

Minutes

Title of Meeting Market Coupling Steering Committee (MCSC)

Place / Date Lisbon, 02/04/2025, 10:00-13:30 CEST

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Draft	1	03/04/2025	Draft minutes circulated to MCSC
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Attendance list

- R: organisation represented
- T: organisation not represented

Institution	7-May
50Hertz	R
Admie	R
Ampriion	R
APG	R
AST	R
Baltic Cable	R
ČEPS	R
Creos	R
Eirgrid	R
Elering	T
ELES	R
Elia	R
Energinet	R
ESO	R
Fingrid	R
HOPS	R
Kraftnät Åland	T
Litgrid	T
MAVIR	R
PSE	R
REE	R
REN	R
RTE	R
SEPS	R
SONI (TSO)	R
Statnett	R
Svenska Kraftnät	R
Terna	R
Transelectrica	R
Transnet BW	T
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		9:00 – 9:10
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		9:10 – 9:15
2.1	Approval of minutes (internal and external)	Dec	MCSC PMO
2.2	MCSC Workshop Part I outcomes and actions	Inf/Dec	MCSC PMO/ Co-Chairs
2.3	(Re)-appointment of conveners	Dec	MCSC PMO/ Co-Chairs
3	JOINT – Decisions requested & for information topics		9:15 – 9:30
3.1	MCCG (5 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Preparation of Q2 2025 MCCG - Preparation of MCSC WS on SDAC fallback improvements 	Inf Inf	MCCG Co-conveners
3.2	BMTF (2 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Status update 	Inf	BMTF Co-conveners
3.3	Com TF (5 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 15 min MTU information package 	Dec	Com TF Co-conveners
3.4	Legal TF (3 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Status update 	Inf	LTF Co-conveners
4	SIDC – Decisions requested		9:30 – 10:10
4.1	SIDC QARM (15 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Status on XBID testing R4.1.50 - Preparation of testing future XBID/PMB/CIP releases - XBID R5.0 and R5.1 scoping - Corrective Measures in XBID - Descoping blocks 12 and 13 of N-SIDE support 	Inf Inf Dec Inf Inf	SIDC QARM Co-conveners
4.2	SIDC OPSCOM (5 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Status update on main OPSCOM deliverables - 15'MTU go-live - Change in procedures - AM and SH reports January 	Inf Inf Dec Dec	SIDC OPSCOM Co-Chairs
4.3	SIDC MSD (20 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Flow-based in SIDC status - Requests for derogation regarding IDA timings - Process for contracting a support for FB R&D - Negative RAM 	Inf Dec Dec Inf	SIDC MSD Co-Conveners
5	SDAC – Decisions requested		10:20 – 12:15
5.1 (a)	Simulation facility (10 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 50Hertz procuring party 	Dec	50Hz representative
5.1 (b)	SDAC SIM TF (20 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IDAs in SF - Update on the SF tender - Update on the SF cloud solution development 	Dec Dec Inf	SDAC SIM TF Co-Conveners
5.2	SDAC QARM (25 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 15minMTU test status; planning - 15minMTU rollback - 15minMTU go live readiness - Core AHC status and planning - Handling of changes in allocation constraints - Roadmap 	Inf Dec Dec Inf Inf Inf	SDAC QARM Co-Conveners
5.3	SDAC OPSCOM (10 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 15minMTU rollback procedure & go live procedures - Update of implementation operational resilience improvements - Procedural updates 	Inf Inf Inf	SDAC OPSCOM Co-Chairs
5.4	SDAC MSD (20 min)		SDAC MSD

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Corrective measures - R0 co-optimisation - Update on Euphemia solver migration 	Dec Inf Inf	Co-Conveners
5.5	EU-GB TF (5 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update on EU-UK TSOs on MRLVC - Update on first deliverables to EU-GB TF - Initiative to explore alternatives to MRLVC 	Inf Inf Dec	EU-GB TF TSO SPoC
6	AOB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meeting location - Request for adherence to global NDA new party - PMO staffing 		12:15 – 12:30
8	Meeting closure		12:30
X	MCSC workshop Part II (without Observers, ACER and NRAs)		13:30-16:00

1.2) List of decisions

ID	Decision description
451	The meeting agenda of the MCSC meeting (02/04/2025) is approved.
452	The minutes of the MCSC meeting on 26/02/2025 are approved.
453	The minutes extract of the 26/02 meeting is approved for publication under the dedicated SDAC & SIDC section at the ENTSO-E and NC websites.
454	MCSC approves the updated wording for the SDAC 15 MTU PR and the publication of the PR.
455	MCSC mandates SDAC OPSCOM and selected experts to further assess the identified PD measures from technical concept, feasibility, pros/cons and implementation lifecycle perspective until 24/04. List of PD mitigation measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SDAC Fallback Manual and Central Communication ▪ Early DA OBK GCT (currently under NEMO assessment) ▪ Shift of 15:30 deadline (currently under ENTSO-E /not supported by all TSOs/ assessment) ▪ Regional assessment of Single clearing price in MNA per Bidding Zone (being worked on) ▪ Shadow OBK “snapshot” is taken before the incident ▪ Enhanced backup processes in LTS ▪ Cross-border nomination done by TSOs on behalf of the Shipping Agent, for the decoupled NEMO Replace shadow auctions by Intraday implicit allocation
456	MCSC concludes that the work on corrective measures shall be divided into two steps – until June, beyond June <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To be finalized until beginning of June (for 15MTU go-live): initial list of mitigating measures (as a starting point), monitoring metrics and process ▪ To be finalized beyond June: further evolved list of corrective measures, usage range splitting, local/regional framework amendments where needed. Note: It is concluded that the absence of CMs does not block the 15 MTU go-live and is in no case a prerequisite.
457	MCSC approves Antonios Paliaroutas (JAO) as BMTF co-convenor for a period of 1 year, starting from 01/04/2025.
458	MCSC approves Karol Nicia (Nord Pool) as MCCG co-convenor for a period of 2 years, starting from 01/01/2026. Handover period will cover the last MCCG event of 2025.
459	MCSC approves the general information paper on SDAC 15min MTU for publication.
460	MCSC mandates QARM to extend XBID R5.0 scope with Core Routing for RabbitMQ [REDACTED] One off / [REDACTED] Annual maintenance fee) & HA removal in RabbitMQ [REDACTED] One-off / [REDACTED] Annual maintenance fee), provided that there is no negative impact on R5.0 timeline and there is a positive impact on XBID performance
461	MCSC agrees with XBID R5.1 scoping principles established by SIDC QARM (max 9 months implementation timeline and no negative impact on performance). MCSC mandates SIDC QARM to finalize the R5.1 exercise and accepts the implementation [REDACTED] and maintenance prices [REDACTED].
462	MCSC agrees to drop support for blocks 12 and 13 for Euphemia (IDAs).
463	MCSC approves the modifications made to SIDC_OTH_03 Change Control Procedure
464	MCSC approves the AM & SH January reports

465	MCSC approves the process for contracting a support for FB R&D with a call for tender with 2-3 candidates; contracting will be organized by a single party – TransnetBW.
466	MCSC approves the mandate to TransnetBW to perform the tender without a public procurement process and to sign the contract with the vendor (conditional the LTF review of the contract) without the need for any further Mandate agreement. The terms of the tender, the contract and the final selection shall be approved by MCSC.
467	MCSC approves the proposal of requesting ACER to modify the regulation/derogate from the regulation as specified in the attached material. In particular, for the Normal Day timings, MCSC approves the proposal of requesting the change/derogation following Option A
468	MCSC agrees that readiness for SDAC 15 min MTU can be confirmed with the following process: 1) technical declaration in SDAC QARM administered via excel, 2) each MCSC (SC) member to confirm technical readiness via email, and 3) MCSC decision to confirm the readiness.
469	MCSC mandates Com TF to review the proposed template message for Market Participants in case of a rollback for 15'MTU.
470	MCSC approves Co-optimisation R0 report for submission to ACER.
471	In parallel to the current contribution on MRLVC WS1, MCSC mandates EU-GB TF to begin the exploration of alternatives to MRLVC in order to anticipatively feed-in TSOs and SCE discussion in view of the TCA revision of 2026

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. Some parties joined later.

1.6) Adoption of the agenda

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451	The meeting agenda of the MCSC meeting (02/04/2025) 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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453	The minutes extract of the 26/02 meeting is approved for publication under the dedicated SDAC & SIDC section at the ENTSO-E and NC websites.

2.2) Workshop outcomes

MCSC adopts the outcomes of the MCSC WS.

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2.3) Re-appointment of conveners

MCSC approves the convenership of new conveners.

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3. JOINT Part – Decisions requested & Information

3.1) MCCG

MCCG conveners inform MCSC of the preparatory timelines for upcoming events.

3.2) Budget management TF

BMTF informs the MCSC members for the proposed process of the quarterly budgeted invoices
BMTF shares each MCSC a KPI dashboard.

3.3) Com TF

MCSC approves the general information paper on SDAC 15min MTU for publication.

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3.4) Legal TF

LTF conveners provide an update on ongoing activities.

4. SIDC – Decisions requested & Information

4.1) SIDC QARM

QARM informs MCSC of ongoing activities and asks MCSC for approval for decisions regarding the scope of XBID 5.0 and XBID 5.1.

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461	MCSC agrees with XBID R5.1 scoping principles established by SIDC QARM (max 9 months implementation timeline and no negative impact on performance). MCSC mandates SIDC QARM to finalize the R5.1 exercise and accepts the implementation ([REDACTED]) and maintenance prices ([REDACTED]).
462	MCSC agrees to drop support for blocks 12 and 13 for Euphemia (IDAs).

4.2) SIDC OPS COM

SIDC OPS COM informs MCSC of ongoing activities. MCSC approves the AM and SH reports.

ID	Decision Description
463	MCSC approves the modifications made to SIDC_OTH_03 Change Control Procedure
464	MCSC approves the AM & SH January reports

4.3) SIDC MSD

SIDC MSD reports on the continued R&D efforts for flow-based allocation in SIDC. MCSC agrees on a way forward for contracting external support for this effort.

MCSC agrees on how timings should be modified for flow-based in IDAs.

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465	MCSC approves the process for contracting a support for FB R&D with a call for tender with 2-3 candidates; contracting will be organized by a single party – TransnetBW.
466	MCSC approves the mandate to TransnetBW to perform the tender without a public procurement process and to sign the contract with the vendor (conditional the LTF review of the contract) without the need for any further Mandate agreement. The terms of the tender, the contract and the final selection shall be approved by MCSC.
467	MCSC approves the proposal of requesting ACER to modify the regulation/derogate from the regulation as specified in the attached material. In particular, for the Normal Day timings, MCSC approves the proposal of requesting the change/derogation following Option B

5. SDAC – Decisions requested & Information

5.1) SDAC SIM TF

MCSC discusses the process for tendering the simulation facility.

5.2) SDAC QARM

MCSC discusses the rollback activation period and the process for confirming go-live readiness.

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5.3) SDAC OPS COM

SDAC OPS COM has revised the procedural timings based on SIT outcomes.

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469	MCSC mandates Com TF to review the proposed template message for Market Participants in case of a rollback for 15'MTU.

5.4) SDAC MSD

MCSC approves the R0 report concerning co-optimisation.

ID	Decision Description
470	MCSC approves Co-optimisation R0 report for submission to ACER.

5.5) EU-GB TF

MCSC mandates the EU-GB TF to explore alternatives to MRLVC.

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6. AOB

6.1) Meeting location

The next meeting location is shared with MCSC.

6.2) Request for adherence

MCSC request NEMO Committee to consider the request from Twig Energy and revert to ENTSO-E and MCSC.

6.3) Euphemia MSSA renewal

NEMOs present the outcomes of the Euphemia MSSA renewal.

6.4) PMO staffing

P.BRHLIKOVA presents an update on the PMO staffing of MSDs.

6.5) KOSTT

The signature process for the Global NDA is ongoing.

6.6) IT Security

Nord Pool informs MCSC that OPCOM has invited an AI account into several meetings. Nord Pool would like to remind parties that is not in line with the NDA or security best practices.

7. Meeting closure

Chairs close the meeting.