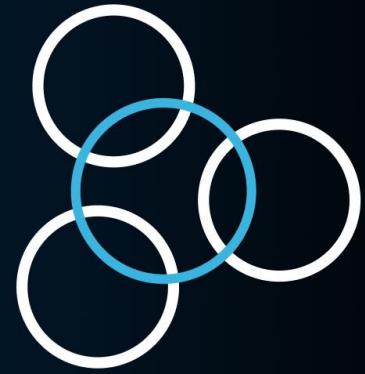


# SRG



**STAKEHOLDER REFERENCE GROUP**  
*FOR THE TYNDP SCENARIOS*

## **FEEDBACK FROM THE TYNDP SCENARIOS STAKEHOLDER REFERENCE GROUP (SRG) ON THE STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN FOR TYNDP 2026**

The Terms of Reference (ToR) of the Stakeholders Reference Group (SRG) – which build on [the ACER's Scenarios Framework Guidelines](#) – define specific tasks of the SRG. The ACER's Framework Guidelines also require that the “development of scenarios shall follow as much as possible an open process to involve stakeholders, ensuring a broad participation”.

To accomplish these goals, the SRG aims to provide information and feedback throughout the scenario building process. As per the ToR, the SRG shall offer scrutiny by performing a balanced internal discussion that independently from the ENTSOs considers *“input and/or recommendations to be submitted to the ENTSOs, including input into the Comprehensive Process Timeline and Stakeholder Engagement Plan”*.

## BACKGROUND

The SRG was established in September 2023 to provide feedback to the 2026 TYNDP cycle. After providing [its first recommendations](#) in February 2024 to the 2024 TYNDP Scenarios' preliminary results, the SRG has organised its work into working groups. The feedback on the Stakeholder Engagement Plan for TYNDP 2026, as the second formal feedback of the SRG to the ENTSOs.

ENTSOs shared with the SRG a first version of the Stakeholder Engagement Plan on 27 May 2024 (first exchanges on this topic took place in March 2024). In its direct feedback, the SRG appreciated the fact that the Plan will be a living document and notes that it can be regularly reviewed. An updated version of the Plan was shared with the SRG on 16 July. While the SRG appreciates that the updated version of the Plan addresses some of the comments shared earlier in the process, the recommendations listed below refer to the version of the document shared in May. This inconsistency results from internal processes and procedures within the SRG.

# RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN ON TYNDP SCENARIOS 2026

For the Stakeholder Engagement Plan and its realisation, the SRG has proposed to ENTSOs a consideration **on eight areas**:

⇒ **Recommendation 1: Define overall aims and objectives as well as specific aims and objectives per stakeholder group for Stakeholder Engagement**

The SRG members, other stakeholders and the public may have different needs, levels of access to information, and differentiating these could help support expectation management.

⇒ **Recommendation 2: Specify formats of stakeholder engagement and feedback collection, and differentiate when the SRG, and when other stakeholders are involved.**

An explanation of the roles of different stakeholders as well as participatory methodologies and tools can help elevate meaningful stakeholder engagement.

⇒ **Recommendation 3: Differentiate stakeholder engagement types: informative, consultative, co-creative or joint activity**

As an example, it may be useful to clarify for attendees in a webinar, whether an event is organised for primarily informational purposes, and to what extent the purpose is consultative, co-creative or even a joint activity.

⇒ **Recommendation 4: Encourage a diversity of views to be collected at Public Workshops and at other key moments of the scenario cycle.**

Inclusive and participatory methodologies for engagement help ensure all relevant stakeholders feel at ease to express their opinions.

⇒ **Recommendation 5: Explain and specify how collected stakeholder input will inform operative work.**

The SRG, other stakeholders as well as the public have expectations in terms of what from their engagement is incorporated into the scenario-building cycle(s), and if possible, at which

specific step. It includes also what from the engagement will not be incorporated and, if so, what the reasons are. Such specifications help stakeholders to evaluate their own inputs.

⇒ **Recommendation 6: Include in the Innovation Roadmap, what innovations exactly were considered and included in the TYNDP 2024 cycle to look for potential synergies and follow ups**

The SRG can gain from having a constant access to the Innovation Roadmap, and its relevant criteria, to support related prioritisation.

⇒ **Recommendation 7: Involve the SRG to assist the ENTSOs in taking a decision on the Innovation Roadmap**

Through the relevant expertise and support, the SRG members may have particular know-how on specific topics, emerging issues and new forefronts.

⇒ **Recommendation 8: Agree on a cut-off date to the TYNDP 2026 scenario-building aimed at the inclusion of different policies (NECPs, 2040 climate target etc.), datasets etc. in the cycle.**

Key dates help stakeholders and the SRG to assume a clear timeline. The SRG, specifically, gains for planning its work areas and internal processes (data collection, voting etc.).

## CONCLUSIONS

The SRG sees the process timeline and stakeholder engagement plan as elements essential to be considered, to ensure that input and/or any concerns are highlighted as soon as possible, and so that the SRG, as a group, may take all viewpoints into consideration in an organized fashion, and deliver input to the ENTSOs in a timely manner.

Overall, alongside an operative view, a bottom-up perspective to the Stakeholder Engagement Plan is important for expectation management and the modalities of stakeholder engagement interactively over a two-year cycle. The SRG expects its feedback will guide the implementation of ENTSOs' comprehensive process timeline and stakeholder engagement plan.

## REFERENCES

ACER Framework Guidelines

Stakeholder Reference Group for the Joint TYNDP Scenarios: Terms of Reference