



Stakeholder Reference Group Meeting

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Date: 28.01.2026 Weekly Meeting

Agenda Points

16:00- 16:30	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Welcome 2. New SRG member – International Hydropower Association 3. End-year workshop with ENTSOs – debrief 4. Update from the working groups 5. Presentation of Open-TYNDP project 6. Operational updates <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Introduction of automatic note-taker at the weekly meetings b. New calendar invitations will be sent for the meetings on 11.2. and 4.03. c. ENTSO-E's sharepoint: Possibility to edit & review documents in Desktop format d. SRG tracker (ENTSO-E) 7. Dedicated Q&A session on relevant provisions of the Grids Package with European Commission 8. AOB
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Attendees

Member Name	Organisation
Abi Afthab Olikathodi	Eurelectric
Anaïs Picart	Renewables Grid Initiative (RGI)
Apostolos Bakovasilis	Wind Europe
Brandon Marler	International Hydropower Association
Christian Kjaer	CurrENT - Enabling Network Technology Throughout Europe
Daniel Rüdts	Open Energy Transition
Ganni Vassallo	Bellona
Gianluca Geneletti	Ember

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Hussein Basma	ICCT
Joni Karjalainen	Climate Action Network (CAN) Europe
Machteld van den Broek	TU Delft
Megan Anderson	Agora Think Tanks
Michal Ostatnický	Eurogas, GD4S, GEODE, CEDEC (Gas DSO Associations)
Richard Masquelier	EHI
Timo Gerres	Gas Infrastructure Europe - GIE
Theofilos Abraham	EUTurbines/EUGINE
Tom Lewis	Climate Action Network (CAN) Europe
Observers Name	Organisation
Aisling Wall	ENTSOG
Alexander Kättlitz	ENNOH
Kristy Louise Rhades	ENTSO-E
Maciej Grzeszczyk	European Commission
Rodrigo Barbosa	ENTSO-E
Sylvia Angyalova	ENTSOG
Tilemahos Efthimiadis	European Commission, (DG) Joint Research Centre
Convenors Name	Organisation
Andrzej Ceglaz	Renewables Grid Initiative (RGI)
Elisabeth Cremona	Ember

Summary

Point 2	<p>International Hydropower Association (IHA) joined the SRG. Brandon introduced himself and outlined IHA's focus areas, including hydropower modernisation and pumped storage as long-duration energy storage.</p> <p>For transparency, it was noted that membership categories were adjusted to accommodate IHA within the electricity market stakeholder group. Formal membership updates reflected on the website.</p>
Point 3	<p>A debrief of the hybrid ENTSOs workshop held the previous week was provided. It focused on lessons learned from the 2026 cycle and planning the next steps. Materials will be uploaded onto the Sharepoint.</p> <p>Follow-up actions include coordination with ENTSOs on the SRG's Opinion on the 2026 TYNDP cycle, and consideration of a public workshop to close the 2026 cycle and kick off the 2028 cycle.</p>

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	<p>The ENTSOs informed that the National Trends scenario results will likely be shared with the SRG on 9 February, and that there will be a three week feedback period.</p>
Point 4	<p>Working Group 1</p> <p>Internal SRG session is scheduled for 3 Feb to review the draft opinion document. The document is open to all SRG members for clarifications and edits. The working group chairs were requested to prepare one consolidated slide per topic.</p> <p>A technical issue was raised regarding Sharepoint document editing, with members noting that browser-only editing can be problematic. This will be discussed with ENTSOs' IT support.</p> <p>Joni announced his departure from the SRG. A CAN Europe representative has been nominated to take over as primary representative. A formal approval process will follow.</p> <p>Working Group 2</p> <p>The focus is on contributing to the upcoming internal session and refining high level recommendations. Some topics which were previously deferred may be revisited in the context of the 2028 cycle. It was suggested that the workshop kicking off the 2028 cycle is used to advance innovation related discussions.</p> <p>Working Group 3</p> <p>Continuing work on refining contributions to the SRG opinion document. Clarifications and final review are underway.</p>
Point 5	<p>Open TYNDP project will be presented at the SRG meeting in the following week, which will be extended by 30 minutes to accommodate discussions.</p> <p>This is an ongoing project and this will be an opportunity for SRG members to get a better understanding of the work.</p>
Point 6	<p>Automatic note-taking tool considered but postponed due to data protection and security concerns.</p> <p>New calendar invitations to be issued for 11 February and 4 March meetings.</p> <p>No urgent SRG Tracker updates.</p>
Point 7	<p>A representative of DG ENER provided an overview of the proposed revisions to TEN-E Regulation and planning provisions.</p> <p>Key Changes Highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scenarios: Responsibility shifts to the Commission (with JRC support).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Move to a four-year scenario cycle, with interim sensitivities instead of full narrative updates. • Greater involvement of Member States in data provision and approval (via delegated acts). • Stronger framework for Needs Assessment, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ European-first approach ○ Cross-sectoral and flexibility considerations ○ Methodology to be developed by ACER • Introduction of a “needs matching exercise” and possible third-party project promoters (as last resort). • Expanded PCI/PMI categories (including non-wired solutions and security of supply). <p>Key Discussion Points from SRG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National sensitivities: Concern about how Member State positions will be reflected in a centralised scenario. • Four-year cycle: Question raised on risk of outdated data; Commission noted reliance on long-term targets and sensitivities for updates. • Alignment with NECPs: Discussion on whether scenario cycle should align with the five-year NECP cycle. Commission noted that the revision of the Governance Regulation is uncertain and may be characterised with practical constraints. • Tools and models: Question raised on use of existing ENTSOs’ tools (e.g., ILM, ETM). Commission indicated JRC modelling (e.g., PLEXOS/MATISSE) likely to be used but alignment required. • 2040 targets: Regulation references EU climate and energy targets generally; 2040 specifics pending legislative adoption. • Role of ESABCC: Not explicitly mentioned in proposal; treated as regular stakeholder. • Timing: New TEN-E rules unlikely to affect 2028 cycle (entry into force expected 2027). Transition more likely for 2030/32 cycle.
Point 8	<p>In closing, SRG members expressed their significant appreciation for Joni’s contributions, and thanks was extended to Commission representatives.</p>