

Meeting report

Grid WG

Date	04/10/2024
Organiser	Walter Geelen (ELIA), Benjamin Genêt (ELIA)

Participants	Attended	Excused
Elia representatives		
Benjamin Genêt (ELIA) - Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Guillaume Valentin (ELIA) - Secretary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Steve Van Campenhout (ELIA)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cyriac de Villenfagne (ELIA)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Thomas Van Den Broucke (ELIA)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Viviane Illegems (ELIA)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Antoine Weynants (ELIA)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bilal Hahati (ELIA)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Carsten Bakker (ELIA)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Silvio Ferreira (ELIA)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Members		
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François Brasseur (SPF Economie)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hugo Canière (Belgian Offshore Platform)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hilde De Clerck (Parkwind)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Christophe De Schrijver (Norther)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jonas Do (Nord Pool Group)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Loïc Donnay de Casteau (Engie)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Jerôme Le Page (EFET)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michaël Van Bossuyt (Febeliec)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jean-François Williame (Eneco)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Report

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1 Agenda

	Domain	Agenda topic	From - Till	Presenter	Time (min)
1	General	Welcome & intro	13:00 - 13:05	<i>Chairs</i>	5
2	General	Approval of MoM & status action points	13:05 - 13:10	<i>Secretary</i>	5
3	EM	Next steps in the forward market	13:10 - 13:40	<i>Steve Van Campenhout, Bruno De Wachter</i>	30
4	EM	Information about the new Central Europe CCR, and next steps	13:40 - 14:00	<i>Cyriac de Villenfagne</i>	20
5	EM	Agenda next Market Coupling Consultative Group (MCCG) and Core Consultative Group (CCG)	14:00 - 14:10	<i>Thomas Van Den Broucke, Steve Van Campenhout</i>	10
6	SSD	iCaros: presentation activities of the TF iCaros until end of year	14:10 - 14:30	<i>Viviane Illegems</i>	20
7	SSD	GUFlex: status of the process in the workshop GUFlex and agenda until end of year	14:30 - 14:50	<i>Antoine Weynants, Philippe Magnant</i>	20
8	SSD	Offshore: conclusion of the work in the TF Princess Elisabeth Zone	14:50 - 14:55	<i>Bilal Hahati</i>	5
9	SSD	Black start and MVar: Status on procurement process	14:55 - 15:05	<i>Carsten Bakker</i>	10
10	SSD	Mvar: start of implementation for new evolutions	15:05 - 15:15	<i>Carsten Bakker</i>	10
11	O	Summer review with a focus on incompressibility	15:15 - 15:45	<i>Silvio Ferreira</i>	30
12	General	AOB & conclusions	15:45 - 15:50	<i>Chairs/Secretary</i>	5
Total					2:50

2 Report & status of action points

W. Geelen & B. Genêt open the meeting by welcoming all participants. The minutes of the meeting from the last EMD-SO WG meeting are approved.

3 Next steps in the forward market

S. Van Campenhout explains Elia Group participated to EC's targeted consultation on how to improve the current functioning of the forward electricity markets. He presents the Elia Group position and invites participants to share their feedback. Throughout the presentation it is highlighted how the Elia Group position relates to the ENTSO-E position.

M. Van Bossuyt reacts that it would be interesting to also have ENTSO-E and ACER positionings.

O. Van Den Kerckhove supports the removal of the LTA inclusion. He asks what differences in allocated capacities are to be expected.

S. Van Campenhout clarifies volume determination and allocation should no longer be based on physically available capacities (aside from setting an upper limit on the available volume) but instead on financial and market data. Financial and market data refers to the price spread of the futures/forward products, their volatility, their liquidity, or the expected day-ahead price spread as proxy for hedging needs.

O. Van Den Kerckhove agrees that competition between borders is not the objective to pursue. At the same time, he is skeptical about the concept of a supply curve to reflect market participants willingness to pay.

M. Van Bossuyt acknowledges the logic of a border-by-border approach, and states it remains important to have common rules which statistics will be used and how TSOs will use them.

S. Van Campenhout agrees.

M. Van Bossuyt raises the question how a border-by-border approach can enable hedging between far away bidding zones, for example between Belgium and Spain.

S. Van Campenhout agrees this deserves further elaboration. There is also a link to make with evolving the product type from options to obligations, making it easier to find a path crossing multiple borders.

M. Van Bossuyt would like to have more visibility on how much LTRs will be available. Having enough liquidity is good, but the most important thing is to have something useful.

J. Le Page asks if other TSOs share this border-by-border approach. S. Van Campenhout confirms the border-by-border approach is part of ENTSO-E's position. M. Van Bossuyt asks about the difference in positioning between Elia Group and ENTSO-E. S. Van Campenhout summarizes Elia Group supports ENTSO-E's position yet has a more pronounced position on some features (removal of LTA inclusion, switch to obligations, full financial firmness)

M. Van Bossuyt asks about the next steps in the process. S. Van Campenhout refers to the impact assessment EC will carry out. B. Genêt adds that TSOs have a privileged position in the discussion on the impact assessment and the revision of the FCA. Feedback from market parties throughout this process is welcome and valuable so that it can be onboarded in the position we voice to defend Belgian perspective.

J. Le Page thanks Steve on behalf of Energy Traders Europe for presenting the position of the Elia Group. They broadly agree with the main conclusions, with details to be discussed.

Conclusions and action points:

- Continue the dialogue throughout the next steps of the process.
- Elia Group and ENTSO-E advocacy notes are distributed together with the minutes.

4 Information about the new Central Europe CCR, and next steps

C. de Villenfagne presents the information about the new Central Europe CCR, and next steps.

J. Le Page asks how the CE DA CCM will be drafted and whether it will look like the current capacity calculation methodology of Italy North.

It is clarified that today the Italy North region has its own approach to capacity calculation, whereas CCR Central Europa is to be seen as an extension of CCR Core. The Core DA CCM is thus used as basis.

M. Van Bossuyt asks where this topic is tackled. S. Van Campenhout refers to the CCR Central Europe Consultative Group meeting, using the same organizational set-up as the CCR Core Consultative Group meeting.

A participant asks about the aim of this project.

S. Van Campenhout explains it will allow a better coordination of capacities given the interdependency between bidding zone borders of both CCR Core and Italy North, and a more efficient allocation of these capacities.

Conclusions and action points:

- Keep the stakeholders informed about the progress.

5 Agenda next Market Coupling Consultative Group (MCCG) and Core Consultative Group (CCG)

T. Van Den Broucke and S. Van Campenhout present respectively the agendas of the next Market Coupling Consultative Group (MCCG) and Central Europe/Core Consultative Group (CCG) meetings.

M. Van Bossuyt reacts saying that he hadn't seen the agenda yet.

T. Van Den Broucke replies that the agenda hasn't been shared yet to market parties but that it will come soon.

M. Van Bossuyt shares that he would be eager to discuss co-optimisation and the view from ACER within this working group.

J. Le Page shares that he would like to hear from the relaxation of nomination deadline in case of decoupling.

B. Genêt concludes that Elia is open to the discussion on those two topics and that they will be brought to a next Grid WG.

Conclusions and action points:

- The agenda of MCCG will be shared.
- Co-optimisation and SDAC decoupling event topics will be brought to next Grid WG.

6 iCAROS: presentation activities of the TF iCAROS until end of year

V. Illegems presents the activities of the TF iCAROS until the end of the year.

A participant asks what is meant by "voluntary for TSO loads" in iCAROS phase 2.

V. Illegems replies that there are two concepts related to the role of Scheduling Agent, namely scheduling, and offering redispatch bids. It will be mandatory for TSO loads to provide schedules but will be voluntary for the offering of redispatch bids. The obligations related to the role of Outage Planning Agent are all mandatory for TSO loads as well.

Some participants are concerned about whether the learnings of the phase 1 will be captured. They suggest not to start the next phase too early.

V. Illegems explains that the current period is viewed as a learning period and the experience acquired during this period will be considered to see whether the design needs to be fine-tuned. The assessment of this learning period will be given during a TF iCAROS workshop planned for 11 December 2024.

P. Bayart questions the cost-based approach that is preferred to the market-based approach in the design.

V. Illegems explains that the current Belgian market situation for congestion is not suitable for a market-based approach due to the limited liquidity and this analysis was done and presented to market parties in the framework of the go-live of iCAROS phase 1. This is also in line with European regulation that foresees that a deviation of a market-based approach for congestion is acceptable if the market is not liquid enough.

B. Genêt adds that the cost-based approach is confirmed by a decision of the regulator, and that it will need to be regularly reviewed.

One participant remark that not only the lessons of Elia should be considered, but also those of the market parties.

V. Illegems replies that an overview is kept of all comments already received from market parties regarding iCAROS phase 1 and invites market parties to contact Elia if they have additional comments. The objective of Elia is to have a good working design as such we are open to discuss all possible feedback. Elia will assess whether it is feasible to launch a survey towards market parties to receive their feedback in a more structured way. The objective is to discuss the lessons learned during the post iCAROS go-live period and way forward during the workshop of the 11th of December 2024.

A participant remarks that transparency is appreciated and important, even if Elia decides not to take up an element brought by market parties it is fine as long as an explanation is provided when it is not the case.

Participants supports the need to harmonize with DSOs and ask how far this cooperation goes.

V. Illegems explains that alignments in the framework of Synergrid have been ongoing regularly since the launch of the implementation of iCAROS phase 1 (2021) regarding the design and business architecture. Each time that there were public consultations the documents under review were first discussed at the level of Synergrid. The objective for the data flows in scope of the iCAROS project have a similar design as much as possible or at least to guarantee the interoperability and to offer the market parties the possibility to exchange through a common data platform.

A participant asks if the design is fixed before the discussions with the DSOs or if it is a collaboration.

B. Genêt explains that Elia's interests are the same as those of the DSOs. We are not defending our positions; we are trying to move together.

Conclusions and action points:

- Elia to assess the possibility to launch of a survey to gather market participants' feedback on iCaros phase 1.

7 GUFlex: status of the process in the workshop GUFlex and agenda until end of year

A. Weynants presents the status of the progress in the workshop GUFlex and the agenda until end of year.

B. Genêt underlines that an important point for the upcoming workshop will be to engage with the market parties regarding two design options for the impact on the BRP, and to get their feedback.

M. Van Bossuyt mentions that it would be interesting to have a view on the CREG's planning regarding the public consultation and the decision on the Code of Conduct.

S. Van den Waeyenberg confirms that she will attend the workshop to the 10th of October workshop and explain their planning.

Conclusions and action points:

- The slides for the 10/10/2024 workshop will be shared with Market Parties on the 07/10/2024.
- Market Parties are invited to provide their feedback on the two design options.

8 Offshore: conclusion of the work in the TF Princess Elisabeth Zone

B. Hahati presents the conclusion of the work in the Task Force Princess Elisabeth Zone described in the report “final outcomes of the Task Force Princess Elisabeth Zone” published in July 2024 on the Elia website and considering the reactions received from the public consultation.

H. Canière questions if there is any change on the version of the report published in July.

B. Hahati replies that no change (on content or format) was made in the report following the publication in July.

B. Hahati explains that the publication of this reports closes the process of stakeholder engagement in the preparation of Elia documents for the tender of offshore wind farm in the Princess Elisabeth Zone.

Conclusions and action points:

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9 Black start and MVAR: Status on procurement process

C. Bakker presents the status of the procurement process for Black start and MVAR..

Conclusions and action points:

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10 MVAR: start of implementation for new evolutions

C. Bakker presents the approach to start the implementation for the new evolutions of the MVAR product.

Some market parties react about the participation of batteries.

The communication protocol that would be used in the MVAR evolutions is questioned.

V. Illegems clarifies that this protocol would be the same as for the other products (via ACL).

Conclusions and action points:

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11 Summer review with a focus on incompressibility

S. Ferreira presents the summer review with a focus on incompressibility.

W. Geelen invites the market parties to join the workshop on forecasting.

Conclusions and action points:

- Market participants are invited to attend the workshop on forecasting.



12 AOB

S. Van Campenhout informs that Elia will submit to CREG a request for derogation on the application of the minimum 70% requirement for the period 2025 to cope with excessive loop flows. This is the same approach as applied for 2024.

B. Genêt and W. Geelen invite the participants to give their feedback on this new Grid WG format. Overall, it appears to be positive, but any additional thoughts are welcome.

G. Valentin invites the participants to join the next Grid WG on December 12.

13 Action points concluded during the meeting.

Please find below the overview of closed and new actions discussed during the WG.

Action	Responsible	Date Raised	Due date	Status
Elia to present topics on co-optimisation and decoupling for a next Grid WG.	Elia	04/10/2024	/	Open