

<b>Meeting minutes</b>	
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The PDG is supported by a slide deck available on the Synergrid website<sup>1</sup>.

#### 1 Common ambitions, Roadmap Flex & document releases

On the topic of Data Managers, FEBELIEC comments that the CDSO's are data managers as well, and therefore should also be listed as Data Managers, and be included.

On the topic of the short term Flex Roadmap, FEBELIEC would like to know what the timing is for the two studies on ToE (Transfer of Energy), and if the conclusions for LV and MV will impact HV. The SO's respond

<sup>1</sup>Workshop of 21/04 on <https://www.synergrid.be/nl/marktoverleg/pdg-flexibiliteit> or <https://www.synergrid.be/fr/concertation-du-marche/pdg-flexibilite>

that the studies are currently ongoing, and will be done after the summer, with conclusions expected this fall. These conclusions will also be the subject of a public consultation. FEBELIEC mentions that it might be interesting to have talks about preliminary results before the final conclusions are consulted. The SO's thank FEBELIEC for the offer, and will make use of it. This also ties in to the question concerning the timing of the go-live of the EoEB (Exchange of Energy Blocks) principle, as a final decision on EoEB needs the input of the two ToE studies, after which the regulators will be consulted as this is part of the regulatory framework. A real timing is hard to tell at this point, but the expectation is that it will not be part of the second document release, as all the required work will not be done by them.

During the Q&A dedicated to the common ambitions, Roadmap Flex & document releases, FEBELIEC makes the comment that batch releases should be avoided, as there is a risk of one document in a batch holding up all other documents. FEBELIEC would also like to know if the consultation will be a Synergrid one, with different documents per system operator. The SO's responds that Synergrid is acting as agent for the various SO's, and that for document release one, everything was centralised in three documents, with any regional differences in the documents themselves, with the conscious choice to avoid having specific documents for specific regions.

A point that is raised by various market participants during the Q&A is the requirement that LV participants need an SMR3 enabled meter in Flanders to participate in aFRR LV. Some market participants fear that this might lead to unfair competition between the regions, as the requirement is only for Flanders. Some market parties are also worried that this SMR3 requirement might impose an additional barrier, since there is an activation fee linked to SMR3. The SO's explain that the basic requirement for participation in aFRR is an SMR3-enabled meter, in line with European guidelines, and stress that a digital meter will be required in all regions. This means that the case in Brussels and Wallonia, where SMR3 is not currently required, form the exception. Additionally, the fact that SMR3 is waived in Brussels and Wallonia is only a temporary measure, in order to allow as many end-users as possible to participate, as the relevant DSO's are not yet ready to handle SMR3 data. It should also be noted that, as soon as SMR3 becomes available in a region, SMR3 will be required in that region for clients wishing to participate in aFRR LV. Currently, it is estimated that that SMR3 will become available in Brussels and Wallonia some time in 2024.. The costs for enabling SMR3 are rather modest, as they only amount to € 1 per year in Flanders. FEBELIEC raises the point that if having a digital meter is the bottleneck, this could perhaps be tackled by using submeters. The SO's clarify that there is a clear need for the data streams of SMR3: on the one hand, this data is simply needed by the relevant market parties, and as it pertains to a balancing service, it is important that there is sufficient data of sufficient quality available so that the correct behaviour of all points is included in the allocation of the suppliers and BRP, otherwise the global settlement might contain errors, which will impact all market actors. On the other hand, as the opening of balancing services on the low voltage level is a new undertaking, the DSO's will also require the more fine-grained SMR3 data to have an insight in what is happening on the grid. For both of these uses, the data of the headmeter is needed, so a digital meter is required.

Luminus wants to know how suppliers will be informed of aFRR activations on customers they supply. Elia clarifies that if there is a residential client that is interested in participating in aFRR, the BSP/FSP should have an opt-out agreement with the BRP and supplier of that residential client.

Febeliec points out that aFRR is very expensive, both in activation and reservation and that each barrier to entry will drive up total system costs.

## **2 Document release 1**

FEBELIEC wonders if "1 SDP Flex per headpoint", as mentioned on slide 17 means that only 1 flexibility service per headpoint will be allowed. The SO's clarify that this limitation is only applicable for aFRR LV; at LV the delivery point will be linked to the head meter. It is possible to have several assets under an access point for aFRR but only with one FSP as it will be gathered on one flex delivery point. FEBELIEC points out that this poses a problem for CDS's, as there are many customers behind one headpoint. While FEBELIEC grants that this is probably a theoretical point, as there will not be many CDS's operating at LV level, they feel that this is still an issue that needs to be addressed. FEBELIEC also mentions that this will need to be

tackled, as this rule will pose a problem for Infrabel, as they are connected on all voltage levels. The SO's indicate that this restriction only applies to low voltage, and that the current Fast Track for aFRR is a temporary solution, with the aim to enable as quickly as possible the participation of as many LV points as possible, but that the current rules will not be the final ones.

On slide 18 FEBELIEC ask to clarify if the changes listed here are changes to the functioning rules CRM. In response, Elia states that these are changes due to the function rules CRM. These might be impacted by the CREG decision on the function rules. If there is an impact, this will be addressed in due time.

On the topic of the consultation methodology, both FEBELIEC and ODE indicated that the methodology as presented is not stakeholder friendly, as some work is required by the federation to gather and collate the feedback of their members. The SO's take note of this position, and will keep this feedback in mind in the organisation of future public consultations.

Lastly, the SO's invite any concerned market parties to submit any further comments and remarks through the public consultation process.