

Minutes of Meeting of Task Force Scenarios on 18th May

Meeting

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Report

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0. Opening remarks

The participants received the slides that were presented in advance on the day of the kick-off meeting. These accompanying slides are made available on the Elia website together with this report and references will be made to the slides in the report that follows.

1. Agenda

	Start	End	Timing	Topic
1	15:00	15:10	00:10	Welcome to the Task Force
2	15:10	15:30	00:20	Feedback Received on " <i>Terms of reference</i> "
3	15:30	15:50	00:20	Annual process & planning
4	15:50	16:10	00:20	Workshop topics
5	16:10	16:20	00:10	Call for evidence
6	16:20	16:25	00:05	Practical modalities
7	16:25	16:30	00:05	Closing remarks

2. Report

2.1 Welcome to the Task Force

Elia welcomed all members to the Task Force and highlighted the goals for this Task Force (see accompanying slides).

2.2 Feedback received on "*Terms of reference*"

Elia has received feedback on the Terms of Reference from three different entities. Elia thanks all members for reviewing the document and for providing feedback. Elia gave answers on the recurring remarks (made by > 1 entity). Elia will publish an official response document on their website, where an answer on all the remarks is given.

The recurring feedback received covered four topics: goals, scope, composition and annual process. An answer was provided by Elia during the Task Force, which can also be found in the document that reacts on the public consultation of the Terms of Reference.

Members made no additional remarks on the Terms of Reference during the task force.

2.3 Annual process & planning

2.3.1 *Annual process (from 2022 onwards)*

Elia gave an overview on the annual process from 2022 onwards. The three phases in the annual process are clarified: initiation, co-creation & consolidation.

2.3.2 *Approximate planning for 2021*

Elia detailed the planning for 2021, which deviates slightly from the annual process foreseen for the coming years by hosting the workshops in September.

Febeliec remarked that there is no additional task force meeting planned before the first workshop. It is therefore very important to give the participants a clear view of what is expected in the “call for evidence”.

Elia agrees and confirms that when the “call for evidence” is launched Elia will make sure that it is clearly stated what is expected.

CREG makes the remark that after the consolidation of the “call for evidence”, Elia leaves only one week of preparation for the participants before the first workshop and wonders if this is enough preparation time for the stakeholders.

Elia clarifies there is 1 week before the first workshops and 2 before the second. Elia requires time outside of the summer months to consolidate all of the information received from the call for evidence and properly prepare the workshop.

2.3.3 Link between the scenario report and the studies.

Elia makes the link between the scenario report and the different studies that will use the report as input. See accompanying slides for the overview.

BBL makes the remark that it might be beneficial to align this schedule with the scenarios the federal government and the regions have to make for the European commission.

Elia remarks that there are four people from the federal public services present in the Task Force, but there are none from the regions. Elia will look into how it can facilitate these interactions.

2.4 Workshop topics

Two workshop topics are proposed: one regarding the definition of storylines (high level scenarios) and another on flexibility in consumption. These two topics are not set in stone and Elia asks for proposal of alternative workshop topics by Sunday 23rd May 2021. See accompanying slides for more details on the process.

2.4.1 Definition of storylines

Elia would like to start from the latest ENTSOs TYNDP storylines. See accompanying slides for proposition. Elia would like to raise two questions regarding the call for evidence:

- Elia would like to know where and if you see the necessity to create Belgium specific variants on the TYNDP storylines.
- What are the main drivers according to you?

Evidence that Elia receives during the call for evidence should sufficiently quantify the variants, so that we can have a meaningful process.

As a guidance, Elia presented a framework that stakeholders might consider to structure their evidence (see accompanying slides).

Febeliec whether this means that we no longer look at the energy pact, but that we start a bottom-up and/or top-down approach? The demand is to create a quantified bottom-up approach, maybe discarding energy pact and NECP, given that they are already outdated.

Fluxys finds it a good idea to start from the three storylines presented in the slides. Fluxys further explains "distributed energy" & "global ambition" are the two top-down scenarios, whereas "national trends" is the policy driven scenario which should reflect well eg. the level of national ambitions in energy pact and NECP but it is defined only up to ~2030.

Elia states that going beyond known political ambitions & trajectories is indeed the ambition of different scenarios. Elia would start from the European storylines to keep the common framework. Elia would like to do the exercise in the Task Force to make these storylines "Belgian relevant" by complementing the European storylines with Belgium-specific 'forks'.

Fluxys raised a question regarding the process timeline. ENTSO are to publish their report in September whereas this Task Force is not going to publish its paper before end of year. How does Elia see the output of this Task Force feeding into the TYNDP 2022 process?

Elia agreed that there is some mismatch, but feels that there is an opportunity to realign with the findings of this Task Force. The two-year TYNDP process starts with a scenario building phase to collect data & publish the scenario report, however, this is not a freeze of the data. The final TYNDP result is not 100% based on the data was collected in the scenario report. There are at least two additional moments within the ENTISOE process before the final CBA where Elia can update the data to be more in line with the results of the task force.

A question was raised to specify the goal for the workshop in September. Is the goal to focus on the storylines or do we already want to do some quantifications?

Elia explained the storylines start out with a high level description of a possible future state (what are the drivers...). Then the variables are qualitatively quantified, e.g. using categories low/medium/high or a 1-5 scale (= matrix structure). This, in combination with full potential for a technology then leads to the numerical quantification. For the workshops, Elia feels the minimum requirement will be to agree on the storylines and aims for qualitative quantification of the drivers. Elia does not believe that numerical quantification of the drivers is possible in the scope of the workshop.

2.4.2 Flexibility in consumption

We have presented a list of what could be the inputs. (see accompanying slides) It is important to note that this list is not exhaustive, but is presented more as more a starting point. It is also important to note that the target year is 2040, 2050.

BBL asked whether energy efficiency should not be in the list.

Elia replied that it regards energy efficiency in the context of total demand, but not as a flexibility mechanism.

The question was asked about why we have chosen this topic as a topic for one of the first workshops.

Elia explained that, as this topic encompasses new technologies, there are significant uncertainties & changes regarding this topic. This Task Force is multidisciplinary, which means that the information we can get from it, has a high chance of being better than the information that we can gather without the Task Force. We felt that it was a challenging topic to propose, given that it is so difficult to quantify. However, if there are other topics that participants find more relevant, they are free to propose it to replace this one.

BOP raised the following question: do you consider P2X as flexibility in consumption or is this out of scope?

Elia agreed that P2X also requires quantification in the scenarios, and considers it not outside of the scope if good evidence material can be provided. The provided list of technologies is not exhaustive.

CREG asked the question if it is feasible to have a discussion on flexibility in consumption in one workshop when we mix residential and industry?

Engie follows up on this question and remarks that the discussion on the topic shows that there is a strong interest in the topic. It is also remarked that regardless the topic, the scope can become very large & a balance is needed. The opinion is that the scope should not be limited when launching the call for evidence, but afterwards, when Elia has consolidated the evidence.

Elia concludes that depending on the feedback it receives, it will or will not narrow down the topic, to make sure that it fits in one workshop.

2.5 Call for evidence

See accompanying slides for more information on what is expected in the 'call for evidence'.

Febeliec remarks that some stakeholders might want to share data with Elia, but not make this data public.

Elia guarantees that it will not publish information when it is marked as confidential. Elia will further reflect on this remark and come up with a proposition on how to handle relevant, but confidential information.

CREG wonders if Elia is also going to present documents or insights, so that the input is not one-sided, only coming from stakeholders?

Elia ensures that the goal is co-creation. The proposal is that Elia first gives relevant input to facilitate the workshops and share relevant knowledge, complemented by information / presentations provided by the other participants. For example, in a workshop on storylines, Elia could start out by introducing the EU framework, and then pass the floor to a stakeholder to present his viewpoint on a certain driver.

2.6 Practical modalities

See accompanying slides for the practical modalities.

2.7 Closing remarks

The chairman, Mr. Kristof Sleurs, thanked all members for the interesting discussions and closed the meeting.

3. Date for next meeting

The next meeting / 1st workshop is planned for 17/09/2021