

Minutes of meeting Balancing Taskforce 17/03/2016

List of participants:

Company/association	Name	Present	Excused
Powerhouse	Marc Albers	X	
EDF Luminus	Halida Benaïche	X	
YUSO	Jonas Boury	X	
Electrabel	Mathilde Catrycke	X	
Vynova	Michel Ceusters	X	
Gdf Suez	Bernard Debroux	X	
Electrabel	Valentijn Demeyer	X	
Airliquide	Kristian Fasel		X
FOD	Senne Gabriels	X	
Creg	Jacques Gheury	X	
Synergrid	Bruno Gouverneur	X	
Ores	Didier Halkin	X	
Lampiris	Annabelle Jacquet	X	
Next-Kraftwerke	Paul Kreutzkamp	X	
Actility	Arnaud Latiers	X	
Creg	Brice Libert	X	
Apxgroup	Rob Loos		X
W.O.M. cvba	Herman Marien	X	
Vreg	Pauline Ottoy	X	
Eni	Ludovic Platbrood	X	
Yuso	Bart Pycke	X	
Restore	Geert Ramault	X	
Restore	Peter Schell	X	
Rwe	Ekaterina Sereda	X	
Febeliec	Michaël Van Bossuyt	X	
Lampiris	Nicolas Vandamme	X	
Energy-Pool	Alain Vandevenne	X	
Eni	Pieter Verlinden		X
Basf	Eric Verrydt	X	
Elia	James Matthys-Donnadieu	X	
Elia	Bob Hebb	X	
Elia	Sofie Van den waeyenberg	X	
Elia	Sophie Gorlé	X	
Elia	Alexandre Pitsaer	X	
Elia	Manuel Aparicio	X	
Elia	Carolien Pouleyn	X	

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All agenda items were supported by presentations prepared by Elia. These slides serve as background for these minutes and can be found on the ELIA website under <http://www.elia.be/en/users-group/ad-hoc-taskforce-balancing/Agenda-ad-hoc-werkgroep-balancing>

- Agenda for the balancing taskforce of 17/03/2016

- Approval of the Minutes of the meeting on 29/01/2016
- Action Plan R3 : 2017 and future evolution
- Update R1 road map + Consultation BRP contract
- ID 2nd market in case of Forced Outage
- Planning 2016

- Approval of the Minutes of the meeting on 29/01/2016

The draft minutes of the previous taskforce were distributed by e-mail prior to this meeting; remarks on the meeting minutes could be sent to usersgroup@elia.be. There were no comments received. The minutes are approved by the taskforce. They are published on the website of the task force:

[Link to the minutes of the TF Balancing 29/01/2016 on elia.be](#)

- Action Plan R3 : 2017 and future evolution

Bob Hebb presents the action plan for mFRR (R3), in particular the multi-year plan from 2017-2020 to follow a step-wise approach in developing the mFRR market to evolve from a diversified portfolio of mFRR products towards more standardization and technology neutral products.

Elia will follow a gradual approach to increase competition firstly among capacity providers and among energy providers separately, secondly merge competition in one bid ladder market, and finally merge products to standardized contracts in order to use a common merit order.

The purpose of Elia is to open the market to all players, working as pragmatically as possible. The feature of Transfer of Energy (ToE) is needed to make this work.

Overview of questions from the audience:

- Restore asks if the up/down product is one asymmetric product or two symmetric products?
Elia replies that we will probably have two products, one for up and one for down.
- Restore highlights that the bid ladder system is the ideal first implementation of the ToE as it provides a solution that can and expectedly will be used to increase liquidity. Restore proposes to put this initiative on the agenda for discussion during the CREG Workshop on Demand Management on Monday 21/3

- Vynova explains that currently ICH is not combinable with R3DP and asks whether this combination will become possible on the same access point (yet for different volumes).
Elia will investigate and come back on this at the next balancing taskforce.
- For Vynova a monthly or even bi-weekly procurement is good. Rwe asks whether there are plans to introduce weekly procurements instead of monthly. Elia states that the current idea would be to move to daily procurement on the long term. When there's an added value as an interim step weekly procurement shall be envisaged
- Next-Kraftwerke asks about the timing: does an implementation in 2017 mean in January or sometime during the year?
For reserve bids the implementation is expected in January 2017; for energy bids in the 2nd quarter of 2017.
- VREG asks whether all products will be open to all technologies.
Elia confirms that this will be the objective on the middle long run for R1,R2 & R3.
- Restore states that Elia has presented a good approach that is certainly aligned with requests made during the last years for a product neutral and a merit order based approach. The timeline is realistic although a faster evolution would be ideal. The long-term vision is the right one to move forward.

As there are, following a request of James Matthys-Donnadieu, no additional comments or remark, he proposes to feedback to the User's Group which is to be hold in the afternoon that the approach proposed by Elia is well received by the TF Balancing.

- **Update R1 road map + Consultation BRP contract**

Bob Hebb presents the road map for R1, in particular the ongoing actions to open the R1 asymmetric and R1 symmetric products to non-CIPU units on the TSO and DSO grids (different trajectories!) and the actions for cross-border R1. Bruno Gouverneur from Synergrid presents the status regarding the public consultation of the FSP-DSO contract and explains that Synergrid will send the proposal to the regulators by the end of March after which the regulator's feedback is expected after two months (so by the end of May).

Overview of questions from the audience:

- Vynova asks whether all auctions will become weekly.
Elia explains that all R1/R2 volumes will be tendered weekly from August 1st onwards
- Engie understands the reasons but is displeased with the timing of implementation as August 2016 is nearby to do the needed internal adaptations and as teams are not fully present during the summer holiday.
Elia acknowledges the difficulties for the stakeholders but assures that the timing was chosen after profound consideration of alternatives and has-well aware of the difficulties mentioned by Engie-communicated as early as possible (one year in advance).
- Restore asks about the timing of Synergrid and the choice to limit the framework to R1 asymmetric in first instance. Would it not make sense to extend the contract to R1 symmetric as well rather than proceeding now only for R1 asymmetric and at a later time having to reopen the contract again for R1 symmetric?

Synergrid replies that the limitation to R1 asymmetric was chosen in collaboration with Elia given the sense of urgency. Within Synergrid the question could again be posed to extend the contract to R1 in general but this would cause a delay in sending the proposal to the regulator.

Restore agrees that the preference is to continue in gradual steps rather than to accept a delay. Next-Kraftwerke asks to put the discussion on the agenda of Synergrid with the support of Elia.

- **ID 2nd market in case of Forced Outage**

Sophie Gorlé presents on the intraday secondary market. By the end of the year it will be possible to make an intraday deal to transfer the reserve obligation in case of a forced outage.

- Restore asks how this will evolve in the future when the markets will also be open for non-CIPU units?
Elia confirms that at first the ID secondary market will only be for CIPU. Logically the next step is to assess how it can be extended to non-CIPU units, but this is not possible to do directly in parallel with all the other ongoing projects.
- Engie asks why the ID secondary market is limited to the case of forced outage. Elia indicates that the limitation of the scope to forced outage is due to timing considerations: this limitation made an implementation possible before 1/1/2017. Afterwards the scope might be extended to other situations.

- **Planning 2016**

Bob Hebb presents the planning for 2016 linked to the balancing rules, the pilot bid ladder, and the R1 and R3 road maps. We try to group the consultations. There will be a high frequency of TF Balancing and work group meetings on the bid ladder to be able to reach the targets.

Questions about the planning:

- Restore inquires whether there are similar presentations to be expected on R2. Elia emphasizes that R2 is complex and technical. First clarity is needed on the European level. The first foreseen step is to investigate how load can participate to R2.
- Elia summarizes other main projects for 2016:
 - The dissociation between CIPU (congestion management) and ancillary services for balancing. In 2016 Elia will work out the concepts that will be discussed with the TF Balancing in 2017. The planning of the project will follow the ENCODE trajectory.
 - Cross-border balancing markets: The situation is unclear today. Elia is engaged in the Explore project but the deliverables of the project remain to be seen. The lack of clarity makes it difficult for TSO's to move forward. More clarity on cross-border integration is expected by the end of the year.

- **Next meeting date**

The next meeting will be held on April 21, 2016, from 10:00-13:00.