

9th meeting of the Commission Expert Group on electricity interconnection targets

Brussels, 13 September 2017

Summary minutes

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

The meeting was convened to address the open issues that emerged following the comments raised by experts after the last meeting in July 2017.

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 many experts provided important comments after the last meeting and the best way to address them was to organise another meeting. The meeting would also offer an opportunity for the members who were absent in the last meeting to present their suggestions.

Given the time constraint imposed by the ongoing preparation of the infrastructure package, the Chair underlined that the main objective today would be to ensure that the Expert Group's recommendations could be taken up.

In the next step, the Chair invited Mr Tomasz Jerzyniak, Policy Officer, to present a summary and clarification of the revised computations. Subsequently the Chair invited Ms Paulina Beato Blanco to present her proposal for a complementary interconnection formula

2. Presentation of the complementary formula

Ms Paulina Blanco presented an additional formula that would be able to account for the contribution of interconnectors to integration of renewables. This complementary formula would reflect the potential export capacity of a country as defined by nominal capacity of interconnectors over installed renewable capacity. In this way the first formula agreed in the previous meeting and which focuses on satisfying the electricity demand – nominal transmission capacity over the peak load - would be complemented by the supply potential with renewable electricity.

Following the discussion on and the analysis of the complementary proposal, the experts agreed that such a dual approach would indeed offer a wider approach to the measurement of interconnectivity.

3. Discussion on the draft report

In the afternoon session, the Expert Group continued the revision of all other comments raised after the previous meeting. After having addressed the comments, the Expert Group considered the report final. In the next step, a discussion on the structure and content of the

executive summary took place. The Expert Group agreed that a revised version of the executive summary would be shared with the experts for their final comments. In her final remarks, the Chair concluded that the report is final.

In addition, the Expert Group held a short discussion on the possible further issues that could be analysed by the Expert Group in the near future.

4. Operational conclusions

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

- The report is considered completed. No further comments, except possible spelling or factual corrections, will be made
- A new revised Executive Summary will be shared with the experts for their comments.
- The hand-over of the report to Commissioner Arias Cañete is planned to take place during October/November 2017. The exact date will be confirmed at a later stage.

List of participants

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

Expert Group members present at the meeting:

Christophe Gence-Creux (ACER),

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

Paulina Beato Blanco

Ivona Štritof (CEEP)

Yannick Phulpin (Eurelectric),

Nikolaos Vasilakos (EREF),

Daivis Virbickas (Litgrid)

Pierre Bernard (Friends of the Supergrid)

Terry McCormick (National Grid)

Antonella Bataglini (RGI),

Auke Lont (Statnett),

Jochen Kreusel (T&D Europe),

Alejo Vidal-Quadras.