

Meeting minutes

GB TERRE Implementation Group

Date: 03/02/2021 **Location:** Virtual
Start: 12:00 **End:** 13:00
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Participants

Attendee	Company
Graham Dolamore (Chair)	ESO
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Stefan D'Alessandro	ESO
Tom Ireland	ESO
Noemi Szabo	ESO
Rob Selbie	BEIS
Serginio Rimmelzwaal	BEIS
Natasha Davidson	CGI
Campbell Roberts	CGI
Raghu Trichinapoly Vijayabhasker	CGI
Michael Carrington	ElecLink
Roger Harris	Elexon
Chris Fisher	Enegen
Chris Mook	Enegen
Kate Boon	Engie
Sabina Chaudhary	Engie
Melanie Ellis	Limejump
John Greasley	National Grid Ventures
Alastair Owen	Ofgem

Steve Taylor	Quorum Development
Paul Coates	RWE
Jo Manship	RWE
Mark Hancock	Siemens
Andrew Heygate-Brown	Welsh Water

Agenda

Topics to be discussed

1.	Welcome and introductions	Graham Dolamore
2.	Current position	Bernie Dolan
3.	Cost-benefit analysis	Graham Dolamore
4.	Next steps for group	David Bowman

Discussion and details

Topics to be discussed

1. Welcome, introductions, agenda and terms of reference

- The chair welcomed everyone to the Group and thanked them for their attendance.

2. Current position

- The ESO updated the group on the participation of SwissGrid in TERRE.
- Switzerland, like GB, is a Third Country, and the ESO will continue to monitor developments given the read-across.
- The ESO summarised the letters it had received from BEIS on the Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA). They do not specifically reference TERRE and do not give general guidance on GB use of EU platforms.
- The parallels with SwissGrid are reasonable, and day ahead (DA) arrangements are the current priority, but GB participation in cross-border balancing has not been ruled out by the TCA, especially given projected levels of interconnection.
- The TCA and governance under the Specialised Energy Committee asks TSOs to propose plans for supporting all the implementation activities, including timescales.

3. Cost-benefit analysis

- The ESO has conducted a review of the original TERRE cost-benefit analysis¹. The analysis indicates a potential saving to GB consumers of €17 million per year, but the assumptions may be out of date and not reflect the current market reforms, industry ambitions and technology solutions available.
- The ESO will consider how a GB-only Replacement Reserve CBA could be conducted with updated assumptions. This could be led by the ESO (potentially using a third-party) with the Implementation Group providing input and feedback.
- Question - where might benefit to GB consumers come from? Response - RR was developed as a standalone product, so there may be benefit incorporating it into existing frameworks. In addition, some market providers might be attracted to a new product or framework rather than existing ones.

¹ https://consultations.entsoe.eu/markets/terre/user_uploads/20160307_terre_consultation.pdf

- One participant commented that it might be better to wait until the new governance as per the TCA has settled to avoid any duplication or being superseded by other developments.
- Question - there could value in carrying out a CBA but at the appropriate time. How will the decision be made whether to conduct one? Response - it would be based on the level of effort required and potential overlaps with other work.

4. Next steps and next meeting

- The ESO will consider the most efficient route to carrying out a CBA. If a CBA is conducted, the indicative timelines would be: methodology review in March, draft finding review in April or May, final report in June.
- The ESO will also hold discussions with Ofgem and BEIS and publish the outcome of these on the website.

Action Item Log

Action items: In progress and completed since last meeting

ID	Description	Owner	Due	Status	Date
1	Provide comments on scenarios presented, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are the scenarios credible? • Have any scenarios been missed? • Based on the scenarios, when could your organisation commit to implement? 	All	27/11/2020	Closed	25/11/2020
2	Provide comments on the high-level implementations plans for Scenarios 1 and 2	All	04/12/2020	Closed	02/12/2020
3	Provide comments on implementation plans presented	All	11/12/2020	Closed	09/12/2020
4	ESO to publish open letter on group progress	ESO	23/12/2020	Closed	16/12/2020
5	Respond to ESO open letter	All	27/01/2021	Closed	16/12/2020