

Minutes of Meeting of WG Balancing on 22th of November

Meeting	
Date	22/11/2021
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1. Agenda

1. Introduction and minutes
2. aFRR go-live scenarios
3. Updated roadmap 2021-2022

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- Next WG Balancing meeting

2. Report

1. Introduction and minutes

The following Minutes of Meeting are approved:

- Minutes of Meeting of WG Balancing 15th September 2021
- Minutes of Meeting of Workshop on Imbalance cost 11th October 2021
- Minutes of Meeting of WG Balancing 28th October 2021

2. aFRR go-live scenarios

TotalEnergies asks whether KPIs are foreseen to assess the impact of PICASSO on the imbalance costs. European Commodities supports the question and indicates that BRPs are in a bad situation cost wise. Elia indicates that the determination of KPIs ex-ante is not straightforward but proposes a process to mitigate the risk. Elia cannot however guarantee that there will be no impact. Elia adds that the default solution is to connect to the PICASSO platform end of June 2022 unless there are good reasons not to do so. A discussion will take place with market parties and the CREG on the results of the “observation round” before confirming the connection planning. Should the connection planning not be confirmed, than Elia would connect after EBGL deadline.

RAP-Green supports the proposed approach and indicates that as long as the go live planning for aFRR-capacity is preserved, the marginal price remuneration may be slightly delayed. RAP-Green indicates that the connection to PICASSO has value only if it increases liquidity.

Febeliec asks what would happen if there is no liquidity at the moment of the switch in the 2nd half of June 2022. Elia indicates that the approach foresees an observation round of 6 weeks to assess the risk of high prices paid for aFRR activations, impacting the imbalance costs. If necessary, the connection planning to the PICASSO platform will be reconsidered.

Febeliec indicates that the planning of other TSOs may be optimistic and asks what the foreseen process in case of delay is. Elia acknowledges that further delays cannot of course be excluded, even though the planning of other early-accessing TSOs is estimated to be quite robust. Elia explains that if the TSOs are not live as planned, it is foreseen that the proposed go-live scenario is shifted accordingly to still allow 6 weeks of observation round, taking into account the summer period. The regulatory framework will need to be discussed with CREG, as it does not appear justified to introduce a request for derogation at this stage, knowing that the objective is still to connect before EBGL deadline. Febeliec supports the proposed approach and indicates that the observation round is necessary to not navigate blindly.

Centrica asks whether the go-live of "aFRR energy local" (foreseen in end of April 2022) will be on the new energy bid management platform (Biple). Elia confirms.

Elia summarizes the discussions and indicates that the proposal are made based on the latest available information as well as the feedback of the stakeholders. Based on those elements, Elia cannot ask for a conditional derogation but has however prepared a mitigation process, which comes with some complexity on the side of Elia. The approach has been transparently shared with CREG. Febeliec, Centrica, Engie, RAP-Green and TotalEnergies support the proposal. Other stakeholders are invited to provide their feedback on the proposal by Monday 29th of November.

3. Updated roadmap 2021-2022

As agreed in last WG Balancing, the purpose is to reconfirm during the present meeting the roadmap taking into account the discussion on the aFRR Capacity and PICASSO planning. Based on the different complementary information, ELIA proposes to confirm Scenario 2. This is confirmed with the market parties; this planning will therefore be included as common target and commitment in the MARI derogation request.

Luminus asks what is foreseen for MARI in case of possible constraints on the planning and whether there is a link with the derogation request. Elia explains that the derogation can only be asked once and therefore, in order to mitigate the regulatory risk, it has been agreed that the derogation will be legally requested for the maximum duration of 2 years. However, the aim is not to take the 2 years but rather agree on an earlier deadline and commit to it within the derogation request document. Elia indicates that a readiness check will be foreseen after the Go-Live of aFRR. If it appears then that the mFRR/iCAROS planning would be an issue, it will be discussed with the stakeholders as well as CREG.

4. AOB - Next WG Balancing meeting

Regarding the workshop on the future of imbalance price, FEBEG asks whether materials will be provided ahead of the workshop, especially concerning the alpha component. Elia indicates that due to time needed for analysis and the need to discuss with CREG as well, the materials may not be provided long in advance. However, Elia intends to share concrete proposals as soon as available.

3. Date for next meetings

- WG Balancing: 08/12/2021 – 13:00-17:00
- Workshop on the future of Imbalance: 13/12/2021 – 9:30-12:30