

MCSC meeting minutes

11.03.2026

Minutes

Title of Meeting Market Coupling Steering Committee (MCSC)

Place / Date Meeting, 11/03/2026, 09:00 – 13:00 CEST

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Attendance list

- R: organisation represented
- P: person attending
- T: organisation not represented

Institution	11-Mar
50Hertz	R
Admie	R
Amprion	R
APG	R
AST	R
Baltic Cable	R
ČEPS	R
Creos	R
Eirgrid	R
Elering	R
ELES	R
Elia	R
Energinet	R
ESO	R
Fingrid	R
HOPS	R
Kraftnät Åland	T
Litgrid	R
MAVIR	R
PSE	R
REE	R
REN	T
RTE	R
SEPS	R
SONI (TSO)	T
Statnett	R
Svenska Kraftnät	R
Terna	R
Transelectrica	T
TransnetBW	R
Tennet Germany	R
Tennet Netherlands	R
BRM	R
BSP	R
CROPEX	R
EPEX Spot	R
ETPA	R
EXAA	R
GME	R
HEEx	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
Project External and Conveners	P

1.1) Confirmation of quorum

The MCSC quorum is confirmed by the MCSC PMO.

1.2) Meeting agenda

ID	Decision
697	The meeting agenda of the MCSC meeting (11/03/2026) is approved.

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

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

1.4) List of action points

New action points agreed in the meeting:

ID	Action
10118	SIM TF to adapt ToR based on MCSC feedback and circulate updated ToR to MCSC. [13/03]
10119	ICT to coordinate on practical matters regarding IT study follow-up [March 2026]
10120	SDAC QARM to review the updated MTP and way of working in a workshop and bring outcomes back to MCSC.
10121	Gov TF to prepare the session file for the MCSC WS in May. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Identify first TCMs & discuss the scope ▶ Distribute the work among the relevant TFs/responsible drafters ▶ Prepare the timeline
10122	PMO to share link to the updated FEG survey [13/03]
10123	Com TF to publish the FEG survey [13/03]
10124	All parties that require regulatory approval for application of price tick reduction to give a clear indication of the timeline for regulatory approval [25/03]
10125	SIDC QARM to assess if a member test including price tick size is feasible in the coming months [ASAP]
10126	SIDC QARM to prepare a decision proposal for 15/04 MCSC on the 1) the thresholds that trigger application of corrective measures; 2) Application, evaluation or reversion of OBK reduction; 3) evaluation and activation of price tick size adjustment. Points 2 and 3 should include a timeline proposal.
10127	Parties that cannot participate in testing for FB in IDAs in the summer of 2027 to inform QARM. If no parties come forward, the commitment from all parties is confirmed [25/03]

The following decisions are approved in the meeting.

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697	The meeting agenda of the MCSC meeting (11/03/2026) is approved.
698	The minutes of the MCSC meeting on 18/02/2026 are approved. The minutes extract of the 18/02/2026 meeting is approved for publication under the dedicated SDAC & SIDC section at the ENTSO-E and NEMO Committee websites.
699	MCSC approves the updated ToRs for SIDC OPSCOM, SDAC OPSCOM, SDAC QARM, SIDC MSD, SDAC MSD, and SDAC SIM TF.
700	MCSC mandates SDAC QARM to work on defining a set of mandatory deliverables per type of RfC with associated deadlines compared to the start of the test date / go-live date.
701	MCSC mandates SDAC QARM to escalate any delay for RfCs in case 1/ deadlines provided by the RfC SPoC are not respected 2/ detailed test planning is not consequently updated AND 3/

	the change of deadlines / test planning has an impact on the subsequent RfCs for further MCSC action (cf. next slide), noting that escalations would be best be avoided with clear principles.
702	MCSC mandates SDAC QARM to work on investigating imposing an individual readiness sign-in prior test start for type III RfCs (to be refined since not all type III RfCs would be concerned).
703	MCSC mandates SDAC QARM to impose a weekly reporting of test result to QARM for type III RfC (to be refined since not all type III RfCs would be concerned).
704	MCSC mandates SDAC QARM to work on a decision tree for MCSC depending on the RfC impact on the subsequent RfCs in case an RfC is delayed which would be aligned with Algo methodology but not restricted to it.
705	MCSC asks NEMOs and TSOs to propose members for the ad-hoc TF on IT architecture (experts, as well as proposed conveners) by the end of March.
706	MCSC mandates co-chairs and ICT to draft the scope of the TF responsible for drafting the deliverables on IT Architecture by the end of March, for MCSC approval via email in April.
707	MCSC agrees that OPSCOMs should continue to work on a comprehensive document on timings and procedures.
708	MCSC approves Antonios Paliaroutas as BMTF convener from April 2026 to April 2027.
709	MCSC confirms that LTF is tasked with preparing draft answers to the questions raised by the EC in respect of the new NDA, which shall then be submitted to MCSC deemed approval process before being sent to EC once approved.
710	MCSC approves the survey proposed by FEG and asks COM TF to publish it on both the TSO and NEMO websites as well as to circulate it on the MCCG mailing list.
711	MCSC commits to the roadmap for implementation of FB in IDAs, considering the execution of early XBID pre-UATII – meaning that all parties commit to execute FITs & SITs over summer 2027.
712	MCSC approves public incident report APD IDA1 DD20260116.
713	MCSC approves that the RfC (CROPEX expansion to SI) status is set to "In progress".
714	MCSC approves that the RfC (BSP expansion to HR) status is set to "In progress".
715	MCSC approves the updated IDA and IDCT public incident report templates.
716	MCSC agrees to assign Artelys with the new tasks described by FBSG report with total service costs estimate up to ██████████. If the actuals of 2026 exceed budget ██████████ budget contingency will be used. The public procurement threshold is not reached with this increase in budget.
717	MCSC approves the updated SIM TF KPI report visualisations on SF availability and usage.
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723	MCSC approves the R2 planning update to be shared with ACER and used for external communication.
724	MCSC mandates the Joint LTF to draft dedicated Service Agreement with Magnus Energy to receive TSO BC data and NEMO OBK data, formatting the said data items and share the end results to N-Side for Co-optimisation Phase 2 simulations once the agreement is signed by all parties (NEMOs, TSOs and Magnus). It is clarified that: (i) Magnus will only be allowed to receive the data and start working once the agreement is fully signed and (ii) signature (QES) will be used for signing and JAO will sign the agreement on behalf of all TSOs.

1.5) Welcome, practicalities

2. JOINT Part – General points

2.1) Approval of minutes (internal & external)

MCSC approves the minutes of the previous meeting.

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2.2) Regular revision of ToR

MCSC is informed of the reviewed and updated ToRs and agrees to approve the ToRs of the groups requested.

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2.3) WS outcomes

MCSC discusses and adopts the WS outcomes from 10/03 MCSC WS.

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2.4) Re-appointment of conveners

MCSC approves the appointments of the conveners proposed.

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3. JOINT Part – Decisions requested & Information

3.1) MCCG

MCSC is informed of the outcomes of the last MCCG (04/03).

3.2) Legal TF

MCSC is informed of the status of agreements under drafting by LTF.

ID	Decision
709	MCSC confirms that LTF is tasked with preparing draft answers to the questions raised by the EC in respect of the new NDA, which shall then be submitted to MCSC deemed approval process before being sent to EC once approved.

3.3) Fallback expert group

MCSC is informed that FEG is making progress in drafting the material for the next PCG WS. MCSC approves the survey for market participants on using continuous trading as a fallback.

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3.4) BMTF

BMTF shares the progress with the preparation of the CACM Cost Report 2025.
BMTF shares the final budget usage of 2025.

3.5) Back-up TF

The back-up TF is working on the review of the BU methodology to include IDAs, as well as a general review and update.

4. SIDC – Decisions requested & Information

4.1) SIDC QARM

MCSC is informed of the latest status of the testing and implementation of upcoming XBID and CIP releases.

MCSC agrees on the next steps regarding corrective measures for SIDC CT.

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4.2) SIDC OPSCOM

SIDC OPSCOM shares an overview of ongoing activities and asks MCSC for approval for several decisions.

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715	MCSC approves the updated IDA and IDCT public incident report templates.

4.3) SIDC MSD

MCSC is informed of ongoing design work for Flow-based allocation in SIDC Continuous Trading.

ID	Decision
716	MCSC agrees to assign Artelys with the new tasks described by FBSG report with total service costs estimate up to [REDACTED]. If the actuals of 2026 exceed budget [REDACTED] budget contingency will be used. The public procurement threshold is not reached with this increase in budget.

5. SDAC – Decisions requested & Information

5.1)SDAC SIM TF

MCSC is informed of the status of implementation of IDAs. Several defects were identified in testing. SIM TF is aligning with the provider to fix these and retest.

SIM TF asks MCSC to approve the KPI report. MCSC approves the new report.

ID	Decision
717	MCSC approves the updated SIM TF KPI report visualisations on SF availability and usage.

5.2)SDAC QARM

QARM informs MCSC of the latest status of implementation and testing of several projects

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719	MCSC approves the RfC status of BSP expansion to the Croatian market in SDAC shall be moved to "In progress".

5.3)SDAC OPSCOM

MCSC is informed that the messaging improvements are ongoing. The expectation is to deploy messaging improvements with xMatters functionality following the go-live of Hansa Phase II.
MCSC is informed that all testing related to Hansa Phase II was successful and provides the mandate to OPSCOM to approve the go-live.

MCSC provides OPSCOM with the mandate to approve the go-live of tolerances change. M.TOMIC adds that this is not a corrective measure, but rather a permanent design change (so a regular RfC).

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721	MCSC mandates SDAC OPSCOM to decide on a go-live for the tolerance change in Euphemia.

5.4)SDAC MSD

MCSC is informed of the EUPHEMIA performance improvements proposed by the algorithm provider.
MCSC is informed of the latest planning regarding co-optimisation R&D.

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722	MCSC approves the current version of the 19/03 ACER Workshop material acknowledging that further updates are possible, depending on the co-optimisation simulation results availability.
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6. AOB

6.1) Blackout case assessment

G.HOLLO shares that TSOs have discussed different blackout scenarios that can affect the market coupling processes and identified a few proposals both on SDAC and SIDC side that are worth a joint discussion. He asks MCSC to provide the mandate to OPSCOMs to facilitate this discussion. There are no objections to this.

6.2) Meeting location

7. Meeting closure

Chairs close the meeting.