

**Joint Roundtable Meeting with Inside Information and Transparency Platforms
 and the Associations of Energy Market Participants**

24 November 2020 from 13:45 to 16:00

Skype session

MINUTES

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Represented institutions	Remarks
ACER, MIT department	
EASEE-gas	
Elia Group	
ENTSOG	
Eurelectric	
European Energy Exchange AG	
Gas Transmission Operator GAZ-SYSTEM S.A.	
Gestore dei Mercati Energetici S.p.A.	
GIE	
Hungarian Power Exchange	
IOGP - International Association of Oil & Gas Producers	
Nationalgrid	
Nord Pool AS	
OMIE	
PRISMA	
RTE Réseau de Transport d'Electricité	
SEEBURGER AG	
Solien, s.r.o.	
UAB GET Baltic	
Webware Internet Solutions GmbH	
Romanian Energy Regulatory Authority (ANRE)	<i>Observer</i>
Swedish Energy Markets Inspectorate - EI	<i>Observer</i>

1. OPENING

1.1 Introduction and approval of the agenda

After the welcome address and the introduction of the participants, the agenda of the meeting was approved.

2. JOINT AEMPS AND IIPS/TPS

ACER opened the session with a brief update on recent developments, such as the [Open Letter on the impact of Covid-19 on certain compliance deadlines under REMIT](#), which reinstates the disclosure of inside information through IIPs as of 1 January 2021 and extends the possibility to temporarily publish inside information on market participants' own corporate website as a backup solution until 31 December 2021. It was also clarified that for the effective disclosure of inside information as of January 2021, the platforms that passed the 1st phase of the assessment can already be used by MPs.

2.1 Update on the assessment of applications for new IIPs to be listed on the REMIT Portal and on the reassessment process of listed IIPs

ACER presented the update of the ACER Guidance on the application of REMIT in order to clarify the guidance on the disclosure of inside information, emphasising 1 January 2021 as the deadline by which market participants must become fully compliant with the guidance. The participants were informed about the status of the assessment process which started in November 2020, and that out of the 21 IIPs listed on the REMIT Portal, 13 of them had already been approved in phase 1. ACER provided an overview of the requirements of phase 1, consisting of an application form and a practical check of the IIP website. Secondly, a brief update on phase 2, which consists of a technical assessment and a content check of the collected UMM data, was provided.

2.2 New electronic formats for UMMs

ACER presented the updated Annex VII of Manual of Procedures on transaction reporting, where some changes to the new electronic formats had been introduced. These changes, such as the addition of new fields for schemas I and II and some amendments to the existing fields, would be implemented with the new ARIS release, planned for mid-December. The participants raised some questions related to the transition period to the new formats. ACER specified that for a certain period both new and old schemas would be applicable in parallel and that at some point the current one would be disabled. In any case, tests would be performed as soon as the new schema is introduced with the ARIS release. The Associations also underlined the fact that market participants would have to implement these changes too, and that therefore a common deadline for both IIPs and MPs was needed. Some participants added that this is a major change and therefore a transition period of minimum 18 months is needed. ACER informed that feedback on the draft Annex VII and the timeline for the implementation of new formats would be collected via a dedicated survey that would be shared with AEMPs and IIPs.

2. IIPS/TPS ONLY

2.3 Common general issues observed

The session opened with the presentation of some of the observed common issues from 2019, related to both the web feed and schema or field value, which resulted in the failure to successfully poll data from the platforms. Next, ACER presented the new issues observed in 2020, such as the use of different time standards than UTC, the incorrect implementation of `maxLength_Value` in the schemas by some platforms, issues with valid certificates, and the mismatch between the polled content and information in the web feed. With regard to the process of IIP assessment, ACER stated that the average assessment time for phase 1 – which depended on the amount of received applications as well as on the level of compliance of IIPs with the ACER Guidance requirements – was 2-3 months. The timeline for phase 2 should be shorter as long as the web feeds are compliant and no issues occur on ARIS side. Nonetheless, ACER underlined that the transition of service providers and the ongoing ARIS related issues had been causing major delays in the whole IIP assessment process.

2.4 Way forward with monitoring of web feeds polling by ACER

The testing phase, which lasts seven consecutive days and consists of seven polls per day, determines whether a specific web feed is always available, whether the data import is stable, and whether the data structure is compliant with the Manual of Procedure. In order to give a better idea of the process, ACER showed two examples of the testing Matrix: one of a failed assessment and one of a passed one. ACER assessed that phase 2 should last approximately two weeks per platform. However, ARIS-related issues could cause additional delays in phase 2 of the assessment.

The focus then moved to the proposed communication design between ACER and IIPs starting from 2021. For business-related inquiries, it was agreed that nothing would change, while the Central Service Desk (CSD) would be in charge of technical problem resolution and communicating these issues to IIPs. After inviting the IIPs once again to cooperate even more in this final stage of the process in order to complete their registration by the end of the year, ACER announced that market participants would be able to register with any IIP that passed the 1st phase of the assessment. ACER also specified that two categories of IIPs were expected to emerge in the forthcoming period – the preliminary IIPs and the finally approved ones. The participants asked for some procedural clarifications and more precise feedback from ACER in order to be more effective in the identification and the fixing of the issues.

3. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No other business to discuss.