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## Market Committee

Reykjavik, Hilton Hotel, 5 June 2013 - 17:00-18:30hrs

### Meeting Notes

*These notes offer a brief and informal record of the proceedings*

**Chairman: Christof Timpe**

#### Registered attendees:

Name	Organisation	Country
<u>RECS International members</u>		
Peter Niermeijer	RECS International	NL
Jared Braslawsky	RECS International	NL
Stefan Niester	NValue	CH
Gerrie van Haaster	RECS International	NL
Louis von Moos	ECS Switzerland	CH
Tom Lindberg	ECOZH	NO
Eyrún Guðjónsdóttir	ECOZH	NO
Thomas Eccard	Markedskraft	DE
Claes Hedenström	Vattenfall	SE
Roger Rütze	ENOVOS/LEO	LUX
Robert Palme	Adger Energi	NO
Nikolai Iversen	ECOZH	NO
<u>Association of Issuing Bodies members</u>		
Lukas Groebke	Swissgrid	CH
Angela Puchbauer-Schnabel	E-Control	AT
Andrea Effinger	AIB	DE
Milada Mehinovic	Swissgrid	CH
Katrien Verwimp	VREG	BE
Markus Klimscheffskij	Grexel	FI
Emma Kelly	SEM-O	IE
Lars Olav Fosse	Statnett	NO
Phil Moody	AIB	UK
Jan van der Lee	CertiQ	NL
Aude Filippi	Powernext	FR
Dominik Seebach	Öko-Institut	DE
Liesbeth Switten	AIB	BE
Christof Timpe	Öko-Institut	DE

#### 1 Opening

Christof Timpe (CT) (chairman) opened the meeting, welcomed all attendees to this open discussion (i.e. no decision making) which gave all attendees an opportunity to discuss common topics. From now on the Markets Committee shall be open to all market participants, and therefore AIB aims to hold the next "Open Markets Committee" at a more central place in Europe in 2014.

The minutes of last year's meeting were published on the website of AIB ([http://www.aib-net.org/portal/page/portal/AIB\\_HOME/MEMBERS\\_SECTION/MEETINGS\\_THIRD\\_PARTIES/Open\\_Markets\\_Commi](http://www.aib-net.org/portal/page/portal/AIB_HOME/MEMBERS_SECTION/MEETINGS_THIRD_PARTIES/Open_Markets_Commi))

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[ttee/I2012-06-14%20Helsinki](#)). One action on EPED is remaining – this will be postponed as long as the RE-DISS II-project is running.

The agenda was presented by CT and agreed (*see < Market Committee - Agenda 6 June 2013\_v2\_fin.pdf>*)

## **2 Expansion of EECS**

*Oral presentation by Phil Moody on developments in European countries:*

The expansion of the EECS system is meant only geographically.

France: new issuing body is Powernext

Germany: UBA signed the Hub Participant Agreement, their Domain Protocol was reviewed, and up for approval tomorrow at AIB GM. By the end of June UBA registry should then be connected to Hub.

Italy has submitted a new Domain Protocol for GOs

Spain: not likely to make any changes until the end of next year

Portugal: looking for a new system

Croatia: legislation has to be finished

Cyprus: no disclosure legislation or linked to EU-directive on Disclosure

Czech Republic: joining AIB hopefully at the end of October

Estonia is still waiting for secondary legislation, and building its own system; this will take longer than using package software

Poland: Phil will give a presentation in Wroclaw in two weeks' time. Representatives of the governments and regulators of Slovakia, the Czech Republic and Germany are expected to be at this conference as well

Greece expressed the intention to join AIB, but organisational changes had delayed them in joining.

The position in Ireland is not clear, although AIB has met with the market operator (SEM-O) and regulator (CER).

Latvia, Lithuania, Bulgaria and Hungary: it would be good to pursue possible membership with contacts there.

Other European countries: maybe Serbia might be one of the next to join.

United Kingdom: not quite clear how to improve the communication process/approach. Jared reports that Ofgem contacted RECS to discuss the EECS system by telephone in two weeks' time.

Q: What about fossil and nuclear GOs, are there any new developments in this field, as Phil was talking about renewable GOs?

A: no new developments

Jan reports that there is media attention about customer awareness (NL, BE,..) on green certificates led to suggestions from some stakeholders to apply more transparency in regard to disclosure of 'grey electricity'. Those present were advised to forward any questions to RE-DISS to be taken care of.

## **3 Expiry of (ICS/voluntary) certificates**

*Oral presentation by Phil Moody:*

- Independent Criteria Schemes (ICS) are quality marks. Non-governmental certificates (NGC) (=voluntary) are different to ICS!

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- ICS: TÜV Süd, Naturemade and EKOEnergy are working on the questionnaire from AIB. The formal application process is ongoing.
- RECS certificates might sit in registries for a long time as they will expire and no transfer will be possible
- AIB does not support RECS certificates; this is officially communicated. RECS will discuss the phasing out of the RECS scheme with its members. Decision will be taken at RECS Board meeting tomorrow, and RECS International will let AIB know the outcome. RECS will consult AIB on information to be provided to the market participants.
- Reflection of expiry of RECS certificates in residual mix: if they are older than two years they will not be reflected in residual mix. If this would be a significant amount AIB will reconsider this. Suggestion that local IBs contact their local traders in this regard.

#### **4 RE-DISS II project**

*Presentation by Dominik Seebach (<AIB-2013-MC06-03 RE-DISS II Project Overview (Seebach).pdf>)*

After the presentation questions and comments were discussed:

Last year the question was raised if market players could be more involved into RE-DISS and the workshops. RE-DISS II workshops are for IBs only but market players will be addressed via workshops on disclosure. Also there was the wish to get more transparency on the methodology in the calculation of the residual mix. A detailed description of residual mix calculation is available in Annex II in 'Best Practice Recommendations' (BPR).

Q: Will there be an Advisory Group?

A: Yes, it is foreseen end of September 2013. Invitations will go out within next two weeks.

Q: Is it planned to review the BPR?

A: It is more or less always under review. List of open items will be addressed. Dominik invites for comments for improvements. Christof highlights that improvements of residual mix are on high priority but might take another year to implement this.

Q: In what respect are institutions taking into account the 'gap' which will be there after the end of RE-DISS II?

A: RE-DISS II aims to avoid a RE-DISS III-project. That is why there is this additional work package (WP) on future governance. RE-DISS is in touch with ACER, CEER and ENTSO-E, with ACER also being represented in the Advisory Group. AIB could take a role in this field as well.

Q: What about EPED?

A: Any operational issues are taken by AIB Board and before RE-DISS II ends, AIB will present solutions. It is still an option to proceed with this platform; but not a priority to proceed with EPED in future.

RE-DISS reports on the opinion of EU COM: they are very interested in voluntary co-ordinated systems for GO and electricity disclosure and does not see a need for a stronger contribution by the Commission. However, both Market Players and national authorities have formulated their interest that EU COM should play a stronger role in this field.

#### **5 Initiatives by market parties and their associations**

*Oral presentation by Peter Niermeijer*

1. Voluntary market
  - RECS International support attempts to get more countries into EECS, is in favour of standardized system.
  - The Expert Meeting with Iceland today showed that the use and rules of implementation are complex and sometimes lead to confusion of consumers
2. Target compliance market

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- RECS International is working on position paper for market beyond 2020 and will share this with AIB.
  - RECS International is following a couple of court cases which were set up by market players (interesting cases in BE, FI, SE, CH on IT at European court)
  - RECS International is working on initiatives on closing the gap on voluntary and compliance markets. It is up to the market players to take action but RECS International is working on suggestions

Q: Any ideas on impacts of the court cases?

A: The outcome might force countries to allow cross-border transfers.

Q: Will countries still be able to set national targets?

A: That is why RECS International is working on its position paper to discuss this and give ideas/recommendations

## **6 Any other Business**

Q: From a market player's perspective the statistical data provided by AIB still does not give the required level of transparency, as it ignores GOs issued outside of EECS.

A: *"AIB had big issues to deal with over the last 1.5 years (UBA to join, new EECS-rules, review of all DPs...) please give us some time until this is finished. It is obvious that this task should be taken care of. Solution will be specified..."*

## **7 Next Meetings & Close**

June 2014, AIB will consider a central place to make it easier for stakeholders/market players to attend to the meeting.

The meeting closed at 18:15hrs local time.