

Note to the ACER Board of Regulators

Organisation of the Expert Group on balancing

In July 2011, ACER published an open letter, presented to the July BoR, to set up an “ad hoc” group of experts on electricity balancing. The goal of this group is to provide expert support to ACER during the development of Framework Guidelines on balancing.

Around 60 applications were received and the selection process led to the following list of the participants to the Expert Group on balancing:

	Name	Current job title
1	Chan William	Energy Operations Optimization manager at Air Liquide
2	de la Fuente José Ignacio	Responsible for voltage control ancillary service management at the Operation Markets Department of Red Eléctrica de España
3	Doorman Gerard	Full-time professor at Norwegian University of Science and Technology
4	Dornick Susanne	Key account manager for balancing agreements at E.ON Energy Trading SE
5	Hakvoort Rudi	Partner of D-Cision B.V.
6	Harmand Yves	Director of the department network access and operation performance at RTE
7	Hawkins Nigel T.	Director bidding at Enel
8	Hewicker Christian	Regional director Topics & Innovation Europe at KEMA consulting
9	Perez Javier Alonso	Director Bidding and Operations at Endesa
10	Proudfoot Christopher	Head of Generation Planning & Logistics at Centrica Energy
11	Spire Emeline	Head of Energy Management Design at Elia
12	Stobrawe Markus	Operations department at Ampiron
13	Strbac Goran	Professor of Electrical Energy Systems and Director of the Centre for sustainable electricity and distributed generation at Imperial College
14	Sundahl Lasse	Senior energy economist at Energinet.dk

The first Expert Group meeting took place on August 29th in Brussels. After presenting the overall planning and procedures for drafting the framework guidelines, a discussion was led with the experts on several technical and economical issues related to the integration of balancing markets, e.g:

- The need to define a clear target model as well as interim solutions
- The need to develop in-depth analyses of current cross-border practices in Europe
- The treatment of long term procurement of reserve capacities
- The need to conduct a cost-benefit analysis to determine whether the reservation of interconnection capacity for cross-border procurement is relevant in terms of social welfare
- The treatment of consumers and RES in the Framework Guideline

The debate was very fruitful and already provided interesting inputs that will be taken into account while drafting the Impact Assessment and Framework Guideline. The next Expert Group Meeting will take place in Paris on October 11th.