

Minutes of meeting Working Group Balancing 18/02/2019

List of participants:

Name	First name	Company/association	Present
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Bayart	Pierre	Rent a Port Green Energy	X
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Catrycke	Mathilde	Engie	X
Ceusters	Michel	Vynova	X
Chafaqi	Laila	EDF Luminus	X
De Keyser	Elias	Next-Kraftwerke	X
Debaere	Elia	Yuso	X
Demeyer	Valentijn	Scholt	X
Devillet	Marie	Resa	X
Feneuil	Brieuc	Lampiris	X
Gheury	Jacques	CREG	X
Goethals	Bart	NLL	X
Halkin	Didier	Ores	X
Harlem	Steven	FEBEG	X
Jong	Dieter	Rent a Port Green Energy	X
Legros	Cédric	SRIW	X
Libert	Boris	CREG	X
Loos	Rob	Aspiravi – Energy	X
Luyckx	Wim	Statkraft	X
Meynckens	Geert	Restore	X
Platbrood	Ludovic	FEBEG/Eneco	X
Robbelein	Jo	FOD	X
Van Bossuyt	Michaël	Febeliec	X
Van Bruwaene	Mattijs	EDF Luminus	X
Van Melkebeek	Wouter	Engie	X
Weyns	Cedric	Actility	X
Williame	Jean-François	Eneco	X
Wouters	Lore	Ode	X
Matthys-Donnadieu	James	Elia	X
Hebb	Bob	Elia	X
Magnant	Philippe	Elia	X

Adriaenssens	Chiara	Elia	X
Tsiokanos	Anna	Elia	X
Clement-Nyns	Kristien	Elia	X
G�rard	Thibaut	Elia	X
Illegems	Viviane	Elia	X
Aparicio	Manuel	Elia	X
Leroux	Amandine	Elia	X
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All agenda items were supported by presentations prepared by Elia. The slides serve as background for these minutes and can be found on the Elia website under

http://www.elia.be/en/users-group/Working-Group_Balancing/Agenda-ad-hoc-werkgroep-balancing

Agenda of the WG Balancing on 18/02/2019

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1. Approval of the MoM of previous WG Balancing - 16/10/2018

The draft minutes of the previous Working Group were distributed by e-mail prior to this meeting.

No comments were received and the MoM can be found on [Elia's website](#).

2. Planning 2019

Bob Hebb presents the roadmap for 2019.

- No comments from stakeholders.

Bob Hebb presents the planning of the projects related to European integration of the Balancing markets.

- FEBELIEC asks why no consultation is planned on the unintended exchanges, like it's the case for the intended exchanges. ELIA answers that it's not required by the EU Guideline. CREG specifies that in case Elia doesn't perform a consultation, they will need to organise a consultation before taking a final decision.
- FEBELIEC asks ELIA to discuss the proposals on the methodologies for CZC allocations with the Stakeholders. ELIA answers that it was its intention to do so.

3. Statistics AS 2018

Manuel Aparicio presents the statistics of the balancing products in 2018 regarding reservations, activations and quality.

- Rent a Port Green Energy asks whether Elia is satisfied with the results of the FCR capacity tests.
From ELIA's point of view, reserves need to be always available. Elia observes that this is not the case for FCR. However, when a test is failed, it's in most cases due to the signal, not to the availability of the delivery point.
- Rent a Port Green Energy asks why the activated volumes are lower than the required volumes (as illustrated in slide 32)
ELIA answers that one important supplier failed to deliver.
- VYNOVA and FEBELIEC observe that the number of suppliers are reducing and that it might be useful to analyse how the market concentration is evolving. The objective

would be to have an indication, respecting the confidentiality rules and taking into account the cross-border procurement.

- ELIA expresses its disappointment regarding the volumes submitted on Bidladder. Stakeholders have heavily asked for the Bidladder, with the consequence that ELIA had to push behind work on some other projects. ELIA encourages stakeholders to use the Bidladder.
- ENECO asks if the implementation of ToE, allowing an activation price for non-CIPU reserves, has an impact on the Imbalance Price. ELIA replies that it's too early to draw conclusions. High offered prices in the balancing markets have been observed. This information has been communicated to the CREG.
- FEBELIEC asks which criteria are used to assess if prices are reasonable or not, for both activation and reservation. CREG understands the question, but states that all bids should be reasonable, whatever the criteria. NEXT KRAFTWERKE states that the probability of activation and the opportunity cost should be considered when it comes to assess whether bids are reasonable or not.

4. Transfer of Energy

Manuel Aparicio presents the status of the audit to be executed in the frame of ToE

- FEBELIEC states that a 2-week period is too short for federations to collect feedback. ELIA will analyse the possibilities to allow more time for the consultation process.

Anna Tsiokanos presents the planning of the study aiming to apply ToE on Day Ahead and IntraDay markets

- FEBEG asks whether a formal evaluation of ToE is foreseen. CREG answers that 2 documents should be distinguished:
 - The Rules of ToE
 - How to apply article 19bis of the lawThis 2nd document is established by the CREG and it might be reassessed.
- ENGIE asks if Elia will also study the market potential and, if it does, if it will play a role for implementation. ELIA answers that, rather than an evaluation of the potential, there will be an exercise to analyse whether there could be an interest. The question is indeed more to know “who will react” than “who is capable to react”.

- VYNOVA asks whether a fallback settlement price (formula-based) is foreseen and if this formula would be different than the existing one for the other market segments. ELIA answers that it's CREG competence to identify whether this formula will be applicable for ToE in the DA and ID markets.
- NEXT KRAFTWERKE asks why there's a difference between net injection and net offtake. ELIA answers that they have to comply with the law. The ToE law is only applicable for access points with a net offtake.
- The workshop to be held in March will be the opportunity to discuss the design in more detail.

5. Transparency

Manuel Aparicio presents the status update of the ongoing actions related to Transparency.

- FEBELIEC asks who's in charge of the publications regarding outages of the Nemo Link.
ELIA answers that, just like for outages of generation units, the responsible actor needs to respect its transparency obligations.
- NEXT KRAFTWERKE asks why the granularity is set to 100MW for the publication of "Bidding prices per volume level".
NEXT KRAFTWERKE would appreciate to have a lower granularity, for instance 50 MW.
ELIA answers that the value has been chosen in order to have an acceptable size of the table on the website.
- NEMO LINK asks whether the publication should not be in line with EBGL article 12.
ELIA answers that ELIA will be compliant by the time required by the regulation, hence 2 years after entry into force (December 2019).

Bob Hebb presents the Real Time publication of imbalance pricing

- Rent a Port Green Energy observes that a BSP never captures the alpha.
This is confirmed by ELIA.
- Elia explains that the proposed modification is a significant change. This new proposal will be implemented in January 2020, together with the new tariff structure. This subject is also discussed in a dedicated presentation later in this same Working Group.

6. Status updates projects /products

Bob Hebb presents the aFRR product development

- No comments from stakeholders.

Bob Hebb presents the mFRR product development

- No comments from stakeholders.
- ELIA reminds that we are working towards daily procurement for aFRR and mFRR. This is a major change, requiring significant work from all sides. ELIA's Customer Relationship team is available for support.

Raphaël Dufour presents the FCR product development

- No comments from stakeholders.

Bob Hebb presents the Storm risk

- The objective of the workshop is to have the final discussion before closing the debate.
- ELIA will check the dates of the workshop because it's the same date as the IMD workshop.

Viviane Illegems presents an update on iCAROS

- ELIA explains why the planned implementation trajectory of the iCAROS design as presented in June 2018 has not been reached, mainly because of the efforts required by additionally foreseen and unforeseen deliverables not linked to the iCAROS project but using the same internal resources. Elia wants to continue with the implementation work of the iCAROS project. As a reminder, the iCAROS project, of which the main design elements have been discussed and agreed with you last year, aims at gradually and pragmatically moving towards a new, technology neutral, system operation and congestion management framework, compliant with the European network codes. Being aware that the implementation of iCAROS may require important contractual, IT and business process adaptations both at Elia side but also at existing and future grid user side, a pragmatic approach was presented with a go-live foreseen 2021/2022. At the go-live of the iCAROS design, the requirements regarding operational planning, scheduling and redispatch will be extended to all assets connected to the TSO-grid (or through a CDS connected to the TSO grid).

- The first version of the initial Terms and Conditions OPA, Terms and Conditions SA and Coordination rules to be submitted to the CREG 6 months after entry into force of the Federal Grid Code will only apply to production units that have a nominal capacity of over 25 MW and/or are directly connected to the Elia grid.
- FEBEG and FEBELIEC approve and support the pragmatic approach for the implementation of the iCAROS project.
- ELIA launches a call for candidates for joining a series of design fine-tuning workshops in 2019. The objective of these fine-tuning workshops is not to reopen the major design principles agreed upon in 2018, but to collect operational, contractual and technical expertise of stakeholders through an open exchange of information in order to translate the overall design into detailed business requirements, process designs and high level IT principles that take due account of the constraints of all stakeholders.
FEBELIEC asks to clarify the scope of work of these design fine-tuning workshops sufficiently in advance. iCAROS represents a major change for non-CIPU members and FEBELIEC needs to know who to send to the meetings.
ELIA will send the planning of the design fine-tuning workshops, and information on the subjects that will be discussed during the first design fine-tuning workshop. Elia plans to send the topics of the design fine-tuning workshop each time in advance of the meeting.
- FEBELIEC asks how CDS will be treated, from a technical and legal point of view.
ELIA answers that the objective of the design fine-tuning workshops is to give the possibility to discuss these kind of subjects if needed.
- ELIA anticipates that a detailed implementation roadmap should be available by the end of the year.

Bob Hebb presents the Alfa modification.

- ACTILITY asks what the purpose of the alfa component is, and if the “standard” Imbalance Price would not be sufficient.
ELIA answers that the objective is to incentivize the BRPs to remain in balance, in order to ensure a high balancing quality, to comply to its legal obligations and to keep the reserve requirements under control.
- ELIA specifies that the timing of the implementation has been aligned with the new tariff structure.

Bob Hebb presents the ID market access

- ELIA specifies that the sole objective is to obtain additional liquidity and to limit the impact on the reserve availabilities.
- The consultation of the proposal is ongoing

7. AOB & closing

- It is required to send the dates of the next Working Groups until the summer. The next date is the 25th of April