



## Minutes of Meeting of WG Balancing on 8<sup>th</sup> May

<b>Meeting</b>	
<b>Date</b>	08/05/2018
<b>Organiser</b>	James Matthys-Donnadieu

<b>Participants</b>		<b>Attended</b>	<b>Excused</b>
Anciaux Pauline	FOD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Baudson Axel	European Commodities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Boury Jonas	Yuso	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Canière Hugo	Belgian Offshore Platform	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Chafaqi Laila	Luminus	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Coppin Xavier	Engie	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Debaere Elias	Yuso	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
De Cock Peter	Engie	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
De Keyser Elias	Next-Kraftwerke	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Demeyer Valentijn	Scholt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Donnay de Casteau Loic	Engie	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Gheury Jacques	Creg	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Harlem Steven	Luminus	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Lazarescu Anca Manuela	RWE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Laleman Ruben	Engie	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Loos Rob	Aspiravi - Energy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Luyckx Wim	Statkraft	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Meynckens Geert	Restore	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Pycke Bart	Yuso	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Van Bossuyt Michaël	Febeliec	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Vandersyppe Hans	COGEN Vlaanderen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Verhelst Clara	CREG	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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Weyns Cedric	Flexcity/Actility	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Wiesé Nadia	Next-Kraftwerke	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Williame Jean-François	Eneco	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	



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Attanasi Arnaud	Elia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Chim Didier	Elia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Clement-Nyns Kristien	Elia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
De Vos Kristof	Elia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Illegems Viviane	Elia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Magnant Philippe	Elia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Matthys-Donnadieu James	Elia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Mertens Steven	Elia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Motté Arno	Elia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Leroux Amandine	Elia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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## Report

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## 1. Agenda

1. 9:00 – 9:10 - Introduction and Validation of minutes of 20/03/2020
2. 9:10 – 9:20 - ICAROS: State of play
3. 9:20 – 10:00 - Announcement aFRR study public consultation
- Coffee Break (15 min)**
4. 10:15 – 10:25 - Presentation of the accession roadmaps of EU balancing platform
5. 10:25 – 10:35 - Go-Live approach for FCR and aFRR
6. 10:35 – 11:00 - Feedback on public consultations of FCR and aFRR.
7. AOB
  - Capacity prices update
  - Tender MVAR 2021
  - Scarcity Pricing: workshop on 2nd July

## 2. Report

### Introduction and Validation of minutes of 20/03/2020

- The stakeholders did not have any comments on the minutes of the WG Balancing on the 20<sup>th</sup> of March 2020. The minutes are approved and will be available on the [Elia website](#).

### ICAROS: State of play

- CREG indicates that it has some concern regarding the implementation of the design element ‘freedom of dispatch’ proposed in phase 1 of the implementation of the iCAROS design and that for CREG the discussion on whether to implement this specific element is still on-going. Elia indicates that before starting the developments for phase 1, clarification is needed on whether this design element can be implemented (target date for start of implementation phase 1: beginning of October 2020).

### Announcement aFRR study public consultation

- CREG requests to clarify if a dynamic dimensioning will take into account that there will not only be a 4-hour resolution product for the future design of aFRR, but also a 24-hour product. Elia confirms that this is the case and that the method can facilitate that a (minimum) volume can be procured D-2 with a 24-hour product while the 4-hour product benefits from the dynamic effect.
- Febeliec asks how the balancing market integration relates to the aFRR dimensioning. Elia clarifies that the study is currently focusing on dimensioning the aFRR needs and not the procurement of balancing capacity nor the integration of the balancing energy market with the European platforms.
- Febeliec requests clarification on the meaning of “mitigation of the volume cap” on slide 21. Elia indicates that when free bids can participate in the new design of aFRR, the availability of these free bids should also be analysed when determining the balancing capacity (to be procured) according to Article 32 of the EBGL. But again, the focus of this study is on aFRR needs and not on the allocation towards the aFRR means.
- Febeliec requests to clarify how the mFRR activations are exactly modelled, given that Elia does not have a perfect foresight on the future imbalance. Elia explains that the principles are described in the report, but that the exact implementation will be investigated in the Proof of Concept. It will investigate both perfect foresight approaches versus more realistic dispatch-based approaches.
- Elia adds that the impact of the dispatch is explained in the report which will be publicly consulted between 1<sup>st</sup> of June and 1<sup>st</sup> of July. Further explanations may be scheduled on the next WG Balancing on the 19<sup>th</sup> of June, if required by the stakeholders.

## **Presentation of the accession roadmaps of EU balancing platform**

- Yuso asks whether PICASSO and MARI (for aFRR and mFRR, respectively) are the same as Regelleistung for FCR. Elia indicates that Regelleistung is a platform for the procurement of FCR capacity while MARI and PICASSO are platforms for the activation of aFRR and mFRR energy.

## **Go-Live approach for FCR and aFRR**

- Engie appreciates the postponement of the Go-Live date but indicates that the new date of 2<sup>nd</sup> of September is difficult to comply with, due to many on-going projects and difficulties to move already established planning. Engie also appreciates the possibility to review the Go-Live date but indicates its preference to have a fix and realistic date and proposes the 1<sup>st</sup> of October.
- Luminus and FEBEG support the comment of Engie.
- Febeliec indicates that the Go-Live date should be determined to avoid impact on liquidity of the aFRR market (and thus the imbalance price) and requests CREG and Elia to keep these aspects in mind.
- Elia thanks the stakeholders for their feedback and indicates that the Go-Live date has been determined commonly with CREG. Elia also indicates that there is no unanimous view from the stakeholders on the matter. For the time being, Elia does not see a reason to further postpone the Go-Live and encourages the stakeholders to do their best to stick to the Go-Live in September. An additional consultation with the stakeholders will take place in the second half of June to confirm the Go-Live date.
- Flexicity asks whether the postponement of the Go-Live has an impact on the earliest dates for prequalification and tests performance. Elia indicates that a number of technical guides are available and that the test environment for real-time communication will be available as of 18<sup>th</sup> of May. The planning for the demos for BMAP and STAR are communicated to the stakeholders on the 13<sup>th</sup> of May.
- Restore asks whether the new draft of Terms and Conditions FCR and aFRR could be shared. Elia indicates that the T&Cs will be published as soon as the formal decision of CREG has been received. CREG should take its decision beginning of next week (week of 11<sup>th</sup> of May for aFRR).

## **Feedback on public consultations of FCR and aFRR.**

### *aFRR*

- Restore requests to clarify the link between the DA/ID ToE and aFRR ToE. Elia indicates that there is no market link between the two ToEs but both require significant efforts in

terms of implementation. An opportunity assessment shows that the aFRR ToE has little or no benefit. Therefore, Elia has chosen to put its focus on DA/ID ToE for the time being. However, the pass-through mechanism is implemented which allows the participation with a Pass Through supply contract to participate without the consent of their BRP and supplier.

- FEBEG asks for an update on the Smart Testing for availability discussion and requests to clarify whether the scope of Smart Testing will include all balancing products as well as Strategic Reserves and other products. Elia indicates that Smart Testing is limited to the balancing products and an update will be provided on the next WG Balancing.

### *FCR*

- Febeliec requests to clarify the meaning of “charging strategy”. Elia indicates that for Limited Energy Reservoir (LER) assets, Elia requests to provide a charging strategy during the pre-qualification phase to ensure that those assets will be able to provide their obligations. Using the imbalance market only as a charging strategy is not allowed.

### **AOB - Capacity prices update**

- Febeliec requests to clarify whether it is normal to have Belgian FCR price as the double of the regional price and whether it may be linked to market power of some stakeholders. Febeliec requests CREG to analyze the situation.
- Elia indicates that a number of reasons may explain the high price such as the requirement of 30% of total FCR volume to be locally procured (Core Share) combined with the liquidity in Belgium, the combined procurement of FCR and aFRR ... As the new FCR design will greatly impact the way FCR is procured, Elia suggests to wait for some time after that Go-Live to see if the price pattern is still the same as before.
- CREG acknowledges the request of Febeliec.
- Luminus asks whether the publication of aFRR information will be adapted and whether it will be possible to download the published information. Elia indicates that all information for aFRR 2020 will be available on a daily basis on the [capacity auction page](#). In any case, all capacity bids (anonymized) will be published at the end of each month.
- Yuso asks whether price convergence would be expected after the Go-Live of new FCR design. CREG indicates that currently the volume contracted locally is greater than the minimum FCR volume to be locally contracted (30% of total volume, Core Share), including when local price is higher than the regional price. CREG expects that the volume contracted in Belgium will be closer to the Core Share.

### **AOB - Tender MVAR 2021**

- Yuso asks whether MVAR is still procured yearly or intends to shorten to for example monthly delivery periods, and how a new technical unit may participate if it is not commissioned by the beginning of the tender. Elia indicates that MVAR is procured yearly.



In case a new technical unit is not ready, the grid user can still participate to the tender while notifying commissioning date of the technical unit. Another solution could be to include the technical unit in an awarded VSP Contract.

- Febeliec requests to clarify the impact on the tariff when a MVAR service is provided and how the correction is performed. Elia indicates that the analysis of different cases is ongoing and will be available in Q3 or Q4.

#### **AOB - Scarcity Pricing: workshop on 2nd July**

- Market parties are informed of the workshop on Scarcity Pricing on 2<sup>nd</sup> of July, at 14:00. The workshop will take place physically if the situation allows.

#### **AOB – Others**

- It is reminded to the stakeholder to confirm their participation to the WG Balancing by sending a mail to [usersgroup@elia.be](mailto:usersgroup@elia.be).



### 3. Date for next meeting

- 19/06/2020 – 9:00 – 12:00 – WG Balancing
- 02/07/2020 – 14:00 – 16:30 – Workshop on Scarcity Pricing