

1st ACER DSF Expert Group Meeting

28 September 2021 from 09:30 to 12:30

Virtual meeting

Represented institutions	Remarks
ACER / Athina Tellidou, Mathieu Fransen, Guro Grotterud	Chair
E-CONTROL (Austria) Stefan Vogel	Project team
CREG (Belgium) Marijn Maenhoudt	Project team
CRU (Ireland) Adam Fitzpatrick	Project team
CRE (France) Cyprien Videlaire, Juliette Leboda	Project team
ACM (Netherlands) Timon Dubbeling	Project Team
ARERA / Stefano Rossi	Project Team
BNETZA (Germany) Simon Behrens	Project Team
Enel / Daniel Davi Arderius	Expert
University of Ljubljana / Edin Lakic	Expert
PGE Dystrybucja / Ewa Mataczynska	Expert
DNV / Hans de Heer	Expert
Comillas Pontifical University / Jose Pablo Chaves Avila	Expert
PSE / Robert Kielak	Expert
Elia / Anna Tsiokanos	Expert
Digital4grids / Laurent Schmitt	Expert
Enel X / Paul Troughton	Expert
EDF / Yannick Phulpin	Expert
European University Institute / Tim Schittekatte	Expert
European Commission / Sabine Chrome, Mathilde Lallemand Dupuy	Observer
EU DSO / Torsten Knop, Paul de Wit, Carolina Vereda	Observer
ENTSO-E / Olivia Alonso Garcia, George Trienekens, Victor Charbonnier	Observer

1. OPENING

ACER welcomed the participants and presented the agenda and the housekeeping rules.

One of the experts asked ACER for clarification of a particular paragraph in the confidentiality paper. The expert saw the non-sharing (sharing only after written approval by ACER) of confidential documents within the company/organisation as potentially problematic.

One of the observers also pointed out that for them, it makes little sense to participate as observers if they are not allowed to report back to their employer.

ACER responded that the experts are appointed personally based on their expertise and experience, and are not to be considered as representatives for their companies/organisations. However, ACER will check out this particular point with ACER legal experts.

2. PROCESS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW NC - TIMELINE

ACER presented the process for the establishment of a new Network Code. The scoping phase, which is an informal part of the process, will take place during September-December 2021. A letter from the COM to ACER requesting the initiation of the scoping phase is expected in the coming weeks. ACER plans to send the result of the scoping phase to COM in January 2022.

The drafting of the non-binding Framework Guideline is expected to take place during March-September 2022.

The topic is handled through the Electricity Balancing Task Force under the ACER Electricity Working Group. A project team has been established for dedicated discussions.

The Expert Group will provide ACER and the NRAs with expert input, in the form of an advice, throughout the two processes of scoping and Framework Guideline drafting.

3. SCOPE FOR THE NEW RULES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRIORITY LIST

ACER presented the legal requirements as set in the Electricity Regulation as well and in the priority list set up by the COM, and briefly presented the areas of focus for the work during the scoping phase, listing some of the relevant questions.

Discussion

One of the experts noted that the wording in the Commission's priority list (Demand Side Flexibility) is slightly different from the one used in the Electricity Regulation art. 59(1)(e) (Demand Response), and wondered if the definition of the first should be different from the latter.

Another expert was equally interested in discussion definition of DSF, and mentioned also Redispatching and art. 17 on aggregation in the Electricity Directive as potential topics for discussion. The participation problem for aggregated flexibility resources may, according to the expert, be at local level.

ACER said that the definitions will be a topic for the next EG meeting.

One expert also wondered whether a Network Code may restrict prerogatives given to individual NRAs as described in several articles in the Electricity Directive.

ACER mentioned that the balance between the scope of a harmonised European framework and the national rules will be one of the topics for discussion during this exercise and it depends on each of the specific areas.

Several experts discussed the idea of dividing topics into groups (consensus), and possibly also subgroups of experts to prepare particular topics for discussion (different views).

4. SPECIFIC ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED DURING THE SCOPING

ACER presented specific questions to be answered during the scoping exercise. ACER does not necessarily see this list as exhaustive, and eager the EG to add topics that whose inclusion in the scope needs discussion.

ACER also pointed to the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality as guiding principles for the scoping exercise.

Discussion

One expert asked why the topics on the list were there, and not others. ACER answered that the list was to be completed if necessary. One observer from COM added that the topics listed are thought to be topics that will need more discussion.

One expert asked what the assessment criteria are. ACER answered that ACER and the NRAs will work on assessment criteria, but that the main criteria is the need for harmonisation on European level to create a positive impact on cross-border market integration (subsidiarity) and the consistency with other relevant Network Codes and Guidelines (proportionality).

One expert shared his surprise that adequacy was on the list of topics, as this topic has been excluded from the scope of other network codes.

Additional topics for discussion for the scope mentioned during the discussion were:

- Observability, metering requirements, submeters, baseline methodology, settlement and validation
- Enable demand side flexibility to access all existing markets and value stacking
- Adequacy, prequalification and expected quality of distributed flexibility
- Congestion management and redispatching
- Market based pricing
- DSO tariffs and implicit DSF
- Incentives for DSOs to use DSF, investment vs procuring
- TSO-DSO coordination models
- Non frequency ancillary services (whether in the scope, inertia)

Other Network Codes and Guidelines are written with bigger assets in mind and may need to be adapted in order to enable demand side flexibility to participate in the markets. Some of these may be:

- Guideline on Electricity Balancing
- Guideline on System Operation, and in particular the methodology on KORRR (different views on whether distributed flexibility may be considered a Significant Grid User)

- Implementing act on interoperability and data exchange rules

5. PLANNING AND NEXT ACTIONS

ACER presented the dates of the coming meetings of the EG; a new date will be proposed for the November meeting.

The EG is expected to provide an advice to ACER for specific questions relevant for the scoping exercise to serve as input into the ACER/NRAs discussions.

ACER will establish a dedicated website where the summary of the Minutes of Meeting will be publicly available.

6. CONCLUSIONS/AOB

6.1 AOB

Nothing under AoB.

6.2 Next meetings

Next EG 19 October.