

Minutes

Title of Meeting                      Market Coupling Steering Committee (MCSC)

Place / Date                            Online meeting, 26/02/2025, 10:30-13:00 CET

Status	Version	Date	Comment
Draft	1	27/02/2025	Draft minutes circulated to MCSC
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Attendance list

- R: organisation represented
- T: organisation not represented

Institution	26-Feb
50Hertz	R
Admie	R
Amprion	R
APG	R
AST	R
Baltic Cable	R
ČEPS	T
Creos	R
Eirgrid	R
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	R
Transnet BW	R
Tennet Germany	R
Tennet Netherlands	T
BRM	R
BSP	R
CROPEX	R
EPEX Spot	R
ETPA	T
EXAA	R
GME	R
HEnEx	R
HUPX	R
IBEX	T
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
<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome, practicalities</b>		<b>10:30 – 10:35</b>
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
<b>2</b>	<b>JOINT – General points</b>		<b>10:35 – 11:10</b>
2.1	Approval of minutes (internal and external)	Dec	Co-Chairs
2.2	Observer request OPEM	Dec	Co-Chairs
2.3	SDAC Fallback improvements	Inf	Co-Chairs
<b>3</b>	<b>JOINT – Decisions requested &amp; for information topics</b>		<b>11:10 – 11:25</b>
3.1	MCCG (10 min) - 14/02 MCCG main takeaways - Expert WS on SDAC Fallback improvements with MPs	Inf Dec	MCCG Co-conveners
3.2	BMTF (5 min) - Timeline proposal 2024 CACM cost report preparation	Dec	BMTF Co-conveners
<b>4</b>	<b>SIDC – Decisions requested</b>		<b>11:25 – 12:00</b>
4.1	SIDC QARM (10 min) - Progress in XBID R4.1.50 testing & PMB13.1 testing - Re-approval of CR122 (R4.1.50) - Updated SIDC Roadmap - DBAG organisation change	Inf Inf/Dec Inf Inf	SIDC QARM Co-conveners
4.2	SIDC OPSCOM (15 min) - Increase in Category 1 incidents - Review needed in procedures to improve IDA process - Update report on issues experienced after R4.1 deployment - 15'MTU W5 testing updates - 15'MTU W6 PMO support extension - IDA Public Incident report template update	Inf Inf Inf Inf Dec Inf	SIDC OPSCOM Co-Chairs
4.3	SIDC MSD (10 min) - Status of FB design	Inf	SIDC MSD Co-Conveners
<b>5</b>	<b>SDAC – Decisions requested</b>		<b>12:00 – 12:40</b>
5.1	SDAC SIM TF (10 min) - FSFO representation & PMO support - Update on the SF Cloud solution - IDAs in SF	Dec Dec Inf	SDAC SIM TF Co-Conveners
5.2	SDAC QARM (20 min) - 15minMTU test status - 15minMTU test plan (timeline for MT and impact of regional updates) - Core AHC - Handling of allocation constraints (process improvement) - Roadmap	Inf Dec Dec Inf Inf	SDAC QARM Co-Conveners
5.3	SDAC OPSCOM (5 min) - Need of TSO Co-Convenor for Procedures TF - Notable events - RfC mandates - Procedure updates	Dec Inf Dec Inf	SDAC OPSCOM Co-Chairs
5.4	SDAC MSD (5 min) - Corrective measures status update - Co-optimisation update	Inf Dec	SDAC MSD Co-Conveners
<b>6</b>	<b>AOB</b> - Meeting location - Staffing update - From TSO MCSC: Co-optimisation & Com TF TSO representation		<b>12:40 – 12:45</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Without third parties</b> - PMO contract prolongation (without third parties)		<b>12:45 – 13:00</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Meeting closure</b>		<b>13:00</b>

## 1.2) List of action points

New action points agreed in the meeting.

ID	Action	Due date	Action owner
6707	Proceed with practical steps OPEM observership	05/03	PMO
6708	Coordinate the preparation of the PD measures material for April MCSC WS with TSO and NEMO PMOs and concerned experts	26/03	PMO
6709	Organise a dedicated session with NEMOs, TSOs, MCCG MP conveners and a limited number of MP experts on Partial Decoupling mitigation measures	01/04	MCCG
6710	Follow-up of issue in configuration of ramping limits on DK1-SE3	05/03	SIDC OPSCOM chairs
6711	Prepare an explanation on the complexities of FB in IDA implementation for next MCSC, so that this can be shared with stakeholders in stakeholder meetings afterwards.	01/04	SIDC MSD
6712	Inform MCSC of details on the cloud solution: how the shifting of the budget is considered, planning of the cloud solution implementation depending on the approval.	26/02	SIM TF
6713	Inform MCSC if the information provided by SIM TF is sufficient to make a decision	28/02	TSOs
6714	Initiate request of approval via email on the cloud hosting of the simulation facility	26/02	PMO
6715	Distribute survey on MT go/no-go to all MCSC members	26/02	PMO
6716	Prepare a cover note for MCSC April 2025 including highlight risks, decision and open points for corrective measures in order to conclude on the topic timely.	21/03	SDAC MSD

## 1.3) List of decisions

ID	Decision description
436	The meeting agenda of the MCSC meeting (26/02/2025) is approved.
437	The minutes of the MCSC meeting on 29/01/2025 are approved.
438	The minutes extract of the 29/01 meeting is approved for publication under the dedicated SDAC & SIDC section at the ENTSO-E and NC websites.
439	MCSC approves the Observer status for OPEM in SDAC and SIDC
440	MCSC approves the organisation of the expert WS on SDAC fallback improvements with MCCG MPs conveners (members associations + few selected experts).
441	MCSC approves the proposed timeline for the drafting process of the 2024 CACM cost report.
442	MCSC approves the cost of CR122. The one-off implementation cost is 358.524 EUR, hosting cost increase 5.440 EUR, maintenance cost increase 17.695 EUR.
443	MCSC approves PMO support for 15ITP until W6 go-live (11/06).
444	MCSC acknowledges the new FSFO setup, with the extension of the role to non-PCR parties.
445	MCSC approves Martin VANCURA (CGI) as the PMO support for FSFO alignment calls and the joint calls with the SF service provider until further reassessment of the set-up of the PMO support in June 2025.
446	MCSC approves the statement for Core regarding Core AHC planning and its publication to stakeholders.
447	MCSC approves the date for sharing the 15 min MTU communication package (17/03)
448	MCSC approves the request from SDAC OPSCOM to assign joint budget for an SDAC Operational TF (Procedures TF) TSO Co-convenor role, planned between 0.07-0.1 FTE with standard daily rate of 1000 EUR/MD, incl. a travel budget for up to 3 physical meetings per year.
449	MCSC mandates SDAC OPSCOM to approve the upcoming go-live of the RfCs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Change in ramping Limit for the two HVDCs "Kontek" and "Kriegers Flak CGS" (DK2-DE) (05/03)</li> <li>○ Lowering of the SE4 - LT (Nordbalt) ramping limit to 300 MW (18/03)</li> <li>○ SE3-DK1 (Kontiskan) change of loss factor from 0,0 % to 2,5 % (01/04)</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Core PL AC decoupling solution (02/04)</li> <li>○ Euphemia 11.4 &amp; PMB13.1 (02/04)</li> </ul> <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>
450	MCSC approves the updated timeline for delivery of R0 report on Co-optimisation.

#### 1.4) Welcome, practicalities

The chairs open the meeting by welcoming TSOs and NEMOs.

#### 1.5) Review of action points

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

#### 1.6) 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.

#### 1.7) Adoption of the agenda

ID	Decision Description
436	The meeting agenda of the MCSC meeting (26/02/2025) is approved.

#### 1.8) 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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437	The minutes of the MCSC meeting on 29/01/2025 are approved.
438	The minutes extract of the 29/01 meeting is approved for publication under the dedicated SDAC & SIDC section at the ENTSO-E and NC websites.

### 2.2) Observer request OPEM

MCSC approves the observer request from OPEM for SDAC and SIDC.

ID	Decision Description
439	MCSC approves the Observer status for OPEM in SDAC and SIDC

### 2.3) SDAC Fallback improvements

MCSC aligns on the process to define measures to mitigate the risk of partial decouplings.

## 3. JOINT Part – Decisions requested & Information

### 3.1) MCCG

MCCG conveners share that the MCCG session on 15 min MTU in SDAC (held on 14/02) was positively received by participants.

MCSC agrees that following the fallback improvements discussion with NEMOs and TSOs, a dedicated session with NEMOs, TSOs, MCCG MP conveners and a limited number of MP experts should be organized to discuss the technical details of the mitigation measures that NEMOs and TSOs agree to further investigate.

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<b>440</b>	MCSC approves the organisation of the expert WS on SDAC fallback improvements with MCCG MPs conveners (members associations + few selected experts).
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### 3.2) Budget management TF

BMTF conveners share the CACM cost report 2024 planning and give a status update on the closure of Q4 2024.

ID	Decision Description
<b>441</b>	MCSC approves the proposed timeline for the drafting process of the 2024 CACM cost report.

## 4. SIDC – Decisions requested & Information

### 4.1) SIDC QARM

SIDC QARM conveners give a status update on ongoing topics. The planning of intermediate release (R4.1.50) is finalized and all managerial activities are finished.

QARM initiated discussion of corrective measure should the intermediate release not be ready or available. QARM identified several improvements on top of the technical improvements introduced by the release.

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<b>442</b>	MCSC approves the cost of CR122. The one-off implementation cost is 358.524 EUR, hosting cost increase 5.440 EUR, maintenance cost increase 17.695 EUR.

### 4.2) SIDC OPSCOM

SIDC OPSCOM chairs provide an update on recent incidents.

SIDC OPSCOM provides update on the planning of testing for 15 min MTU in SIDC go-live window 6 (W6) and regarding 15 min MTU window 5 (W5), SIDC OPSCOM chairs report that the testing was extended in the course of last week by one additional week.

ID	Decision Description
<b>443</b>	MCSC approves PMO support for 15ITP until W6 go-live (11/06).

### 4.3) SIDC MSD

SIDC MSD conveners provide an update on the progress of R&D for flow-based allocation in intraday continuous trading.

## 5. SDAC – Decisions requested & Information

### 5.1) SDAC SIM TF

SIM TF conveners share that the FSFO role extension to non-PCR members started. The FSFO schedule for 2025 was completed.

MCSC discusses the financial proposal for cloud hosting of the simulation facility.

ID	Decision Description
<b>444</b>	MCSC acknowledges the new FSFO setup, with the extension of the role to non-PCR parties.
<b>445</b>	MCSC approves Martin VANCURA (CGI) as the PMO support for FSFO alignment calls and the joint calls with the SF service provider until further reassessment of the set-up of the PMO support in June 2025.

### 5.2) SDAC QARM

SDAC QARM conveners provide a report on ongoing 15 min MTU testing. It is note that, SIT testing continues with several challenges being solved on central (procedural) and local level. SDAC QARM conveners share that multiple strategies are taken to increase the possible contingency meeting the test criteria.

ID	Decision Description
446	MCSC approves the statement for Core regarding Core AHC planning and its publication to stakeholders.
447	MCSC approves the date for sharing the 15 min MTU communication package (17/03)

### 5.3) SDAC OPSCOM

SDAC OPSCOM provide an overview of current activities, also connected to 15 MTU testing in SDAC.

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448	MCSC approves the request from SDAC OPSCOM to assign joint budget for an SDAC Operational TF (Procedures TF) TSO Co-convenor role, planned between 0.07-0.1 FTE with standard daily rate of 1000 EUR/MD, incl. a travel budget for up to 3 physical meetings per year.
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### 5.4) SDAC MSD

SDAC MSD gives a status update on the simulations of corrective measures.

ID	Decision Description
450	MCSC approves the updated timeline for delivery of R0 report on Co-optimisation.

## 6. AOB

### 7. Meeting closure

Chairs close the meeting.