

Minutes of meeting

Working Group Balancing 27/11/2019

List of participants:

Name	First name	Company/association	Present
Adigbli	Patrick	Restore	X
Bayart	Pierre	Rent a Port Green Eenergy	X
Ceusters	Michel	Vynova	X
Chafaqi	Laila	EDF Luminus	X
Coppin	Xavier	Engie	X
Demeyer	Valentijn	Scholt	X
Depraetere	Monne	NLL	X
Gheury	Jacques	CREG	X
Haaker	Nick	Brugel	X
Jong	Dieter	Eiya	X
Kreutzkamp	Paul	Next Kraftwerke	X
Lazarescu	Anca Manuela	RWE	X
Lecrompe	Thibault	Lampiris	X
Legros	Cédric	SRIW	X
Loos	Rob	Aspiravi – Energy	X
Luyckx	Wim	Statkraft	X
Meynckens	Geert	Restore	X
Pycke	Bart	Yuso	X
Vanneste	Aron	Actility	X
Van Bossuyt	Michaël	Febeliec	X
Van Nuffel	Margot	Otary	X
Wagnier	Jean-François	Febeg	X
Weyns	Cédric	Actility	X
Williame	Jean-François	Eneco	X
Van Damme	Sander	IBM	X
Matthys-Donnadieu	James	Elia	X
Hebb	Bob	Elia	X
Pierreux	Nicolas	Elia	X
Magnant	Philippe	Elia	X
Tsiokanos	Anna	Elia	X
Van den Waeyenberg	Sofie	Elia	X
Leroux	Amandine	Elia	X
Illegems	Viviane	Elia	X

Aparicio	Manuel	Elia	X
De Vos	Kristof	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 23/10/2019

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1. Approval of the MoM of previous WG Balancing - 23/10/2019

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

Comments have been received from Next Kraftwerke. They have been discussed during this meeting and the conclusions have been taken into in the revised version of the MoM that can be found on [Elia's website](#).

2. Storm: T&C BRP status update

Presentation given by Bob Hebb

There are no comments on the presentation.

3. Alfa imbalance

Presentation given by Bob Hebb

- FEBELIEC asks if the specification of the absolute value in the tariff documents requires a new formal decision from the CREG.

ELIA answers that this is not the case.

4. LFC BOA & LFC means: feedback consultation

Presentation given by Kristof De Vos.

- Concerning the sharing of capacity, FEBELIEC asks if a sharing agreement is planned to be negotiated with Germany, and if the control possibilities offered by this HVDC connections would be valuable for dimensioning.

ELIA answers that reserve sharing agreements currently cover France, the Netherlands and the UK. Reserve sharing with Germany is currently not possible because the direct connection between Belgium and Germany (ALEGrO) will be only operational at the end of next year. Reserve sharing with Germany is part of the ongoing discussions with Amprion and the outcome will communicated transparently to the stakeholders, at the latest during the consultations on LFCBOA and LFC means next year.

- FEBELIEC asks what the compliancy check planned in Q1 2020 stands for.

ELIA answers that, for the downward dimensioning, it is found that that sharing agreements and non-contracted balancing energy bids are expected to cover the FRR needs. A regular assessment will be performed to verify this assumption ex-post.

- (off meeting) ELIA would like to correct the timing announced during the WG balancing for the proposal of the new methodology for aFRR dimensioning (slide 17): the proposal will be made in Q3 2020, consistently with the enclosed letter concerning the RfA of the LFCBOA and LFC Means, and not end 2020.

5. mFRR T&C BSP: feedback consultation

Presentation given by Sofie Van den Waeyenberg.

- As an introduction, ELIA confirms the Go-live on the 3rd of February, provided that:
 - A positive approval is received from the regulator
 - No major IT issues occur during development

A final confirmation will be sent on the 20th of December.

ELIA encourages market players to start their testing phase in order to be ready for this Go-live date.

- About the maximum price for energy bids, ELIA explains that this can be reviewed in accordance with the process described in the balancing rules. The CREG reminds that this review process to change the maximum price will only be triggered after an analysis of the reasons why prices could get to this level.

FEBELIEC reminds that in the recently consulted Pricing Methodology for the European integration of the balancing markets, a technical price limit for the energy bids of 99.999,00 €/MWh is mentioned.

- FEBELIEC asks how the integration of both general and specific conditions in a single document (the T&C) will be managed.

ELIA answers that the general conditions adapted after consultation in September will be included in the T&C BSP mFRR that will be submitted for approval to the CREG. This means that an approval of the T&C BSP mFRR by the CREG would imply an approval of both general and specific conditions.

FEBELIEC asks if the modified general conditions have already been distributed.

ELIA answers that it will only be published after approval by the CREG.

FEBELIEC has some questions and comments on this. One of the major questions is that the same general conditions are used for both voluntary and compulsory services.

Elia answers that a differentiation of the general conditions per T&C is not excluded should the need be identified. All amendments to the general conditions will be consulted with the stakeholders and follow an approval procedure by the regulator.

- ACTILITY asks if the Marginal Price includes the alpha component.
ELIA answers that the alpha component impacts the imbalance tariff but not the price paid to the BSP.
- Following the question raised during previous Working Group Balancing, ELIA informs market players that mid-January, a separate capacity auction will be launched for the first 3 days of February.
- RESTORE asks what the reasons and the consequences are of delaying the application of the pass-through regime.
ELIA answers that, given the operational and regulatory impact of the many other tasks that need to be achieved before Go-live, the decision was taken to implement the new ToE rules in a 2nd step. The disadvantage of this approach is limited to new entrants in the market, as market players currently participating can continue to use the current framework. ELIA explains that ToE rules are subject to concertation with the regional regulators and that an updated planning will be provided as soon as possible.

6. Balancing rules: feedback consultation

Presentation given by Sofie Van den Waeyenberg.

- FEBELIEC reminds its position regarding “stop and go” solutions, stating that market players are not incentivized to make the necessary developments for new products if there is a significant risk that the products are not maintained.

ELIA takes note of this remark.

7. Balancing rules: removal of profile limits

Presentation given by Philippe Magnant.

There are no comments on the presentations.

8. iCaros: achievements and workplan

Presentation given van Viviane Illegems

- As an introduction, ELIA explains that the slides presented are to be considered as a work in progress at this stage. The final workplan will be presented in Q1 2020, after further internal fine-tuning and assessing feasibility after consolidation with other implementations and taking into account the stakeholder's feedback.
- FEBELIEC emphasizes the importance of having the scoping document sufficiently in advance in order to plan resources and budgets. As the Go-live of phase 1 is planned in Q1 2022, the scoping document should be available the latest mid 2021 for the parties participating in the Go Live, depending also on the possibility to use off-the-shelf tools for the defined scope. Moreover, having the scoping document sufficiently in advance is of even more importance for phase 2, as the subject will be new for some market players. FEBELIEC also asks Elia to avoid major changes after the scoping documents has been distributed to market parties.

ELIA answers that this is the reason why phase 1 focuses on experienced market players. This way, phase 2 will benefit from the valuable input provided by market players and the lessons learned in phase 1. The scoping document for phase 1 will need to be available in 2021 for ELIA's development needs also. Finally, ELIA explains that the ongoing digitalization initiative should ease in general these kind of processes for all market parties. More information on this initiative will follow in a different presentation.

9. Workplan 2020

Presentation given by Bob Hebb.

- As an introduction, ELIA explains that the slides presented are to be considered as a work in progress at this stage. The final workplan will be presented in Q1 2020, after further internal fine-tuning and assessing feasibility after consolidation with other implementations and taking into account the stakeholder's feedback.
- ELIA explains that there's a direct link between the output of the 4GW offshore study and the constraints that might be set in the tendering process for the future offshore concessions. The intention is to involve the market parties from the beginning if the study and to run a transparent process. Philippe Magnant will be the project manager and there will be dedicated workshops organized on the topic.

- ELIA invites stakeholders to provide any other comment on the workplan after the meeting.

10. European integration

Presentation given by Nicolas Pierreux.

- FEBELIEC explains that co-optimization of cross-border capacity allocation is the reason of its opposition to the principle of reserving capacity on the Belgian borders for balancing purposes.

ELIA reminds that it was a legal obligation to propose a methodology. The market players don't seem to be favourable to the principle and TSOs consider to have many other priorities to handle. Therefore, there are heavy discussions between TSOs and the European regulators on the urgency of this topic.

- Stakeholders who would like to have more detailed discussions on European integration are invited to contact ELIA.

11. ToE: external audit

Presentation given by Sander Van Dam (external auditor from IBM)

- FEBELIEC asks if the recommendations from the audit lead to changes in the ELIA processes and if those might impact the stakeholders.

ELIA answers that each recommendation will be considered and some of them are already aligned with ongoing actions, like for instance for the data hub information which is currently only accessible to the TSO and the DSOs and that will be shared with FSPs for the portfolio's structural data. Therefore, ELIA is of the opinion that there will be a positive impact on the stakeholders..

- YUSO asks if the complexity of the project was worth the efforts.

ELIA answers that, looking purely at the volumes, this is not the case. The volumes on bidladder are very limited. However, Elia's understanding based on feedback from some market parties is that having the option is as such a valuable tool, as it allows for a better negotiation position.

12.Reassessment of ToE in the aFRR market segment and status update ToE in ID/DA

Presentation given by Anna Tsiokanos

- With respect to ToE in ID/DA, NEXT KRAFTWERKE states that ToE is valuable but that the 15 minutes MTU in the cross-border Intraday market is expected to have a more beneficial impact on the liquidity.

ELIA explains that this project is also ongoing, but that it is discussed in another Working Group. ELIA reminds that all neighboring countries might however not be ready at the same time.

13.AOB & closing.

- Publication of energy bids
 - As a consequence of a requisite of EBGL article 12, Elia will publish anonymized individual energy bids as of 18 December 2019.
 - The data provided will be as of the month of December 2019, historical data before December will not be provided.
 - Data will be accessible in csv format per month at Elia's website <https://www.elia.be/en/grid-data/balancing>, under "Services / Data Download"
- Working Groups Balancing meetings in 2020:
 - 17th of March, 9.00 am – 12.00 am (meeting to be confirmed)
 - 8th of May, 9.00 am – 12.00 am
 - 19th of June, 9.00 am – 12.00 am
 - Beginning of October: date to be defined
 - End of November: date to be defined