

Minutes

Title of Meeting Market Coupling Steering Committee (MCSC)

Place / Date Online meeting, 18/12/2024, 10:30-13:00 CET

Status	Version	Date	Comment
Draft	1	19/12/2024	Draft minutes circulated to MCSC
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Attendance list

R – Party represented;

T – Party not represented.

Institution	
50Hertz	R
Admie	T
Amprion	R
APG	R
AST	R
Baltic Cable	R
CEPS	R
Creos	R
Eirgrid	T
Elering	T
ELES	R
Elia	R
Energinet	R
ESO	R
Fingrid	R
HOPS	R
Kraftnät Åland	T
Litgrid	R
MAVIR	R
PSE	R
REE	R
REN	R
RTE	R
SEPS	R
SONI (TSO)	T
Statnett	R
Svenska Kraftnät	R
Terna	R
Transelectrica	T
Transnet BW	R
Tennet Germany	R
Tennet Netherlands	R
BRM	R
BSP	R
CROPEX	R
EPEX Spot	R
ETPA	R
EXAA	R
GME	R
HEnEx	R
HUPX	R
IBEX	R
Nord Pool EMCO	R
OKTE	R
OMIE	R
OPCOM	R
OTE	R
SONI (SEMOpX)	R
Eirgrid (NEMO)	R
TGE	R

1.1) Meeting agenda

Topic		For	Presenter
1	Welcome, practicalities		10:30 – 10:40
1.1	Confirm quorum	Inf	MCSC PMO
1.2	Adoption of the agenda	Dec	Co-Chairs
1.3	Matching of pre-aligned NEMO Vote and TSO Vote	Inf	MCSC PMO
1.4	Review of action points	Inf	MCSC PMO
2	JOINT – General points		10:40 – 10:50
2.1	Approval of minutes (internal and external)	Dec	Co-Chairs
2.2	Reappointment of conveners	Dec	PMO/Co-Chairs
2.3	Letters of appreciation	Dec	PMO/Co-Chairs
3	JOINT – Decisions requested & for information topics		10:50 – 11:10
3.1	LTF (15 min) - <i>Timeline for legal framework amendments</i>	Inf	LTF Co-conveners
3.2	Com TF (5 min) - <i>Communication on 15 min MTU DA</i>	Dec	Com TF Co-conveners
3.3	MCCG (5 min) - <i>Mandate for external communication towards MCCG MPs' representatives</i>	Dec	MCCG Conveners
4	SIDC – Decisions requested		11:10 – 11:35
4.1	SIDC QARM (15 min) - <i>Status of R4.1 testing (delay)</i> - <i>Results of Enhanced Performance Testing – next steps</i>	Inf Inf/Dec	SIDC QARM Co-conveners
4.2	SIDC OPSCOM (10 min) - <i>IDA reporting</i> - <i>R4.1 go-live</i> - <i>15' MTU go-live and testing</i>	Inf Inf Inf	SIDC OPSCOM Co-Chairs
5	SDAC – Decisions requested		11:35 – 12:15
5.1	SDAC SIM TF (10 min) - <i>FSFO role set-up</i>	Dec	SDAC SIM TF Co-conveners
5.2	SDAC QARM (15 min) - <i>15 min MTU test planning and go-live</i> - <i>Performance assessment for go-live window Q1 2025, inclusion of implicit losses</i> - <i>Roadmap</i>	Dec Inf	SDAC QARM Co-conveners
5.3	SDAC OPSCOM (10 min) - <i>Expert group on operational resilience – outcomes</i> - <i>Procedures update (15 min MTU)</i> - <i>RfC mandates</i>	Inf Dec Dec	SDAC OPSCOM Co-conveners
5.4	EU-GB Task force	Dec	Jean-Michel Reghem
6	AOB - Next PCG and MESC: report on performance after Nordic FB go live - Preparation of next CACM report - Core AHC update - Co-optimisation progress update - TSO reminder on MCOA draft (August 2024) - 2024 wrap-up		12:15 – 12:30
7	Meeting closure		12:30

1.2) List of decisions

ID	Decision description
399	The meeting agenda of the MCSC meeting (18/12/2024) is approved.
400	The minutes of the MCSC meeting on 27/11/2024 are approved.
401	The minutes extract of the 27/11 meeting is approved for publication under the dedicated SDAC & SIDC section at the ENTSO-E and NC websites.

402	MCSC approves Vladimir Satek as NEMO SIDC QARM convener (1 year, starting on 01/01/2025)
403	MCSC approves Emiel Busse as TSO BMTF convener (1 year, starting on 01/10/2024)
404	MCSC approves Peter Sonntag as TSO SIM TF convener (1 year, starting on 01/01/2025)
405	MCSC approves Matej Godec and Javier Sanchez as temporary NEMO SDAC QARM and SDAC 15minTG conveners while A.ROY is on leave.
406	MCSC approves the Letter of Appreciation for Thomas van de Broucke.
407	MCSC approves the Letter of Appreciation for Marius Schrade.
408	MCSC approves the publication of the adapted draft press release about the SDAC 15min MTU go live.
409	MCSC approves a mandate for MCCG Conveners / PMO to be able to inform MCCG MPs' conveners from Eurelectric and Energy Traders Europe on information approved by MCSC for external communication on 15 min MTU GL.
410	MCSC mandates QARM with the finalization of the negotiation on intermediate release, in line with the planning (ready by end of Feb 2025) and commercial conditions (116.999 EUR for implementation, excluding a setup of the infrastructure, and 7.590 EUR for annual maintenance) proposed by DBAG
411	MCSC gives a mandate to SIM TF to organize the FSFO role extension in the most efficient way possible, noting that this extension shall not divert the focus from the new SF tender nor cause too steep of an increase in SIM TF costs or the workload.
412	Anticipating a future amendment of DAOA Annex 8, and on an exceptional basis given that this is a minor point (e.g., no possible operational impact, low legal risk), MCSC unanimously approves, as a part of the aforementioned anticipated future amendment of DAOA Annex 8, the FSFO role extension (temporary deviation from DAOA Annex 8, Art 3.2, Art 9.4, Exb 4, until the amendment will enter into force).
413	MCSC approves the detailed test plan for 15 min MTU in SDAC, including the go-live on on 11/06 trading day (12/06 delivery day) with 1 week of rollback.
414	MCSC approves option 2 (Stop and restart algorithm assessment for GLW Q1 and include the requested value for losses on SE3-DK1).
415	MCSC mandates SDAC QARM and MSD to investigate a process that could accommodate the changes in allocation constraints, as well as other changes, and validation of Euphemia performance practically.
416	MCSC mandates OPSCOM to approve the upcoming go-live of the RfCs "Activation of Curtailment Sharing in Italian bidding zones", "Discontinuation of PUN MOs and introduction of new products in GME", "Introduction of stepwise curves in GME's bidding areas", "Lowering of ramping limit Estlink", "Removal of Second Auction process except for Baltic bidding zones and Greece", "Removal of third countries in Baltics due to CESA synchronization", "Changes to LitPol Link due to CESA synchronization". The mandate is asked to apply for the situation where no special circumstances arise in the SDAC tests. In case of unusual circumstances, an ad-hoc MCSC call will be requested to approve the go-live.
417	MCSC approves the creation of a "EU-GB Task force", sub-group of SDAC QARM and composed of voluntary TSOs and NEMOs members, with aims to prepare, analyze, provide and coordinate MCSC answers to technical questions requested by commission, SCE, ENTSO-E and impacted EU TSOs related to market coupling initiative with GB. This TF will be lightweight and will meet at ad-hoc basis only when required. Final reports or output of the TF will be approved by MCSC before communicated externally.

1.3) Welcome, practicalities

Summary – to be published
The chairs open the meeting by welcoming TSOs and NEMOs.

1.4) Review of action points

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

1.5) Confirm quorum

- The MCSC attendance is meeting the quorum requirements at the start of the meeting as reflected in the participation list. Some parties joined later.

1.6) Adoption of the agenda

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399	The meeting agenda of the MCSC meeting (18/12/2024) is approved.
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1.7) 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)

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400	The minutes of the MCSC meeting on 27/11/2024 are approved.
401	The minutes extract of the 27/11 meeting is approved for publication under the dedicated SDAC & SIDC section at the ENTSO-E and NC websites.

2.2) Reappointments of conveners

MCSC is requested to approve the appointment and re-appointment of conveners. There are no objections to any of the proposed candidates.

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403	MCSC approves Emiel Busse as TSO BMTF convener (1 year, starting on 01/10/2024)
404	MCSC approves Peter Sonntag as TSO SIM TF convener (1 year, starting on 01/01/2025)
405	MCSC approves Matej Godec and Javier Sanchez as temporary NEMO SDAC QARM and SDAC 15minTG conveners while A.ROY is on leave.

2.3) Letters of appreciation

MCSC expresses gratitude to two departing conveners for their valuable contributions to MCSC in the past years and approves their Letters of Appreciation.

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406	MCSC approves the Letter of Appreciation for Thomas van den Broucke.
407	MCSC approves the Letter of Appreciation for Marius Schrade.

3. JOINT Part – Decisions requested & Information

3.1) LTF

MCSC is informed of the timeline for the preparation of the next amendments of IDOA and DAOA.

3.2) Com TF

MCSC approves the press release to communicate the go-live date of 15 min MTU, as well as the rollback and start of member testing.

ID	Decision Description
408	MCSC approves the publication of the adapted draft press release about the SDAC 15min MTU go live.

3.3) MCCG

MCSC agrees that MCCG can inform MP MCCG conveners of the updated go live of 15 min MTU in SDAC ahead of the publication of the press release.

MCSC is informed that a letter was received from Eurelectric on the June go live of 15 min MTU in SDAC.

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409	MCSC approves a mandate for MCCG Conveners / PMO to be able to inform MCCG MPs' conveners from Eurelectric and Energy Traders Europe on information approved by MCSC for external communication on 15 min MTU GL.

4. SIDC – Decisions requested & Information

4.1) SIDC QARM

MCSC is informed of the progress in R4.1 testing.

MCSC is informed of the findings of the Enhanced Performance Tests and proposed next steps.

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410	MCSC mandates QARM with the finalization of the negotiation on intermediate release, in line with the planning (ready by end of Feb 2025) and commercial conditions (116.999 EUR for implementation, excluding a setup of the infrastructure, and 7.590 EUR for annual maintenance) proposed by DBAG

4.2) SIDC OPSCOM

MCSC is informed of the status of SIDC 15 min MTU testing and go-live.

MCSC is informed that an update to the IDA incident reports has been finalised.

5. SDAC – Decisions requested & Information

5.1) SDAC SIM TF

MCSC discusses the organisation of FSFO role under the current contractual framework.

The FSFO role extension was approved by MCSC as a part of the anticipated future amendment of the respective DAOA Annex.

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411	MCSC gives a mandate to SIM TF to organize the FSFO role extension in the most efficient way possible, noting that this extension shall not divert the focus from the new SF tender nor cause too steep of an increase in SIM TF costs or the workload.
412	Anticipating a future amendment of DAOA Annex 8, and on an exceptional basis given that this is a minor point (e.g., no possible operational impact, low legal risk), MCSC unanimously approves, as a part of the aforementioned anticipated future amendment of DAOA Annex 8, the FSFO role extension (temporary deviation from DAOA Annex 8, Art 3.2, Art 9.4, Exb 4, until the amendment will enter into force).

5.2) SDAC QARM

MCSC agrees on the go-live date for 15 min MTU in SDAC: trading day 11/06/2025 (with delivery day 12/06/2025).

MCSC approves the related external communication.

MCSC agrees on how to proceed with the go-live window performance assessment for SE3-DK1 losses.

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413	MCSC approves the detailed test plan for 15 min MTU in SDAC, including the go-live on on 11/06 trading day (12/06 delivery day) with 1 week of rollback.
414	MCSC approves option 2 (Stop and restart algorithm assessment for GLW Q1 and include the requested value for losses on SE3-DK1).
415	MCSC mandates SDAC QARM and MSD to investigate a process that could accommodate the changes in allocation constraints, as well as other changes, and validation of Euphemia performance practically.

5.3) SDAC OPSCOM

MCSC is informed of the current status of the Operational resilience expert group outcomes.

MCSC is informed of the timeline for the draft procedures for 15 min MTU. MCSC provides the mandate to SDAC OPSCOM to approve the go-lives of several RfCs scheduled for the coming months.

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416	MCSC mandates OPSCOM to approve the upcoming go-live of the RfCs “Activation of Curtailment Sharing in Italian bidding zones”, “Discontinuation of PUN MOs and introduction of new products in GME”, “Introduction of stepwise curves in GME’s bidding areas”, “Lowering of ramping limit Estlink”, “Removal of Second Auction process except for Baltic bidding zones and Greece”, “Removal of third countries in Baltics due to CESA synchronization”, “Changes to LitPol Link due to CESA synchronization”. The mandate is asked to apply for the situation where no special circumstances arise in the SDAC tests. In case of unusual circumstances, an ad-hoc MCSC call will be requested to approve the go-live.

5.4) EU-GB task force

MCSC agrees with the proposal to create “EU-GB Task force” with aims to prepare, analyze, provide and coordinate MCSC answers to technical questions requested by commission, SCE, ENTSO-E and impacted EU TSOs related to market coupling initiative with GB

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417	MCSC approves the creation of a “EU-GB Task force”, sub-group of SDAC QARM and composed of voluntary TSOs and NEMOs members, with aims to prepare, analyze, provide and coordinate MCSC answers to technical questions requested by commission, SCE, ENTSO-E and impacted EU TSOs related to market coupling initiative with GB. This TF will be lightweight and will meet at ad-hoc basis only when required. Final reports or output of the TF will be approved by MCSC before communicated externally.

6. Meeting closure

Chairs close the meeting.