

Minutes Market Coupling Steering Committee Meeting

06. March 2024 Porto, Physical meeting

Present SDAC and/or SIDC parties

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Admie	CROPEX	ESO	Kraftnät Åland	OTE	Terna
Amprion	EirGrid (TSO)	EXAA	Litgrid	PSE	TGE
APG	EirGrid / SONI (SEMO PX)	Fingrid	MAVIR	REE	Transelectrica
AST	Elering	GME	BRM	REN	Transnet BW
Baltic Cable	ELES	HEnEx	Nord Pool EMCO	RTE	TTG
BSP	Elia	HOPS	OKTE	SEPS	TTN
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3rd parties

Satocom	BEA	E-Bridge	JAO	Magnus Energy	NEMO Committee
ARIGA					

Observers

ACER	EC	EMS	Entso-E	MEMO	MEPSO
OST	SEEPEX	Swissgrid	Creg		

Present	By phone	Not attending
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0. Meeting agenda

1#	Topic	For	Presenter	File*
1	Welcome, practicalities		09:00-09:10 GMT	
1.1	Confirm quorum	Inf	Secretary	■
1.2	Adoption of the agenda	Dec	PMO	■
1.3	Matching of pre-aligned NEMO Vote and TSO Vote	Inf	Secretary	■
2	JOINT – General points		09:10-09:30	
2.1	Approval of minutes (internal and external)	Dec	Co-chairs	■
2.2	Review of action points	Inf	PMO	■
2.3	MCSC Market Coupling Workshop 05/03 Porto – wrap-up	Inf	Co-chairs/PMO	
2.4	Appointment of Conveners	Dec	Co-chairs/PMO	■
3	JOINT – Decisions requested & information		09:30-10:30	
3.1	Legal TF (20 min) - IDOA Amendment approval package - Status update	Dec Inf	LTF Co-conveners	■
3.2	BMTF (15 min) - CACM Cost report 2023 planning - Status update	Dec Inf	BMTF Co-conveners	■
3.3	Com TF (10 min) - Status update	Inf	Com TF Co-conveners	■
3.4	MCCG (15 min) - MCCG #5 status update - MCCG #6 meeting date	Inf Dec	MCCG Co-conveners	■
COFFEE BREAK 10:30-10:45				
4	SDAC – Decisions requested		10:45-11:55	
4.1	SDAC MSD (20 min) - Co-Optimization update - Scope of Euphemia Lab Iteration 11 - Roadmap update	Inf Dec Inf	SDAC MSD Co-conveners	■
4.2	SDAC SIM TF (20 min) - SF tender cost values - SF Tender timeline update	Dec Inf	SDAC SIM TF Co-conveners	■
4.3	SDAC QARM (15 min) - Status update	Inf	SDAC QARM Co-conveners	■

4.4.	SDAC OPSCOM (15 min) - Approval of operational timings and implementation - RFC go-lives - Operational dashboard - Status update	Inf Dec Inf Inf	SDAC OPSCOM Conveners	■
5	SIDC – Decisions requested		11:55-12.30	
5.1	SIDC MSD (15 min) - Euphemia configuration for IDA o Fallback timings for IDA calculation o No alternative/alpha versions to be used o Curtailment mitigations set-up - Flow-Based in continuous trading – status of the activities - XBID 4.1 - finalization of review of specifications package - Status update	Inf Inf	SIDC MSD Co- conveners	■
5.2	SIDC OPSCOM (15 min) - Status update - OTF status update	Inf Dec	SIDC OPSCOM Co-conveners	■
LUNCH 12:30-13:00				
5.3	SIDC QARM (20 min) - Status of IDAs, Guidance on Risks, Next steps, Flexibility on Exit criteria - IDA Go Live Approach - Roadmap 2024/2025 (development, cooperation extension (BRM, ETPA, EPEX,)), 15-min MTU) - approval - Status update	Dec	SIDC QARM Co- conveners	■
6	AOB - Planning 2024 - Participation of Cosimo Campidoglio (SDAC NEMO Chair) on the Electricity Market Integration Forum on 17/04/2024 - Contract status - TSO response on alternative SF approach - SEEPEX observer request & EnC accession next steps - Settlement process of JAO			13:20-13:45
7	Market coupling WS – remaining points discussion			13:45-15:00
COFFEE BREAK 15:00-15:15				
8	Meeting closure			15:00 GMT
Back-up – for information only – not foreseen to be presented during MCSC				File*
a)	Past meeting minutes 30/01/2024			■

* in these tables: ■ = material included in session file; ? = session file is expected to be delivered later; X = no corresponding session file

List of approved decisions

Topic		Type of decision
2 & 3 JOINT		
2.1	Approval of minutes	The minutes of the MCSC meeting on 30/01/2024 are approved. The minutes extract of the 30/01 meeting is approved for publication under the dedicated SDAC & SIDC section at the ENTSO-E and NC websites.
2.4	Appointment of Conveners	MCSC confirms the appointment of Lyubomir Grozdanov (IBEX) to the NEMO OTF Co-convenor role as of April 2024.
3.1	Legal TF	MCSC validates the package for the 4 th IDOA Amendment as available on PP LINK subject of the correction of the cross-references in the text, and mandates LTF to prepare the execution version.
		After the execution version has been prepared by LTF, MCSC agrees that the signature process of the 4 th IDOA Amendment Agreement (PP LINK) can be initiated by PMO (after editorial check by LTF on final version)

3.2	BMTF	MCSC approves the proposed timeline for the drafting process of the 2023 CACM cost report.	All Voting members
4 SDAC			
4.1	SDAC MSD	MCSC approves that SDAC MSD, together with MCCG will have, virtual workshop(s) to align the bidding options for the co-optimization R&D work.	All SDAC Voting members
		MCSC approves Timo Suhonen to spend additional 4-5h / week to coordinate the co-optimization working sub-group under SDAC MSD during the February – April as cost recoverable in the SDAC MSD co-convenor role.	All SDAC Voting members
		MCSC approves that SDAC MSD co-optimization working group under SDAC MSD will co-operate with the service provider and define a realistic R&D objective for the prototype.	All SDAC Voting members
		MCSC approves the scope of Iteration 11 for Euphemia Lab.	All SDAC Voting members
		MCSC shall align with Hansa TSOs to verify the legal obligation for the amendments. SDAC MSD is mandated to plan and do R&D activities if needed.	All SDAC Voting members
4.4.	SDAC OPSCOM	MCSC to provide SDAC OPSCOM mandate to approve the go-live of RFC “BSP serviced by EPEX and ECC”. The mandate is asked to apply for the situation where no special circumstances arise in the SDAC tests. In case of unusual circumstance, an ad-hoc MCSC call will be requested to approve the go-live.	All SDAC Voting members
5 SIDC			
5.2	SIDC OPSCOM	MCSC approves to make use of SIT 2 / SIT 3 for additional testing by OTF if needed for retesting SIT 1 scenarios where these don't fit within agreed extended SIT 1 phase until 08/03.	All SIDC Voting members
5.3	SIDC QARM	MCSC approves IDA Launch Approach.	All SIDC Voting members
		MCSC acknowledges changes in the SIDC roadmap.	All SIDC Voting members
		MCSC approves BRM's accession to SIDC in line with the LIP testing timeline/general scope. MCSC acknowledges the Shipping handovers in Romania.	All SIDC Voting members

1. Welcome, practicalities

The chairs open the meeting by welcoming TSOs and NEMOs.

1.1) Confirm quorum

- The MCSC attendance is meeting the quorum requirements.

1.2) Adoption of the agenda

Two AOB points were included in the agenda. Also, SDAC QARM was moved to the start of the SDAC block.

1.3) Matching of pre-aligned NEMO Vote and TSO Vote

- The list of pre-aligned NEMO and TSO votes is established.

2. JOINT Part – General points

2.1) Approval of minutes (internal & external)

Minutes of the MCSC meeting on 13/12/2024 are approved.

2.2) Review of action points

- Action points will be reviewed and for open points, a new deadline shall be agreed upon with respective conveners.

2.3) MCSC Market Coupling Workshop 05/03 Proto – Wrap-up

MCSC Workshop served to have an open discussion on the main milestones in planning and additional points such as prioritization. As part of the MCSC, resolutions formulated in the WS were approved.

2.4) Appointment of Conveners

Lyubomir Grozdanov (IBEX) will become the NEMO OTF Co-convener role as of April 2024.

3. JOINT Part – Decisions requested & information

3.1) Legal TF

A full document package with the IDOA 4th amendment for IDA is presented for review and approval.

SF tender documentation is currently not complete. Concerns were about the proposed contractual setup and alternative approach being assessed.

Concerning the EnC accessions LTF discussed a potential need for external resources. The external resources may be needed due to a lack of expertise on specific topics. Topic to be further discussed in the context of MCSC accession strategy.

3.2) BMTF

BMTF informs that the 2023 CACM Cost report preparation will require a shift due to challenges encountered last year. A new timeline was proposed, starting at the beginning of March while involvement of all relevant SPoCs from regions is an essential step.

BMTF also informs that difficulties closing 2023 costs due to new invoicing methods and late data submissions have occurred.

3.3) Com TF

Com TF status report was provided focusing on the main activities – handling of follow-up and invoices for the November celebration event, MCCG preparation, planning and preparation of the online event for the upcoming launch of IDA.

4. SDAC – Decisions requested & information

4.1) SDAC MSD

SDAC MSD informs about the update of the R&D roadmap with the inclusion of Euphemia Lab Iteration 11.

On Co-Optimization R&D SDAC MSD provides an update about activities and next steps. The initial draft of co-optimization requirements is shared with the service provider. However, the topic's complexity necessitates more resources than initially anticipated. To better understand bid formats and linking, workshops with market participants are planned alongside additional workshops involving NEMOs, TSOs, and market participants. SDAC MSD remains committed to maintaining a realistic perspective on co-optimization's potential future implementation.

The scope of the next R&D iteration is finalized with the service provider, focusing on improvements and scalability.

SDAC MSD highlights that the potential changes to the methodology by the Hansa project might pose challenges to the market coupling system.

4.2) SDAC SIM TF

SDAC SIM TF presents three contract values (minimum, probable, maximum) that are required for European tenders. Comments about a detailed breakdown of costs and items are raised which results in the need for SIM TF to provide additional information in the next MCSC. MCSC approval is needed for these costs, and they should be reflected in the 2025 budget.

The tender timeline has been updated due to recent developments. The main changes involve finalizing service level specifications and delays in the final tender package due to negotiations. The complete tender package is expected to be presented for MCSC approval by the end of April.

4.3) SDAC QARM

SDAC QARM provides an overview of Regional Readiness for 15 MTU highlighting some local delays and identified risks in the context of the central planning. Concerning topology it is explained that all bidding zones except Ireland will use a 15-minute Market Time Unit (MTU). Ireland will use a 30-minute MTU. Moreover, most interconnectors will use 15-minute MTU, with exceptions for specific connections.

The change control procedure for IDAs is being reviewed and will be presented for approval in April.

4.4) SDAC OPSCOM

SDAC OPSCOM informs, that while results are published before deadlines, there have been more frequent delays in the process.

The go-live of FR-ES MNA and decommissioning of Belgium External happened on February 28th. The RfC "BSP serviced by EPEX/ECC" is planned for April 16th.

SDAC OPSCOM reminds, that the proposed timings for normal days are approved and presented. The partial decoupling deadline is under evaluation and will be updated based on the test and final MCSC decision.

A sample December 2023 dashboard with the required data is available. MCSC feedback is needed to assess further improvements.

On the planned and executed tests, SCC DST testing is complete (a short clock change will take place on March 31st). The next decoupling training for market participants is on March 20th, with a dry run on March 13th.

5. SIDC – Decisions requested & Information

5.1) SIDC MSD

SIDC MSD informs about the ongoing activities. For IDA Fallback Situations no alternative algorithm configurations are planned for go-live and IDA session should be cancelled if calculation issues occur.

Concerning curtailment Mitigation, SIDC MSD is analyzing the deactivation of curtailment mitigation parameters due to a potential welfare gap decrease. Curtailment occurs when supply and demand cannot be balanced.

As reported, Flow-Based Design is facing issues identified in the first MVP phase. More time is requested to explore alternative solutions and SIDC MSD informs about a potential timeline shift of 6 months.

Specifications were finalized and available for XTG testing.

5.2) SIDC OPSCOM

SIDC OPSCOM provides updates on notable Incidents and operations, noting that SIDC has effective incident management and no unexpected system downtimes. At the same time, future improvements in communication, processes, and the AVACS System implementation are ongoing.

On SIDC Requests for change, 13 RfCs are in progress, 5 go-lives completed with diverse changes and enhancements, and more go-lives are planned by June 2024.

From the Technical Updates perspective, SIDC OPSOM informs MCSC and finalizing technicalities for replacing SOB ComTrader with the new Market Admin.

Discussions on testing and deployment dates for the XBID R4.0 release are ongoing.

A notable challenge is the ongoing IDA go-live preparations and integration of IDAs into SIDC OPSCOM activities.

SIDC OTF reported that the procedures for IDA testing are almost finalized. SIT testing is ongoing while, certain scenarios may need retesting during the upcoming period to address the remaining open issues.

5.3) SIDC QARM

SIDC QARM summarises the status of IDA Testing - the final test run of the second FIT phase is complete, but some bugs require retesting, incl. the testing of the full chain scenario. As reported under SIDC OPSCOM, Simulation testing encountered issues that required retesting of scenarios and an extension of the test phase duration. Preparations for the IDA go-live, including the IDA launch approach, go-live plan, and IDA pre-launch event materials, are ongoing.

For XBID Releases, testing of R4.0 is nearing completion, but some open points remain due to findings from IDA conceptual tests. Planning for XBID R4.1 is finished, but the test planning is dependent on other activities and requirements.

SIDC QARM provides updates on other ongoing activities such as migration of the secondary data centre (completion is expected by mid-March), BRM's accession to the continuous market has been validated and awaits MCSC approval. Finally, exceeding the XBID system boundaries requires performance optimization by April 2024.

6. AOB

7. Market coupling WS – Remaining points for discussion

8. Meeting closure

Parties thanked each other and the meeting was closed.