties. In addition, the LRG chair points out the remaining open issues in the discussions with EC and EnC relating to the approach towards the

configurations of the CCRs and SORs, and the designation of RCCs. He mentions that the consultation period will be closed on 15 June.

Concerning in particular the coordination of network codes and guidelines the Project Manager of the Vision 2050 Project presents a proposal discussed with all Committees and LRG Chairs for improving the strategic approach on the evolution and on the drafting of network codes and guidelines, to support the longer-term vision.

### Decision

The Board:

- acknowledges the reporting on legal mandates; and
- acknowledges the updated Key Messages on High Prices and Market Design.

## 5.1 ENTSO-E 2023 Annual Work Programme before the launch of the public consultation – recommendation for Assembly approval

The Chair of the Resources committee (Rc) and the Secretary-General explain the process to develop the Annual Work Programme 2023 (AWP 2023).

The Secretary-General presents the main features of the AWP 2023. She recalls that the AWP 2023 has been developed to focus on legal mandates and has been aligned with the 5-year Budget and Resources plan to ensure that the mandated services under the AWP have the corresponding resources and budget allocated in the 2023 Budget proposal. As to the next steps, the Secretary-General announces that subject to Assembly approval on 30 June, public consultation will take place during July and August. The AWP 2023 will then be finalised for Assembly approval in October taking into account any relevant remarks from the public consultation and the outcome of the finalisation of the Budget 2023 which will be submitted to Assembly approval at the same time.

### Decision

The Board:

- approves the submission of the draft ENTSO-E Annual Work Programme 2023 to the Assembly with the caveat that its scope may be reduced in light of the budget discussions;
- notes that the draft ENTSO-E Annual Work Programme 2023 has been developed in accordance with the legal mandates of ENTSO-E;
- recommends the Assembly to approve the document “Draft ENTSO-E Annual Work Programme 2023” for public consultation with the above-mentioned caveat; and
- notes that the draft ENTSO-E Annual Work Programme 2023 will be updated and provided to the Board and Assembly in September and October meetings for final approval prior to its submission to ACER for opinion and publication on the ENTSO-E website before the end of 2022.

## 5.2 ENTSO-E 2023 Initial Resource Plan and 2023-2027 Resource Planning for Board guidance – recommendation for Assembly information

The Chair of the Resources committee (Rc) and the Secretary-General explain the result of the resources planning for 2023 and the following years. They inform that the planning is based on the draft AWP for 2023 and provides resources information for tasks as continued from 2022, for additional tasks as from 2023 and - for the first time – for ENTSO-E as a whole, including resource needs for AWP tasks in projects on the Committee level. They explain that following the guidance of the Board and Assembly, the Secretariat in conjunction with the Committees will identify options to fill the required roles and will submit the 2023 Final Resource Plan to the Board and Assembly for approval.

### Decision

The Board notes the ENTSO-E 2023 Initial Resource Plan and the 2023-2027 High-Level Resource Plan enabling ENTSO-E to plan its resource needs and ensuring involvement of the Members.

## 5.3 ENTSO-E 2023 Initial Budget Proposal for Board guidance – recommendation for Assembly information

The Chair of the Resources committee (Rc) and Secretary-General present the 2023 Initial Budget Proposal that has been prepared by the Secretariat together with the Committees, LRG/PCG and Digital committee in accordance with the proposed 2023 Annual Work Programme and the Initial Resources Plan.

The Secretary-General explains that the Secretariat seeks Board guidance on the proposal for initial presentation to the 30 June Assembly.

### Decision

The Board:

- notes the 2023 Initial Budget Proposal for Business as Usual and new activities as per 2023 AWP which are to be funded by Membership and Non-Membership fees and which has been developed in accordance with the proposed 2023 Annual Work Programme; and
- asks Secretariat to consider the Board guidance prior to the submission for the Assembly meeting on 30 June 2022.

## 6. Endorsement of the 2021 Annual Accounts – recommendation for Assembly approval

The Chair of the Resources committee (Rc) reports on the recommendation to the Board from the Rc to submit ENTSO-E 2021 Annual Accounts to Assembly for approval, explaining that this recommendation has been confirmed and reported by the Rc based on its 20 May 2022 specially convened meeting with the statutory auditors, BDO, who provided a so-called unqualified audit opinion.

## Decision

The Board:

- notes that the statutory audit by BDO has been completed with an unqualified audit opinion;
- endorses the 2021 annual accounts showing a total balance sheet of 28.040 k€ and a net result of -692 k€ and recommends to the Assembly to approve the 2021 accounts; and
- notes that the formal Audit Report will be provided to the ENTSO-E Secretariat by BDO auditors after the Board meeting and provided to the Assembly members.

## 7. Winter Outlook and Approach to Communications – for Board approval

The Chair of the System Development Committee (SDC) updates the Board members about the European electricity security of supply, which becomes a critical focus and priority ever since the war in Ukraine had started and Russian fuel import dependencies became the focal point of attention. He recalls that TSOs and ENTSO-E have a key role in informing on adequacy risks at all timeframes from short to long-term. He presents the seasonal outlook draft workplan for the coming months, highlighting the importance of anticipating the preparation for next winter, for which adequacy risks are identified. He reports on the regular communication with policymakers at the European and Member state level.

## Decision

The Board notes the risks to adequacy for this winter and highlights anticipated adequacy risks and the need for measures to be implemented to mitigate possible scarcity and disruption to supply.

## 8. ENTSO-E Vision: A Power System for a Carbon Neutral Europe – for Board approval

The Project Manager of the ENTSO-E Vision Project updates members on the status of the work. He explains the recent milestones to develop, consult and approve the ENTSO-E Vision by Committees, and he summarises the key messages and ultimate objective of this work. He then updates members on the ongoing stakeholder engagement, which is providing positive and constructive feedback. Lastly, he outlines the next foreseen steps to draft the Position Paper on the basis of the full Vision paper and announces that the Paper is expected to be submitted for approval in September by both Board and Assembly, prior to its publication during ENTSO-E Annual Conference in October.

## Decision

The Board:

- approves the ENTSO-E Vision “Power System for a Carbon Neutral Europe”; and
- confirms the updated project timeline, including the written approval process for the Position Paper before the ENTSO-E Annual Conference in October 2022.

## 9. ENTSO-E Position Paper: Innovation Uptake through Regulation – recommendation for Assembly approval

The Chair of the Research, Development and Innovation Committee (RDIC) presents the main messages of the final draft Position Paper on innovation uptake. He highlights that the paper is not only the outcome of internal and external discussions on the suitable regulatory approaches to better support the development and integration of innovative solutions, but is also embedded in other published papers, such as the [Technopedia](#), [the ENTSO-E RDI Roadmap 2020-2030](#), and the [Financeability Paper](#). It also contributes to other ongoing workstreams, not least the Vision 2050. He describes the overall narrative and objectives of the paper, and presents the proposed toolkit, which provides concrete examples and good practices for regulators to take into account, including cases of cooperation across TSOs. He clarifies that the tools are proposed for different maturity (or technology readiness) levels and range from protected budgets for early R&D programs, to regulatory sandboxes for more first-of-a-kind solutions and KPI-based incentives for already mature ones.

## Decision

The Board approves the Position Paper on Innovation Uptake through Regulation and recommends the Assembly to approve it for publication.

## 10. Flexibility from Power-to-Hydrogen (P2H2) Study – recommendation for Assembly approval

The Chair of the Research, Development and Innovation Committee (RDIC) presents the main messages of the study on Flexibility from Power to Hydrogen (P2H2). He highlights that some of the existing technologies can provide different type of system services today and that P2H2 is one relevant option for ensuring the needed long-term flexibility. He further details that storage capacities exist in Europe and that most of the geographical sites are located offshore, hence difficult to exploit before 2030. He explains that the role of P2H2 in the provision of flexibility services will depend on competitiveness towards other technologies. He concludes by saying that power system services represent a top up of the revenue probably until 2030 and hence price signals in medium and long term are needed to ensure required investments.

**Decision**

The Board:

- approves the Study on “Flexibility from Power-to-Hydrogen (P2H2) and the associated Stakeholder Engagement and Communications plan, subject to the changes agreed during the meeting; and
- recommends the Assembly to approve the Study for publication.

**11. ENTSO-E Corporate Project – status update for Board discussion**

The Vice-President of the Assembly presents the status update highlighting the main issues addressed by the Steering Group since the last Board meeting.

**Decision**

The Board takes note of the reporting.

**12. Offshore Engagement Project – for Board approval**

The Chair of the System Development Committee (SDC) reports on a follow-up from the previous Board meeting when the idea was discussed to further strengthen priority setting and strategic advocacy on the many offshore-related work areas of ENTSO-E. He explains that a dedicated project is proposed to report to the Board with collaboration from all relevant Committees’ workstreams. He further explains that the deliverables of the group are among others a new offshore communication strategy, lean internal reporting, and advocacy support for the various ENTSO-E offshore-related products across Committees.

**Decision**

The Board approves the approach to the Offshore Engagement Project and the next steps which will be presented to the September Board.

**13. Debrief from recent meetings:****13.1 Resources committee on 08 June 2022**

The Chair of the Resources committee (Rc) reports on the topics addressed during the 8 June 2022 Rc meeting, including an outline of the Finance Report and of the interim report on Risk Management and an update on the response letter sent to DG Energy on 3 June 2022, on the CEF Grant Agreement. The Rc Chair mentions the recommendation to the Board to submit the 2021

Annual Accounts to Assembly for approval and the discussion on the 2023 Annual Work Programme, Budget and Resource Planning already dealt with in the dedicated topics of this Board meeting.

### 13.2 Digital committee on 12 May 2022

The Chair of the Digital committee (Dc) outlines the main topics discussed during the last Dc meeting of 12 May consisting of: (i) the transition to the new ICT Committee and the ICTC structure to be envisaged, (ii) the Dc workshop on budgeting exercise, and (iii) general updates on the Ukrainian situation, Transparency Platform re-design, Common Grid Model and Dc priorities. The Board warmly thanks the Dc Chair and the Dc Members for their efforts and contributions to the Digital committee and for the successful establishment of the new ICT Committee.

### 13.3 StG T&DI on 12 May incl. Common T&D Work Plan – for Board approval

The Chair of the Steering Group T&D Interface (StG T&DI) informs the Board members about the plans of the European Commission to request ENTSO-E and EU DSO Entity to support tasks of the EU Advisory Body and the impact of such potential new legal mandate on resources. He highlights that ACER has opened on 2 June 2022 a public consultation on its draft Framework Guidelines on Demand- Response until 2 August 2022. He also presents the structure of the related Key Policy Issues Paper (KPIP) in preparation. He concludes with the final common T&D work plan 2022/23 for Board approval following the alignment with Committees and further exchanges with the EU DSO Entity.

### 13.4 PCG on 19 May 2022

The Convener of the Policy and Communication Group (PCG) will provide his reporting during the June Assembly.

#### Decision

The Board:

- notes ENTSO-E’s final letter sent to DG Energy concerning the CEF Grant Agreement with European Commission;
- notes the Report from the Resources committee meeting of 8 June 2022;
- acknowledges the reporting from the Digital committee Chair and warmly thanks the Dc Chair for the support and collaboration together with all Dc Members in the successful establishment of the new ICT Committee;
- acknowledges the reporting of the Chair of the StG T&DI and approves the common work plan 2022/23 developed with the EU DSO Entity, which is subject to future budget approval for 2023; and
- acknowledges and supports the possibility of a new legal mandate in coordination with the EUDSO Entity on data interoperability.



#### **14. Draft agenda of 30 June Assembly meeting – recommendation for Assembly approval**

The President presents the 30 June draft Assembly agenda.

#### **15. Any other business**

The Chair of the Board thanks EirGrid for its hospitality in the organisation of the Board meeting in Dublin. The Secretary-General announces that the next Board meeting will be held in Sofia, Bulgaria.

#### **16. Approval of decisions**

##### **Decision**

The Board approves the decisions of the 9 June 2022 Board meeting.

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### LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

#### *Chair of the Board*

1.	VANZETTA Joachim (online)	Amprion	Germany
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#### *Board Members*

2.	BIERMANN Dirk	50Hertz	Germany
3.	CORTINAS Damian	RTE	France
4.	DIERICK Maurice (online)	Swissgrid	Switzerland
5.	DUPONT KRISTENSEN Søren	Energinet	Denmark
6.	GUIDA Guido	Terna	Italy
7.	HANSEN Frank-Peter (online)	TenneT	Germany
8.	PAPROCKI Robert	PSE	Poland
9.	PRIETO Eduardo	REE	Spain
10.	RYAN Liam	Eirgrid	Ireland
11.	VESKIMÄGI Taavi	Elering	Estonia
12.	Zarchev Dimitar	ESO	Bulgaria

#### *President*

1.	LAFFAYE Hervé	RTE	France
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#### *Vice-President*

1.	BOLDIŠ Zbyněk	CEPS	Czech Republic
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#### *Committee Chairs*

1.	SCHEERER Peter <i>Vice-Chair of the Market Committee</i>	Transnet	Germany
2.	KAENDLER Gerald <i>Chair of the System Development Committee</i>	Amprion	Germany
3.	BORGEN Håkon (online)	Statnett	Norway

### Committee Chairs

	<i>Chair of the Research Dev. &amp; Innovation Committee</i>		
4.	KAPETANOVIC Tahir (online) <i>Chair of the System Operations Committee</i>	APG	Austria
5.	ELSKAMP Fokke <i>Chair of the Legal &amp; Regulatory Group</i>	TenneT	Netherlands

### Invited

1.	BEUGER Lisa	Amprion	Germany
2.	BEUER Lena	Amprion	Germany
3.	DECROIX Timothée	Swissgrid	Switzerland

### ENTSO-E

1.	TWOHIG Sonya	ENTSO-E	Belgium
2.	GYULAY Zoltan (online)	ENTSO-E	Belgium
3.	LAWLER Derek	ENTSO-E	Belgium
4.	MELCHIOR Florence	ENTSO-E	Belgium
5.	RICHET Nicolas	ENTSO-E	Belgium
6.	CONSTANTINESCU Norela	ENTSO-E	Belgium
7.	TALESKI Ivan	ENTSO-E	Belgium
8.	HAESEN Edwin	ENTSO-E	Belgium
9.	GOUVERNEUR Bruno (online)	ENTSO-E	Belgium
10.	MACABEO Bertrand		
11.	FRICKE Guido	ENTSO-E	Belgium
12.	KUUSIK Maarja	ENTSO-E	Belgium