

8th meeting of the Commission Expert Group on electricity interconnection targets

Brussels, 12 July 2017

Summary minutes

1. Welcome and recapitulation of the results from the seventh meeting

The Chair, Ms Catharina Sikow-Magny, Head of unit for networks and regional initiatives in the Commission's Directorate-General for Energy, opened the morning session and presented the agenda. The Chair explained that the aim of the meeting would be to finalise the structure and content of the report. The proposed working method would be to go paragraph by paragraph, starting from chapter 4 as the Expert group considered the three first chapters completed.

2. Discussion on the draft report

To introduce the discussion, Mr Tomasz Jerzyniak, Policy Officer, presented a summary of main changes made in the current version of the report. The changes resulted from the written comments received after the seventh meeting.

After the introduction, the Chair invited the experts to discuss and refine the individual paragraphs of chapters four to six.

The main focus was on the refinement of the definition of all the interconnection relevant variables that were subject of the analysis of different alternative measurement approaches (chapter four), as well as the refinement of the critical elements underpinning the interconnection target (chapter 5). Finally, the Expert Group discussed, refined and agreed on the final recommendations (chapter six).

Following the discussions and revision of the report, the Expert Group reached agreement that the report should be considered final and only minor comments could be possibly made.

3. Operational conclusions

The operational conclusions agreed by the Expert Group and drawn by the Chair are as follows:

- The experts will provide their final written comments, if any, on the current version of the report by 31 July 2017;
- Subsequently, a final version of the report will be prepared and shared with the Expert Group.
- The hand-over of the report to Commissioner Arias Cañete is planned for September/October 2017.

- On the same day the Expert Group will discuss the next steps and possible topics on which the Expert Group could work further in view of providing the Commission with advice. A short background paper to facilitate that discussion will be prepared in advance.

List of participants

Commission: Sikow-Magny (Chair), Tomasz Jerzyniak (Policy officer), Katrien Prins (Policy officer),

Expert Group members present at the meeting:

Sebastien Lepy (ENTSO-E), Irina Minciuna (ENTSO-E),

Celine Heidreheid (ENTSOG),

Yannick Phulpin (Eurelectric),

Nikolaos Vasilakos (EREF),

Liutauras Varanavicius (Litgrid)

Brian Vad Mathiesen,

Auke Lont (Statnett),

Jochen Kreusel (T&D Europe),

Alejo Vidal-Quadras.