7th ENTSO-E Advisory Council Meeting

Date: 4 July 2018
Time: 10h00 – 13h00, followed by lunch
Place: ENTSO-E premises, Avenue de Cortenbergh 100, Brussels - room AMPERE

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

List of participants

Advisory Council Members

1.	ALBA RIOS Juan Jose	EURELECTRIC
2.	BUCHEL Christian	DSO Associations
3.	DICKSON Giles (substituting PARRES Alfredo)	RES Associations
4.	GIESBERTZ Paul	EFET
5.	HORNE Stew	BEUC Citizens Advice
6.	THIES Frauke	SmartEn
7.	SCHMID Eva (substituting TRIO Wendel)	NGOs (CAN Europe)
8.	CLAES Peter	IFIEC

ENTSO-E President

1.	VOORHORST Ben	Tennet

ENTSO-E Chair of the Board

1.	HAGEM Bente	Statnett

Observer Member

1.	SUPPONEN Matti	EC

ENTSO-E

1.	SCHMITT Laurent	ENTSO-E
2.	MIESZCZANSKI Michael	ENTSO-E
3.	NENOVA Stela	ENTSO-E
4.	DUSOLT Alexander	ENTSO-E

Observer Member - excused

1.	BUZEK Jerzy	European Parliament

1. Welcome and introduction, approval of agenda

Decision
- The agenda of the meeting is approved.
- The decisions of the 6th AC meeting are approved.

2. Advisory Council ToRs and membership update

Summary and Follow-up
- ENTSO-E's Assembly adopted the ToRs on 28 June as previously discussed at the iAC. Besides ACER as observer, one additional RES association, Europex and T&D Europe, ENTSO-E asks for advice on one additional NGO representative.
- ENTSO-E clarifies that it will contact each member association for an appointment of representative for the next two-year-period and nomination of designated substitutes.
- The Chair/Vice-Chair will be nominated by the iAC members in the next meeting in October.
- Recommendations for NGO members will be sent by iAC members via email within one week of this meeting. In the meeting the iAC considered E3G and Germanwatch.
- ENTSO-E will follow-up in July with invitations to the new members for the next iAC meeting.
- The iAC encourages a gender-balanced representation in the iAC.

3. Network Codes – state of play

ENTSO-E provides a short update on current NC Implementation. Overall, ENTSO-E is on track in its implementation tasks.

Summary & Follow-up

Implementation of Network Codes & NC-related consultations
- The iAC stresses the importance for ENTSO-E to adequately take into account that comments sent by European associations are adequately considered on behalf of all their members and not neglected as isolated comments.
- The iAC welcomes ENTSO-E's efforts in reflecting regional consultations on ENTSO-E's website, to facilitate stakeholders following such consultations, although further improvements on the transparency of regional consultations, developments and keeping track of latest versions of draft methodologies could be achieved.
- The iAC observes that some ENTSO-E consultations (specifically regarding EBGL implementation) do not yet strike the right balance in tackling both technical and strategic issues. Last year the iAC advised ENTSO-E to aim for clear and unambiguous rules in the drafting of Network Codes instead of compromising and leaving different options open. This same advice now applies to the current phase of drafting methodologies. Secondly, it is difficult for market participants to respond on separate consultations without having an overall view of how all EBGL methodologies will look like.
- The iAC requests a more strategic overview of the overall direction and how different topics interrelate.
- ENTSO-E is encouraged to seek together with ACER a streamlined approach to provide better visibility and transparency on the regional consultations and developments for the next Market European

Stakeholder Committee (MESC) meeting. The iAC decides to adopt a recommendation ahead of the next MESC on:

- the transparency of regional consultations and information provided by ENTSO-E on its website;
- the way TSOs form positions and how to improve transnational consensus-building.

Future NCs
- The iAC questions to what extent new codes are needed and to what extent some of the issues listed in the Clean Energy Package (CEP) proposals (such as storage, aggregation or demand response, for instance) could either be covered in existing codes (with the necessary modifications) or through amendments/addendums to existing codes rather than in new codes.
- The iAC also questions whether the NC process is always the most adequate to address some of the issues (cyber security for instance).
- The iAC acknowledges that these questions are eventually subject to the CEP adoption.
- ENTSO-E will take back this discussion and initial feedback to its Board. The iAC decides to take this discussion related to future NCs to the next iAC meeting.

Consultation process update
- ENTSO-E will seek structured but informal stakeholder input on its consultation process until the end of the year. The iAC members will be contacted for face-to-face exchanges in this context. ENTSO-E will approach iAC members via email in July to convene appointments.
- The formal drafting, consultation and approval process of the policy will be run as soon as the CEP is adopted.

Joint Congestion management & Balancing
- The Chair introduces a Eurelectric position on compensation and transparency for joint congestion management and balancing services. The issue is supported by SmartEn, WindEurope and EFET.
- The iAC decides to address this point at the next meeting, since ENTSO-E would need to take this issue back for internal discussion first.

4. Transparency Platform roadmap and improvements

Summary and Follow-up
- ENTSO-E provides a short update on on-going and forthcoming improvements to the Transparency Platform (TP). Among others, the Platform will feature data quality checks and will be providing open data free of charge to its users. The quality of input data is an issue, so are data ownership rights and daily data handling processes. The go-live of the improved graphical user interface for the TP is foreseen for Q1/2019.
- The iAC welcomes the intended improvements to the TP. The iAC agrees that data quality is an issue today (for instance national data). The TP should aim to ensure a user-friendly interface and potentially incorporate DSO data in the future. Data quality could be ensured through an MoU with data providers.

5. Clean Energy Package – State of play and views

Summary and Follow-up

Regional Energy Forums & advice on regional cooperation

- ENTSO-E provides an overview of its Regional Energy Forums' (REFs) concept as a complement to the ROC proposals. Regional concepts are complex and overlapping across different areas (operations, markets, planning). The REFs would be an opportunity to bring together the political, regulatory and technical perspectives in regions and discuss and coordinate issues of common regional, cross-border concern, but they do not need to be put formally into law. The concept remains relevant even if it is not put into law.
- The iAC's initial reaction to the REFs is that they could cover issues like security of supply or transmission investments. The iAC also recommends using existing cooperation forums to support further the development of homogeneous solutions from a European perspective.
- The iAC stresses that REFs should in no way result in TSOs delegating their legal obligation to governments on network codes' implementation. The iAC also stressed that one important role of REFs would be to enable governments to consult each other and coordinate on their respective National Energy and Climate Plans.
- The iAC will get back to ENTSO-E on this aspect with an agreed paper within one week after this meeting.

Capacity Calculation

- ENTSO-E agreed at its last Board meeting to increase transparency on capacity calculation especially with regard to data and methodologies and updates of certain sub-methodologies on capacity calculation.
- ENTSO-E will shortly issue a public release on its position on Capacity Calculation as adopted by its Assembly on 28 June.
- The iAC would like ENTSO-E to address transparency with regard to regional sizing of reserves.
- The iAC acknowledges ENTSO-E's position but questions whether the implementation of that position (which might result in removal of all Art. 14 proposals on capacity calculation) is politically feasible. The iAC thus urges ENTSO-E to recognise the dynamics of the Council/Parliament negotiations and to do everything in its engagement with the negotiators to secure an outcome that comes closest to its position.

6. Updates on ENTSO-E agenda

Summary & Follow-up

- ENTSO-E provides a short update on its project on Market and Power System Vision 2030. Other updates related to TSO-DSO cooperation, INTERRFACE and the Annual Work Program 2019 as well as Baltic synchronisation will be provided at the next meeting.

7. AOB

Decision

- Next iAC meeting: 12 October 2018.