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## **Conclusions of the Baltic Energy Market Interconnection High-Level Group on the synchronisation of the Baltic States network with the continental European Network (Senior Officials' level)**

The Baltic Energy Market Interconnection Plan (BEMIP) High Level Group on the synchronisation of the Baltic States' electricity network with the continental European network met today at senior officials' level to monitor the process in line with the Political Roadmap signed in June 2018 by the Heads of State and Government of the Baltic States and Poland and the President of the European Commission. The Secretary-General of European Network of Transmission System Operators for Electricity (ENTSO-E) was also present.

The High Level Group welcomed the commitment of all sides towards maintaining the full speed of the implementation of the synchronisation project by 2025 in line with the ambitious timetable set out in the Political Roadmap.

In this spirit, the Group aims at organising the signature of the Connecting Europe Facility Grant Agreement for 323 million Euro awarded in January 2019 for the first phase synchronisation investments possibly on 21/22 March.

Today's meeting also noted the progress in the preparation of the Connection Agreement for the synchronisation and the Catalogue of Measures to be completed by April in view of signature at the latest by June 2019.

Today's meeting was an opportunity to welcome the start of the technical discussions with the Russian Federation and Belarussian system operators regarding the de-synchronization process of the Baltic States from their networks and review the preparatory work in this respect.

The BEMIP High Level Group will monitor developments closely so as to ensure coherence and facilitate a joint understanding of the issues.

The Commission reaffirmed its full support for the synchronisation project. The High Level Group will closely monitor all processes, the next meeting in a similar format will be organized mid-April.