

**Minutes General Assembly #9  
of EU DSO Entity AISBL**

**Held on 18 December 2024, 14:00 – 15:30 (CET) by video conference**

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**1. Welcome and introduction, establishing agenda and quorum**

Vincenzo Ranieri (Vincenzo) opened the meeting by welcoming the participants and presenting the agenda of the meeting. No comments were made to the agenda.

It was concluded that at least 65% (more than 165,1 million connections) of voting power was present or represented upon which Vincenzo summarised that the quorum to hold the General Assembly was met. The voting will have to comply with a double majority before a decision is considered accepted by the membership as is foreseen in the statutes:

- more than 50% of the votes attributed to the Members (number of connections) present or represented, and
- at least 55% of the Members present or represented

**2. Antitrust statement and Rules of engagement**

Peter Vermaat (Peter) reminded the participants of the antitrust statement which applied to the meeting. He also covered the housekeeping rules for chat and Q&A.

**3. Approval of the Meeting Minutes General Assembly #8, held 20 March 2024**

Vincenzo presented the minutes of the General Assembly of 20 March 2024 and opened the floor for remarks. No comments were made.

**Decision**

The General Assembly approves the minutes of the General Assembly of 20 March 2024

- In favour: connected customers 99,89% / total members 99,51%
- Opposed: connected customers 0% / total members 0 %
- Abstained: connected customers 0,11% / total members 0,49%

The double majority is respected.

#### **4. Update on Work Programme 2024 and Expert Groups (EG)**

Vincenzo opened this agenda point and asks the Secretariat to introduce the topic

##### **4.1 Update on workstreams and implementation of annual plan 2024**

Referring to the slides as circulated, Peter Vermaat informed the GA about the progress till date. Good progress has been made, based on the three pillars of the mandate and further elaborated in the Annual Plan 2024. General developments at the European Commissions, especially through the Grid Action Plan (GAP), have helped to put grids at the top of the agenda. From the GAP, and from other regulation, the mandate of DSO Entity is growing. This helps to create value for DSOs in shaping future proof conditions for DSOs, for which also two new Task Forces were established (TF Finance and TF Legal). The other pillars, TSO-DSO cooperation and Knowledge Sharing, have helped to both support and drive this development.

In addition to GAP, two other special projects were elaborated in 2024: DSO Technical Vision and Integration of gas/H2 DSOs. The Technical Vision, meant to create a general technical frame for DSO developments – with the customer at the centre – helps to formulate a common frame for internal and external communication, thus guiding the illustration of the relevance of DSOs and facilitating a common language and frame for key messages.

##### **4.2 Update on integration of gas/H2 DSOs into DSO Entity**

Peter illustrated the timeline and the approach of this strategic step for DSO Entity. A joint way of working to prepare this integration was developed with the incoming associations/DSOs that is based on the keywords of fair & balanced representation, efficiency, coordination and a challenging timeline; this approach encompasses four joint taskforces and a Sounding Committee at Board level. The design of a strong, balanced governance across all levels of DSO Entity and Secretariat, requires unravelling a complex and elaborative set of principles for membership, composition of Board etc. as well as fair and balanced representation and decision making and for budget/membership fee. Formal decision making on the integration is anticipated along the usual lines of Board and GA for DSO Entity, aiming at a maximum level of support from both existing and incoming members. Final approval, after ACER and EC review, is foreseen for end of 2025 (including election of a new Board) and with an operational launch in Q1/2026.

##### **4.3 Overview of written votes 2024**

For reasons of efficiency and easy participation by members, two written votes were organized in 2024 for endorsement of Network Codes (as approved by the Board): NC Demand Response (May 2024) and the Implementing Regulation on Customer Switching (on data interoperability, in October 2024), each time, the voting was preceded by an Informational Webinar for the GA and a 1-week voting window was accommodated. In both cases this novel way, that was foreseen in the Statutes, had a good result and was evaluated positively.

## **5. Governance related topics**

### **5.1 Member update: admission of new members and acknowledgement of resignation/exclusion of members of EU DSO entity**

Vincenzo opened this agenda point and asks the Secretariat to introduce the topic.

Peter introduced the admission and resignation of various members. He also explained the various actions that were undertaken to members that did not respond to various rounds of communication on the payment of membership fee for 2021-2022-2023. On this matter, the earlier agreed procedure was followed that applies the principle of flexibility which allows more time for members to pay the invoice and keep them on board then anticipated by the Statutes, whilst also respecting the commitment of other members that correctly pay their fee. In interaction with the Board, and with support of national associations, a substantial number of members was reached after all. Including a last minute response (from Spain), it could be concluded that, per the day of this GA, 13 members will be excluded for the reason of not fulfilling their obligation to pay the membership fee.

Upon a question in the chat, Peter explains that members that decide to leave DSO Entity, generally indicate that they feel well represented through their national association (as an Observer) and do not have the resources to actively follow DSO Entity.

Vincenzo opened the voting for this topic, which delivered the following results:

#### **Decision (a)**

The General Assembly approves the members applications of Distribuție Energie Electrică Romania (DEER) (cat.3) and Régie Municipale d'Electricité de Saint Paul Cap de Joux (cat. 1)

- In favour: connected customers 100 % / total members 100 %
- Opposed: connected customers 0 % / total members 0 %
- Abstained: connected customers 0 % / total members 0 %

The double majority is respected.

#### **Decision (b)**

The General Assembly acknowledges the resignation of the members in annex, whose membership will end on 31 December 2024

- In favour: connected customers 95,11 % / total members 61,83 %
- Opposed: connected customers 0 % / total members 0 %
- Abstained: connected customers 4,89 % / total members 38,17 %

The double majority is respected.

#### **Decision (c)**

The General Assembly confirms the continuation of Anselmo León Distribución S.L.U. as a member of category 1 after the merger of 8 DSOs within Iberdrola Group into Anselmo León Distribución, S.L.U. with 26,374 connected customers and the General Assembly acknowledges that the merging DSOs will end their membership as individual members to DSO Entity as they will be considered as part of Anselmo León Distribución, S.L.U.

- In favour: connected customers 100 % / total members 99,75 %
- Opposed: connected customers 0 % / total members 0 %
- Abstained: connected customers 0 % / total members 0,25 %

The double majority is respected.

#### **Decision (d)**

The General Assembly approves the end of membership (exclusion) of the 13 silent members as listed in the Annex.

- In favour: connected customers 95,01 % / total members 62,09 %
- Opposed: connected customers 0 % / total members 0 %
- Abstained: connected customers 4,99 % / total members 37,91 %

The double majority is respected.

### **5.2 Update on Board members, Observers and SAG**

The GA was updated, for information, on some personal changes in the Board and the Strategic Advisory Group.

### **5.3 Adoption of Annual Work Programme 2025**

Elisa Schenner (Elisa) provided an overview of the scope, objectives and the internal and external consultation process of the Annual Work Programme (AWP). She further informed that this year the AWP will be separated from the annual reporting in accordance with a recommendation from ACER. She outlined the structure of the AWP25 in four core chapters and gave a brief overview of horizontal aspects of the AWP such as the continuation of the delivery of the Grid Action Plan and the three pillars of the Knowledge Sharing Strategy, i.e. the dissemination of the technical vision, the continuation of raising awareness for DSOs with a greater emphasis on the topics of competitiveness and resilience/security as well as the further development of DSO entity into a platform for expertise (referring to slides 50-54).

Carlos Castel (Carlos) provided an overview of the deliverables mandated by EU law for the Expert Groups and Task Forces, which include:

- Support the amendment of the Grid Connection Network Codes
- A joint proposal with ENTSO-E to the European Commission on Implementing Regulation on Demand Response
- Implementing the Network Code Cybersecurity, including the development of the required Methodologies and Terms & Conditions.
- Preparing for the implementation of the Network Code on Demand Response
- Develop a joint proposal with ENTSO-E to ACER for an European Methodology to assess flexibility needs
- Support the development of digital twins in cooperation with ENTSO-E, smart grid indicators and promoting innovative technologies

#### **Decision**

The General Assembly approves the Annual Work Programme for 2025.

- In favour: connected customers 100 % / total members 100 %
- Opposed: connected customers 0 % / total members 0 %
- Abstained: connected customers 0 % / total members 0 %

The double majority is respected.

#### **5.4 Approval of budget 2025 and membership fee 2025**

Vincenzo opened this point of the agenda, upon which Peter introduced the budget. He explained the increased workload and efficient elaboration of that. All in all, the higher level of activities requires some more staff in 2025 to cover the regular work from the mandate, some additional work from the Grid Action Plan and for the preparation of the gas/H2-integration. A separate budget from an EU-grant is allocated to TF DESAP for specifically defined activities on the Digitalisation of Energy Sector Action Plan. The regular budget amounts to 3.3m Euro, which is the base for the membership fee; some 150k Euro will be drawn from the reserves to pre-fund part of the cost of preparing the gas/H2 integration, whereas 200-250k Euro is granted for the 'DSO4DT-project' (DSOs for Digital Twins and the Digitalisation). This results in a budget of 3.7m Euro for 2025.

Subsequently, Peter introduced the membership fee for 2025 (based on 3.3m Euro). Referring to the end of the 4-year freeze on the fixed fee and applying the specifications from Statutes/ Rules of Procedure, an identical increase in both the fixed fee and the variable fee in terms of percentage is proposed, compared to the initial budget of the starting year 2021. This implies: a fixed fee of 770 € /yr/member and a variable fee of 0.01084 € /yr/connection for 2025.

**Decision**

The General Assembly approves a budget for regular/mandated activities of 3.300k€ (base for membership fee)

- In favour: connected customers 98,19 % / total members 99 %
- Opposed: connected customers 0 % / total members 0,25 %
- Abstained: connected customers 1,81 % / total members 0,75 %

The double majority is respected.

**Decision**

The General Assembly approves an additional budget for gas/H2 integration of 150k€ (to be funded from reserves, 50% of total integration cost to be recollected from incoming members upon integration)

- In favour: connected customers 96,32 % / total members 98,75 %
- Opposed: connected customers 1,43 % / total members 0,5 %
- Abstained: connected customers 2,25 % / total members 0,75 %

The double majority is respected.

**Decision**

The General Assembly approves a separate budget for DESAP-activities 200-250k€ (grant by the European Commission, fully dedicated for specific work on DESAP, conditions to be investigated).

- In favour: connected customers 97,87 % / total members 99,0 %
- Opposed: connected customers 0 % / total members 0 %
- Abstained: connected customers 2,13 % / total members 1,0 %

The double majority is respected.

**Decision**

The General Assembly approves a membership fee 2025 consisting of a fixed fee of 770 €/yr/member and a variable fee of 0,01084 €/yr/connection.

- In favour: connected customers 96,54 % / total members 98,5 %
- Opposed: connected customers 0 % / total members 0,25 %
- Abstained: connected customers 3,46 % / total members 1,25 %

The double majority is respected.

### **5.5 Acknowledgement of indicative budget/membership fee 2026/2027**

As a final topic, Peter elaborated the midterm outlook for the budget. Since DSO Entity is anticipating the integration of gas/H2 DSOs, this outlook can only be a first indication. He also explained that everything will be arranged in the most efficient way, but that a substantial increase in cost should be expected for the increased workload and extended coordination tasks for two energy vectors. Also, a specific budget needs to be defined for the operational launch, which in fact is a separate project. Obviously, the increased budget and memberfee will be allocated to a larger memberbase, anticipating the pro-rata share of additional gas/H2 tasks. The task forces prepared a first estimate with a range of 5.5 – 6.0m€ for 2026 and onwards; the Secretariat, together with the task forces, will prepare a more detailed budget for approval in due time.

#### **Decision**

The General Assembly acknowledges the indicative budget for 2026/2027 and acknowledges the indicative membership fee for 2026/2027 to be at the level of budget

- In favour: connected customers 94,71 % / total members 97,57 %
- Opposed: connected customers 0 % / total members 0 %
- Abstained: connected customers 5,29 % / total members 2,43 %

The double majority is respected.

### **6. Any other business**

Reference was made to the next General Assembly: 19 March 2025, 14h00 – 16h00 CET (online)

### **7. Closing of the meeting**

Vincenzo thanked everybody for their participation and contributions and closed the meeting at 15h45.

## ANNEX - screenshot of voting outcomes

						80 Responses
<b>Vote</b>	Ag. 3 - The General Assembly approves the Minutes of the General Assembly of 20 March 2024?			<b>Event</b>	DSO Entity: General Assembly #9 (online)	
<b>Possible Response</b>	<b>Possible Response</b>	<b>Connected customers</b>	<b>Companies</b>	<b>Percentage of members</b>	<b>Percentage of connected customers</b>	<b>:</b>
	Yes	150,653,948	404	99.51%	99.89%	🗳️
	No	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	🗳️
	Abstain	170,681	2	0.49%	0.11%	🗳️
	Unanswered	54,323,802	18			🗳️
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		<b>205,148,431</b>	<b>424</b>			

  

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<b>Vote</b>	Ag. 5.1 - The General Assembly approves the members applications of Distribuție Energie Electrică România (DEER) (cat.3) and Régie Municipale d'Electricité de Saint Paul Cap de Joux (cat. 1)			<b>Event</b>	DSO Entity: General Assembly #9 (online)	
<b>Possible Response</b>	<b>Possible Response</b>	<b>Connected customers</b>	<b>Companies</b>	<b>Percentage of members</b>	<b>Percentage of connected customers</b>	<b>:</b>
	Yes	154,510,194	402	100.0%	100.0%	🗳️
	No	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	🗳️
	Abstain	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	🗳️
	Unanswered	50,638,237	22			🗳️
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		<b>205,148,431</b>	<b>424</b>			

  

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<b>Vote</b>	Ag. 5.1 -The General Assembly acknowledges the resignation of the members in annex, whose membership will end on 31 December 2024			<b>Event</b>	DSO Entity: General Assembly #9 (online)	
<b>Possible Response</b>	<b>Possible Response</b>	<b>Connected customers</b>	<b>Companies</b>	<b>Percentage of members</b>	<b>Percentage of connected customers</b>	<b>:</b>
	Yes	146,521,441	243	61.83%	95.11%	🗳️
	No	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	🗳️
	Abstain	7,529,717	150	38.17%	4.89%	🗳️
	Unanswered	51,097,273	31			🗳️
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Responses

**Vote** Ag. 5.1 - The General Assembly confirms the continuation of Anselmo León Distribución S.L.U. as a member of category 1 after the merger of 8 DSOs within Iberdrola Group into Anselmo León Distribución, S.L.U. with 26,374 connected customers and the General Assembly acknowledges that the merging DSOs will end their membership as individual members to DSO Entity as they will be considered as part of Anselmo León Distribución, S.L.U.

**Event** DSO Entity: General Assembly #9 (online)

Possible Response	Possible Response	Connected customers	Companies	Percentage of members	Percentage of connected customers	
Yes		154,505,010	401	99.75%	100.0%	
No		0	0	0.0%	0.0%	
Abstain		5,184	1	0.25%	0.0%	
Unanswered		50,638,237	22			
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Responses

**Vote** Ag. 5.1 - The General Assembly approves the end of membership (exclusion) of the 13 silent members as listed in the Annex.

**Event** DSO Entity: General Assembly #9 (online)

Possible Response	Possible Response	Connected customers	Companies	Percentage of members	Percentage of connected customers	
Yes		146,747,796	249	62.09%	95.01%	
No		0	0	0.0%	0.0%	
Abstain		7,700,398	152	37.91%	4.99%	
Unanswered		50,700,237	23			
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Responses

**Vote** Ag. 5.3 - The General Assembly approves the Annual Work Programme for 2025

**Event** DSO Entity: General Assembly #9 (online)

Possible Response	Possible Response	Connected customers	Companies	Percentage of members	Percentage of connected customers	
Yes		154,282,115	401	100.0%	100.0%	
No		0	0	0.0%	0.0%	
Abstain		0	0	0.0%	0.0%	
Unanswered		50,866,316	23			
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<b>Vote</b>	Ag. 5.4 - The General Assembly approves a budget for regular/mandated activities of 3.300k€ (base for membership fee)			<b>Event</b>	DSO Entity: General Assembly #9 (online)	
<b>Possible Response</b>	<b>Possible Response</b>	<b>Connected customers</b>	<b>Companies</b>	<b>Percentage of members</b>	<b>Percentage of connected customers</b>	<b>:</b>
	Yes	151,484,617	397	99.0%	98.19%	
	No	14	1	0.25%	0.0%	
	Abstain	2,797,484	3	0.75%	1.81%	
	Unanswered	50,866,316	23			
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<b>Possible Response</b>	<b>Possible Response</b>	<b>Connected customers</b>	<b>Companies</b>	<b>Percentage of members</b>	<b>Percentage of connected customers</b>	<b>:</b>
	Yes	148,604,717	396	98.75%	96.32%	
	No	2,203,204	2	0.5%	1.43%	
	Abstain	3,474,194	3	0.75%	2.25%	
	Unanswered	50,866,316	23			
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<b>Possible Response</b>	<b>Possible Response</b>	<b>Connected customers</b>	<b>Companies</b>	<b>Percentage of members</b>	<b>Percentage of connected customers</b>	<b>:</b>
	Yes	150,654,006	395	99.0%	97.87%	
	No	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	
	Abstain	3,278,990	4	1.0%	2.13%	
	Unanswered	51,215,435	25			
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**Vote** Ag. 5.4 - The General Assembly approves a membership fee 2025 consisting of a fixed fee of 770 €/yr/member and a variable fee of 0,01084 €/yr/connection **Event** DSO Entity: General Assembly #9 (online)

Possible Response	Possible Response	Connected customers	Companies	Percentage of members	Percentage of connected customers	
	Yes	148,122,684	394	98.5%	96.54%	
	No	14	1	0.25%	0.0%	
	Abstain	5,316,275	5	1.25%	3.46%	
	Unanswered	51,709,458	24			
	Add a line					
		205,148,431	424			

 80 Responses

**Vote** Ag. 5.5 - The General Assembly acknowledges the indicative budget for 2026/2027 and acknowledges the indicative membership fee for 2026/2027 to be at the level of budget **Event** DSO Entity: General Assembly #9 (online)

Possible Response	Possible Response	Connected customers	Companies	Percentage of members	Percentage of connected customers	
	Yes	138,226,710	241	97.57%	94.71%	
	No	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	
	Abstain	7,724,809	6	2.43%	5.29%	
	Unanswered	59,196,912	177			
	Add a line					
		205,148,431	424			