8th Balancing Stakeholder Group (BSG) meeting

Date: 07 June 2017
Time: 10h30 – 16h00
Place: ENTSO-E, Brussels

Participants:

De Wit	Paul	CEDEC	N
Schmidt	Peter	CEDEC	Y
Le Page	Jerome	EFET	Y
Van den Kerckhove	Olivier	EFET	Y
Perret	Claude	EURELECTRIC DSO	N
Hawkins	Nigel	EURELECTRIC	Y
Castagné	Pierre	EURELECTRIC	Y
Robaye	Hélène	EURELECTRIC	Y
Fraile	Daniel	EWEA	N
Pineda	Ivan	EWEA	N
Šavli	Andraž	EUROPEX	Y
Wilkin	Steve	EUROPEX	Y
Doble	Trygve	GEODE	N
Theil	Anders	GEODE	N
Van der Velde	Fritz	IFIEC	N
Kuokkanen	Pasi	IFIEC	N
Claes	Gaetan	EUGINE	Y
Benquey	Romain	SEDC	Y
Schell	Peter	SEDC	Y
Florian	Gonzalez	EDSO	N
Supponen	Matti	EC	N
Kuen	Nicolas	EC	Y
Montigny	Marie	ACER	Y
Fransen	Mathieu	ACER	N

Fijalkowski	Jakub	ACER	Y
Povh	Martin	ACER	N
Tellidou	Athina	ACER	Y
Autorita Italy	Stefano	ACER	Y
Henriksen	Stian	ACER	N
Costa	Leonardo	ACER	Y
Barmsnes	Kjell	ENTSO-E	Y
Kasper	Ulf	ENTSO-E	Y
Avramiotis	Iason	ENTSO-E	Y
Ziegler	Sebastian	ENTSO-E	Y
Dusolt	Alexander	ENTSO-E	Y

MINUTES

Agenda and approval of minutes from 7th Balancing Stakeholder Group meeting

Minutes from 7th BSG meeting were approved.

Activation purposes:

- Joint congestion management and balancing will be tackled in the implementation framework and implementation projects → ENTSO-E to explicitly hint to project team leads the questions raised by stakeholders.

- Pricing will also be discussed in implementation frameworks. → ENTSO-E to include in implementation plan, dates where dedicated discussions on a subject shall take place.

Feedback from Eurelectric on local stakeholders involvement should be included in the agenda → aob

Official consultations: → ENTSO-E and ACER to agree on whether consultation can already be done before eif.

One stakeholder asked to webstream discussions. ENTSO-E explained that they had agreed with ACER to not webstream discussions in order to maintain the quality of the discussions.

The Agenda is approved.

EBGL implementation – Organisation

Kjell Barmsnes presents the organisation for the implementation of the EBGL within ENTSO-E.

Alexander Dusolt informs about the upcoming Stakeholder meetings organized by implementation projects. → Stakeholders ask for timely information and central communication on a website. They should also be included in the EBGL implementation plan.

Nicolas Kuen confirms that he expects the EBGL to enter into force by the end of the year.

Steve Wilkin asks to organize the eif either before or after the Christmas period and avoid 1 January as very difficult to organize the go life for any IT systems in that period.

Kjell Barmsnes explains that the introduction of the platforms will mean changes for the TSOs. Changes for BSPs – beneath adapting to standard products and ISP - should not be that big.

Helene Robaye questions how a level playing field across different countries is assured as the BSP/TSO link is out of scope of EBGL. Kjell Barmsnes explains that the relationship between BSPs and TSOs will be harmonized where needed by including a framework for harmonizing the T&C in the implementation framework.

Jerom Le Page questions how the settlement project team and e.g. the mFRR implementation project team ensure consistency with each other. Kjell Barmsnes explains that the Working Group Ancillary Services encompasses all project teams. Also the same people are involved in several project teams.

Update on Implementation projects

FCR

Iason Avramiotis gives an update on the FCR project. He explains that the central clearing system is operated by Swissgrid and located in Switzerland (Correction to what has been communicated in the meeting).

Helene Robaye notes that the weighted average costs in all countries decreases, however questions why it is argued that the volatility is going down. It would be interesting to compare against energy price.

Iason Avramiotis explains the projects understanding of fair governance, which is that decisions are taking with unanimity.

Iason Avramiotis explains that the consultation in autumn aims to fulfil the requirements from the EBGL, according to common understanding of the TSOs and NRAs of the FCR project.

Marie Montigny confirms this understanding for FCR project.

Discussion on whether the consultation needs to take place after eif of the EBGL. → ACER and ENTSO-E to analyse.

Kjell Barmsnes confirms that anyone can comment in public consultation and there are no geographical limitations. Ulf Kasper hints that the TSO BSP model may be used in RR project, so all stakeholders from all countries should be invited to participate.

Iason Avramiotis explains that the report from the consultation has been published. If Stakeholders have questions or comments they are invited to send them bilaterally. In case of stakeholder request, a discussion can be organized in the next BSG or additional workshop could be organized on national or European level.

Marie Montigny appreciates the work done by the relevant TSO on analysing the consultation feedback.

Jerome Le Page questions how shorter procurement time and more frequent auction timings affect other reserves. He reminds the CEP proposals on shorter timings.

Imbalance Netting

Iason Avramiotis presents the update on Imbalance Netting and explains that TenneT NL is part of the implementation project IGCC but not member of the IN project team. He explains that there will be no consultation on the TSO TSO settlement as it does not influence the imbalance price. Imbalance Netting

only decreases activated volumes. This is reflected in the EBGL, where no consultation for the TSO TSO settlement is foreseen.

Jakub Fijalkowski explains the connection to aFRR: Once aFRR is operational, IN will be integrated in it. The aFRR optimization will then guarantee Imbalance Netting in the relevant regions. Iason Avramiotis explains that this is one possible option for the implementation of aFRR cooperation in relation to imbalance netting.

aFRR

Sebastian Ziegler gives an update on the status of aFRR. Kjell Barmsnes explains, that the Explore project was a study. D/AT and the Nordics tried to practically exchange aFRR. Findings from all projects will be taken up in a future implementation project. Over summer ENTSO-E will proceed with the aFRR implementation framework and incentivizes TSOs to create an aFRR project, which could become the European implementation project.

mFRR

Ulf Kasper presents the update on mFRR.

Helene Robaye asks about the next steps for joint congestion management for balancing and the impact on imbalance settlement price. Ulf Kasper explains that this is part of the all TSO deliverables dealt with in the ENTSO-E project team and not of the implementation project.

Jakub Fijalkowski explains that the EBGL states that historical costs have to be paid when new TSOs join a project, so that all TSOs have an incentive to join.

Jerome Le Page questions about the involvement from Poland and Bulgaria. Ulf Kasper confirms that ENTSO-E incentivizes all TSOs to join the project and Nicolas Kuen underlines that EC is also pushing member states to join.

Ulf Kasper explains that product for the TSO physical exchange have trapezoidal shape. Pre-contracted bids will be used both for direct activated and scheduled products. It is not clear yet what restrictions will be set upon voluntary bids.

Pierre Castagné notes that auctions run 10mins before settlement period. That means less than 10mins for BSP to provide bids? Ulf Kasper explains that the cross border exchanges with schedule activation would start 5mins before the ISP and end 5mins after the ISP (see picture below). For TSOs, it would be the preferred solution, if BSPs follow this shape, because this would not cause any ACE. By this reaching full power 5 min after the beginning of the ISP is perfect, by this BSPs do not have 10 min but at least 15 min. Nevertheless, the question, if a certain power performance is allowed or not depends on the tolerance band and this is something TSOs have not dealt with in detail yet.
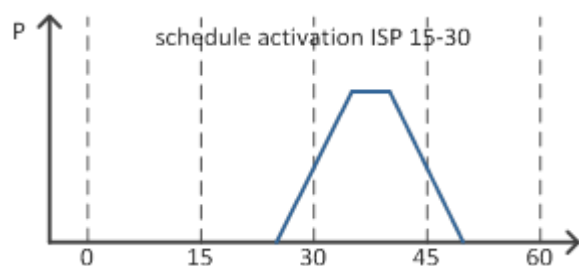
Jerome Le Page questions how countries working with an ISP of 15mins will work together with countries requesting a derogation? Ulf Kasper explains that products based on 15mins but will be adapted to work with 30min products, e.g. by creating blocks.

Ulf Kasper explains that no TSO should join a platform if it would lose money with it, however finally the European/regional welfare shall be optimized. This principle is based on the experience from the Imbalance Netting project.

Helene Robaye asks whether the MoU can be shared externally, in order to receive more details.

Pierre Castagné would appreciate two consultations, ideally showing different options in the first one.

Nigel Hawkins requests that for settlement also the settlement parties, which are not necessarily TSOs, should be invited.

Ulf Kasper explains that the proposal on imbalance settlement will be developed within ENTSO-E.

Pierre Castagné asks to distribute relevant work items / milestones to BSG members.

TERRE

Iason Avramiotis presents the update from the TERRE project

Helene Robaye suggest to give stakeholders six weeks for the consultation period.

Jerome Le Page asks to invite stakeholders early for stakeholder events.

Iason Avramiotis confirms that the consultation will be based on definitive documents which should be published in the coming days.

Kjell Barmsnes asks the TERRE project to reconsider the date for the stakeholder meeting.

Iason Avramiotis explains specialities in certain markets, such as the Italian market having more than one bidding zone and the Swiss intraday market having a lead time of 30mins.

Helene Robaye proposes to talk about redispatch instead of implicit XB countertrading.

Nigel Hawkins questions whether the consultation will also tackle conversion of bids by individual TSOs. Marie Montigny, explains that at the moment it seems that no specific products will be defined, therefore the RR bids will be standard product bids.

Pierre Castagne questions whether the description of future implementation of national market rules is part of the content of the implementation framework. Iason Avramiotis clarifies that the framework for harmonizing the T&C is part of the implementation framework.

Products survey

Ulf Kasper updates from the products survey.

Steve Wilkin hints that it would be nice if there was no obligation to answer each question. Some stakeholders asked for wider explanation and circulation.

Kjell Barmsnes proposes to have a stakeholder workshop to discuss questions and ask for responses.

Jerome Le Page mentions that the survey was rather for companies than associations. As they are not involved directly it could be difficult to get the answers. → ENTSO-E to discuss internally what can be done over summer.

Helene Robaye states that Eurelectric appreciates the informal consultation before the official one, however resources are limited in utilities and survey quite technical.

Nigel Hawkins proposes to have a second consultation/deadline? ENTSO-E to check with project team when we need finally input and set a new deadline.

Implementation plan

➔ ENTSO-E to include topics for BSG in implementation plan

Jerom Le Page appreciates the sharing of the plans. He also asked to have similar implementation plans for CACM.

➔ ENTSO-E to include updated plan on the website.

AoB

Local stakeholder involvement

- Discuss in ENTSO-E e.g. to include high level reporting on what national TSOs are doing on stakeholder involvement
- Make sure that TSOs and NRAs guarantee coherence between EU and national developments, especially sharing information on consultations. NRAs would ideally also publish versions in English. Create awareness on EU level of what is happening nationally. E.g. links to national consultations could be published on ENTSO-E website or a central calender. This would also facilitate learning from the others.
- Potentially include in the next BSG an agenda item to explain what national TSOs are doing
- ENTSO-E project team leads should have an overview how the national implementation is ongoing.
- The AS survey is the tool so far used to show the national developments.

Next meetings

7th September - CEER, Brussels

7th December – ENTSO-E, Brussels