



Meeting minutes – Stakeholder meeting 26/11/2024 on Shared Ambitions DSO-TSO

Attendance list

Market parties

Name	First name	Organisation
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Deknudt	Mario	Engie
Demeyer	Valentijn	Scholt
Demuyneck	Felix	Yuso
Devos	Patrick	Flux50
Dubois	Pierre	Totalenergies
Focquart	Bart	Luminus
Gillis	Jeroen	Centrica
Gorlé	Sophie	Arcade Engineering
Hamels	Sam	Ugent
Hansart	Bathélémy	Cociter
Harlem	Steven	Luminus
Hermans	Raf	Ecopower
Huysmans	Luc	Febeg
Jacquet	Annabelle	Totalenergies

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Marchal	Fabienne	Cociter
Mashlakov	Aleksei	Centrica
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Pau	Felip	Bamboo Energy
Peeters	Stef	Centrica
Pyke	Bart	Yuso
Remenyi	Bernadette	Energy Pool
Rossi	Jon	Flux50
Somers	Wim	Ecopower
Stinissen	William	Volta
Surig	Rosa	Engie
Toon	Bats	Engie
Van Bossuyt	Michael	Febeliec
Van Engeland	Sam	Luminus
Verhegge	Karen	Luminus
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Vermeulen	Eric	Energy Pool

Regulators & public administrations

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Brasseur	François	FPS Economy
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Flechet	Renaud	Cwape
Fodil-Pacha	Farid	Brugel
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Langie	Mieke	Vreg
Michiels	Marc	Vreg
Uytterhoeven	Anke	Vreg
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System operators

Name	First name	Organisation
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De Schouwer	Stefan	Atrias
Deweever	Philippe	Fluvius
Glorieux	Jacques	Synergrid
Loos	Rob	Elia
Milis	Kevin	Synergrid
Motté	Arno	Elia
Piron	Michaël	Elia
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The meeting was supported by a slide deck, available on the Synergrid website¹. The goal of the meeting was to give the market parties an overview of the shared ambitions, agreed upon within Synergrid between DSOs and TSO, and how these shared ambitions drive the design and consultation efforts of Synergrid and various related roadmaps.

General remarks

Market parties remark that this initiative is greatly appreciated, as showing these roadmaps and the link between them is experienced as highly informative. Some market parties also ask that a similar session is to be held regularly, so that the market parties are kept updated on the advancement of these Synergrid Roadmaps.

Various market parties also stress the importance of cross-regional harmonisation, to ensure a healthy competitive market for the whole of Belgium. Market parties also call upon the

¹ <https://www.synergrid.be/fr/concertation-du-marche> and/or <https://www.synergrid.be/nl/marktoverleg>

regulators and legislators to take their responsibilities and harmonise regulation and legislation where possible.

Febeliec wishes to highlight that they feel that there is part missing from the discussion: tariffication needs to be included, and that is a topic that needs to be discussed with active participation of the regulators

Incompressibility action plan

Some market parties voice their opposition with the discussed BSP bidding obligation for units of 1-25MW. Febeliec underlines that they have a fundamental problem with this proposal, and also highlight the dependencies on the next Icaros phase. Febeliec is also critical towards the downward procurement of FRR: as they feel this will be expensive, so care should be taken that the costs are borne by the right parties. Elia clarifies that the roadmap for 2025 only encompasses the start of analysis for these topics. Especially for the bidding obligation, it is not yet set in stone that this will be implemented, but Elia wants to have this available as an option in later years, should the market not deliver. Elia reiterates that they first want to let implicit and explicit flexibility maximally work.

With regards to the possibility of the market to deliver sufficient amounts of flexibility, Yuso stresses the importance of two critical enablers: supply split and SMR3; according to Yuso these two enablers will be vital to ensure that renewables can be curtailed if needed. Yuso adds that the operational importance of SMR3 and supply split cannot be overstated.

The question is also raised by market parties why the mFRR framework by itself is not sufficient to resolve the congestion issue. Elia responds that, while mFRR is certainly a part of the solution, it is not the sole solution component. On the one hand, mFRR is an explicit flexibility solution, which should only be activated in those case where there was insufficient implicit flexibility available. This also means that in order to mitigate the impacts of incompressibility, more implicit flexibility potential should be unlocked. On the other hand, given the potential scope of incompressibility in the coming years, it would be more comfortable to have a variety of possible options and measures available to respond. This means that solutions will need to include measures and products beyond mFRR.

A question is also raised on the valorisation of flexibility coming from PV, as that is currently offered at pool level, and valorised on the day ahead market; will it be possible to switch to a model based on the imbalance price? The SOs respond that it is their goal to set up the supporting infrastructure, but that it is up to the market to develop and implement corresponding business models and product offerings. In this particular case, Elia feels that supply split will allow for certain assets to be separated from the main contract, making it easier to valorise their specific characteristics.

Roadmap Explicit Flex

The SOs are asked to clarify the scope of the Explicit Flex roadmap. They respond that, as can be seen on the slide, by the end of 2025, the goal is to have all balancing products (so including mFRR) available on low voltage. They further clarify that a FSP (Flexibility Service Provider, sometimes also referred to as a BSP) will always be needed as an intermediate party on low voltage. Opening flexibility at the submeter level for low voltage could be considered at a later stage, following the evaluation of market opening for all products (both on the supply and on the flex market) at the headmeter level.