

Minutes

Title of Meeting Market Coupling Steering Committee (MCSC)

Place / Date Online meeting, 29/01/2025, 10:30-13:00 CET

Status	Version	Date	Comment
Draft	1	30/01/2025	Draft minutes circulated to MCSC
Final	2	26/02/2025	Approved by MCSC

Attendance list

- R: organisation represented
- T: organisation not represented

Institution	29-Jan
50Hertz	R
Admie	R
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	T
REN	R
RTE	R
SEPS	R
SONI (TSO)	T
Statnett	R
Svenska Kraftnät	R
Terna	R
Transelectrica	R
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)	T
TGE	R

1.1) Meeting agenda

Topic		For	Presenter
1 Welcome, practicalities			10:30 – 10:35
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			10:35 – 10:40
2.1	Approval of minutes (internal and external)	Dec	Co-Chairs
2.2	Observer request ALPEX	Dec	Co-Chairs
3 JOINT – Decisions requested & for information topics			10:40 – 10:55
3.1	LTF (10 min) - <i>Operational agreements amendments timeline</i>	Inf	LTF Co-conveners
3.2	BMTF (5 min) - <i>Status update</i>	Inf/Dec	BMTF Co-Conveners
4 SIDC – Decisions requested			10:55 – 11:40
4.1	SIDC QARM (15 min) - <i>Enhanced Performance Testing – Status/Results</i> - <i>Intermediate release XBID R4.1.50 – performance improvement</i> - <i>Updated roadmap</i> - <i>Results of JSC with DBAG</i>	Inf Inf Inf Inf	SIDC QARM Co-conveners
4.2	SIDC OPSCOM (10 min) - <i>Deployment of R4.1</i> - <i>W4a and W4b go-live</i> - <i>15'MTU W5 testing updates</i> - <i>xMatters</i>	Inf Inf Inf Inf	SIDC OPSCOM Co-Chairs
4.3	SIDC MSD (20 min) - <i>Status of interim FB design preparation</i> - <i>FB related activities replanning</i>	Inf Inf	SIDC MSD Co-Conveners
5 SDAC – Decisions requested			11:40 – 12:40
5.1	SDAC SIM TF (5 min) - <i>Q4 2024 SF KPI report</i>	Inf	SDAC SIM TF Co-Conveners
5.2	SDAC QARM (25 min) - <i>15 min MTU testing: FIT exit criteria</i> - <i>Core Advanced Hybrid Coupling (AHC) status</i> - <i>Roadmap</i>	Dec Inf Inf	SDAC QARM Co-Conveners
5.3	SDAC OPSCOM (15 min) - <i>Expert group on operational resilience – outcomes</i> - <i>Updated 15 MTU timings</i> - <i>Procedure updates</i> - <i>Notable events</i> - <i>RfC mandates</i>	Inf Inf Inf Inf Dec	SDAC OPSCOM Co-Chairs
5.4	SDAC MSD (5 min) - <i>Core AHC performance impact</i> - <i>Co-Optimisation</i> - <i>15'MTU corrective measures</i> - <i>PUN removal impact on algorithm</i>	Inf Inf Inf Inf	SDAC MSD Co-Conveners
5.5	EU-GB Task force (5 min) - <i>Timeline of expected activities</i>	Inf	TSO SPoC
6 AOB - MCO IP status update - EnC Observership update - Next meeting location			12:40 – 13:00
7 Meeting closure			13:00

1.2) List of decisions

ID	Decision description
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423	The meeting agenda of the MCSC meeting (29/01/2025) is approved.
424	The minutes of the MCSC meeting on 18/12/2024 are approved.
425	The minutes extract of the 18/12 meeting is approved for publication under the dedicated SDAC & SIDC section at the ENTSO-E and NC websites.
426	MCSC approves the Observer status for ALPEX in SDAC and SIDC
427	MCSC acknowledges the updated FB work plan and information on open points.
428	MCSC approves the start of SIT for SDAC 15 min MTU, taking note of the listed deviations of exit criteria for FIT.
429	<p>MCSC mandates OPSCOM to approve the upcoming go-live of the RfCs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Change in ramping Limit for Nordic internal HVDCs (SE3-DK1, NO2-DK1 and DK1-DK2); ○ Change of ramping limit on Lineset NO2A in SDAC; ○ Change of ramping limit on NorNed (NO2_ND-NL) in SDAC (2 weeks prior to 15 min MTU SIDC go-live); ○ Changes to the interconnector between Lithuania and Sweden (Nordbalt) and Estonia and Finland (Estlink) due to synchronization and isolation test period. <p>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.</p>

1.3) Welcome, practicalities

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.

1.6) Adoption of the agenda

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423	The meeting agenda of the MCSC meeting (29/01/2025) is approved.

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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424	The minutes of the MCSC meeting on 18/12/2024 are approved.
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2.2) Observer request ALPEX

MCSC approves the observership request for ALPEX in SDAC and SIDC.

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3. JOINT Part – Decisions requested & Information

3.1) LTF

LTF conveners present the timeline for the next amendments of the IDOA and DAOA.

3.2) Budget management TF

The BMTF convener shares an update of the ongoing activities from BMTF.

4. SIDC – Decisions requested & Information

4.1) SIDC QARM

SIDC QARM conveners update MCSC on the latest activities from SIDC QARM.

SIDC QARM conveners inform MCSC of the results of the Enhanced Performance Tests (EPT). QARM has identified several short-term performance improvement measures that can be implemented in an intermediate release.

4.2) SIDC OPSCOM

SIDC OPSCOM chairs share the outcomes of the R4.1 deployment and related market halt for maintenance.

SIDC OPSCOM reports that the 15 min MTU W4a go-live was successfully completed on December 31, 2024. The implementation of xMatters for SIDC incident committees has been successfully completed, streamlining communication and coordination during incident management. Feedback from all involved parties has been positive, highlighting its efficiency. This marks a significant step forward in improving response times and ensuring seamless collaboration across teams.

4.3) SIDC MSD

SIDC MSD conveners give an update on the FB workplan; work is ongoing in two parallel tracks, both on Flow-based allocation in Continuous Trading and IDAs, and for an interim solution for Flow-based allocation only in IDAs.

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5. SDAC – Decisions requested & Information

5.1) SDAC SIM TF

SIM TF conveners share the KPI report for 2024 Q4

5.2) SDAC QARM

SDAC QARM provides detailed overview of outstanding point from SDAC 15 MTU FIT testing. MCSC is informed about the exit criteria status. Based on the nature of open points, MCSC agrees to formally launch the SIT phase. Full readiness should be confirmed before the start of member testing.

SDAC QARM also updates on key activities concerning Core AHC in coordination with the regional project. General update on the roadmap was provided to MCSC.

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428	MCSC approves the start of SIT for SDAC 15 min MTU, taking note of the listed deviations of exit criteria for FIT.

5.3) SDAC OPSCOM

SDAC OPSCOM reports on the outcomes of the operational resilience expert group. The group agreed on 17 improvement points. Several have already been implemented, others will be implemented over the coming months. The SDAC OPSCOM chair shares that the timings introduced with 15 min MTU will increase the risk of decouplings, as the time between deadlines has been reduced to the minimum. Any further optimisation within the current operational timings is not possible anymore.

5.4) SDAC MSD

MCSC is informed of the planned performance tests for Core AHC.

SDAC MSD reports on the status of corrective measures: SDAC MSD has identified a preliminary list of the Corrective Measures (CM) and mapped them to the relevant test scenarios, in preparation of simulations by the service provider. SDAC MSD expects simulation results during for MCSC in April.

SDAC MSD reports on the performance impact of the removal of PUN and Nordic FB. SDAC MSD conveners note that it is too early to draw conclusions from the data collected so far.

SDAC MSD conveners share the proposal for the timeline to finalise the R0 report on co-optimisation.

5.5) EU-GB Task force

The TSO SPoC of the EU-GB TF shares an overview of the expected timeline of activities.

6. Meeting closure

Chairs close the meeting.