

EU-United Kingdom Trade and Cooperation Agreement

Specialised Committee on Energy – minutes of the Meeting

18th June 2025 | 14:30 to 16:30 CET / 13:30 to 15:30 BST

(Online)

Operational conclusions

The Specialised Committee:

- Welcomes the update on progress by the transmission system operators regarding the concept-validation phase for MRLVC in which fundamental design issues, identified in the 2021 cost-benefit analysis and in the additional information provided to the Parties in 2023, are addressed.
- Takes note of the shared intention by the respective TSOs for electricity and, for the Union, the European Network of Transmission System Operators for Electricity ('ENTSO-E') facilitating the work of EU TSOs, to conclude, on a best effort basis, the current work, if possible, by end of September 2025.
- Takes note of the shared intention by the regulators to provide their informal opinion on the TSOs' completed work, on a best effort basis, by end of October 2025
- Looks forward to its next meeting to be held in Brussels in 2025.

Further details

1. Opening remarks by the co-Chairs and adoption of the agenda

The European Union welcomed participants to the meeting and introduced the provisional agenda.

The Parties took stock of the EU-UK summit on the 19th May, including:

- The shared political understanding that the objectives of Title VIII on energy of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement ('Energy Title') should be pursued on a continuous basis.
- The shared political understanding that it would be appropriate to extend the application of the Energy Title and proceed to seek its first extension until 31 March 2027.
- Welcoming continued technical and regulatory exchanges on new technologies including hydrogen, carbon capture, utilisation and storage (CCUS) and biomethane.
- Exploring in detail the necessary parameters for the United Kingdom's possible participation in the European Union's internal electricity market, including participation in the European Union's trading platforms in all timeframes.

The European Union clarified that there are currently two parallel workstreams with regard to electricity trading: i) the ongoing work on the implementation of the multi-region loose volume coupling (MRLVC), which is the subject of this meeting; and ii) the further exploratory work between

the European Union and the United Kingdom on the United Kingdom's possible participation in the European Union's internal electricity market.

The co-chair of the SCE from the Commission's side for DG TRADE was introduced.

The co-chairs adopted the agenda as published.

2. Update from transmission system operators

The purpose of this meeting was for the transmission system operators to update both parties on progress regarding the concept-validation phase for MRLVC in which fundamental design issues, identified in the 2021 cost-benefit analysis and in the additional information provided to the Parties in 2023, are addressed. The transmissions system operators further updated on progress referred to the implementation of Recommendation No1/2024 of the Specialised Committee on Energy.

The EU and UK transmission system operators provided a presentation covering three elements referred to in Recommendation No. 1/2024:

- (a) an optimal operational timeline combining the operations of the MRLVC, the EU Single Day-Ahead Coupling and the Great Britain wholesale electricity market arrangements under a Common Order Book approach, including the optimal validation and fallback arrangements;
- (b) a draft tender specification for a prototype for a bordering bidding zone net position forecaster; and
- (c) a joint report investigating any barriers to the delivery of joint and hybrid offshore projects that may result from existing trading arrangements or MRLVC, and any specific changes needed to existing trading arrangements or specific requirements of the design of MRLVC needed to deliver efficient electricity trading that supports the delivery of joint and hybrid offshore projects.

Regulatory authorities were given the floor to ask questions to the transmission system operators.

After concluding their presentation, the EU and UK transmission system operators announced their intention to conclude their work by end of September 2025. In turn, the regulatory authorities shared their intention to provide their informal opinion on the completed work of the transmission system operators by end of October 2025.

The Parties concluded by welcoming the progress update and clarifying that the SCE would look forward to receiving the final report with the requested supporting analysis and summary presentations, together with the opinions from the regulatory authorities.

3. Conclusion

The Parties agreed to reflect the conclusions in the minutes.

Approved by the Joint Secretariat of the Specialised Committee on Energy

Annex A – Participants of the Sixth Meeting of the Specialised Committee on Energy

UK Delegation

- UK Co-chair (by delegation) and co-Secretary of the Specialised Committee on Energy
- UK Government Officials from DESNZ, Cabinet Office
- UK Mission to the European Union Official
- Officials from the devolved governments of Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales

EU Delegation

- EU Co-chairs (including by delegation) and co-Secretaries (including by delegation) of the Specialised Committee on Energy
- European Commission Officials
- European External Action Service Officials
- Representatives of EU Member States

Experts invited by mutual consent of the Co-Chairs:

- Representatives from Transmission System Operators from the UK
- Representatives from the Office of Gas and Electricity Markets (Ofgem) of the UK
- Representatives from the European Network of Transmission System Operators for Electricity ('ENTSO-E')
- Representatives from the European Union Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER)