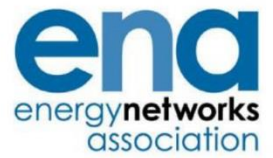


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Introduction

The first Advisory Group meeting of 2020 took place on 5th March at ENA's offices in London. This included segments addressing the 2020 workplan and consultation, and key product updates such as the System Wide Resource Register and End of Year Report launches. This meeting also included detailed breakout sessions on WS1A P4's Common Commercial Contract, WS3's DSO Implementation Plan, and WS4 P1's Whole Systems Cost Benefit Analysis.

General Project Updates	
The project team presented updates on publications to date, as well as an update the 2020 Work Plan Consultation and the launch of the System Wide Resource Register.	
Feedback	Response
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Data Working Group is partly governed by the Open Networks Project Steering Group. Is it possible for the Advisory Group to receive an update? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An update will be given to the next Advisory Group meeting on 7 May.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request for minutes and materials from DER Connections Steering Group to be made available, as stated in the ToRs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Open Networks Project team will follow up with the DER Connections secretariat in ENA.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can the Conflicts of Interest and Unintended Consequences tracker be brought back to the Advisory Group for an update? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSO Implementation Plan has taken priority at the moment, but the Col & UC tracker has been proposed to be revisited in April. Register will be added to the agenda for the next meeting on 7 May.

Breakout Session: WS1A P4, Commercial Arrangements	
WS1A presented their work to date on Product 4: Commercial Arrangements, and the progress the team had made on a common commercial contract for flexibility.	
Feedback	Response
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pre-qualification criteria for procurement are overly onerous, particularly indemnities and liabilities. We were asked in the common contract work will be expanded to provide common pre-qualification criteria. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We would not expect pre-qualification criteria to be more onerous than contract terms and that this should probably be able to be set as a principle. This needs discussing further at WS1A, and will be added to the next meeting agenda.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will the ESO use this contract for current services? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is under consideration for a small number of ESO services. 2020 activity to align so that ESO is using ENA contract for ESO services by the end of this year.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have Energy Balancing Guidelines been taken into account? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ESO input to the current agreement and ongoing alignment works in 2020 will enable further focus on this point, however Energy Balancing Guidelines have to date been focussed on SO/Transmission based services and not those instigated by DSO's, so the guidelines themselves could need adjustment following P4 completion.

Breakout Session: WS3 P1: Distribution System Operation (DSO) Implementation Plan	
<p>The team from DNV GL, who are supporting WS3, presented to the Advisory Group on the DSO Implementation plan due for publication in Summer 2020. Stakeholders were given the opportunity to provide early feedback on the proposed look and feel of the interactive roadmap and DSO Implementation Plan.</p>	
Feedback	Response
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need to be clear on who this covers and who is feeding into it. Clear distinction is needed as it doesn't include all the iDNOs or private wire companies. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted. DNV GL to take this forward in their wording.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At the summary roadmap level, think about how we demonstrate interim milestones/outcomes for very long activities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DNV GL to consider with WS3.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reported progress as a percentage may be misleading. This would be better as a report of number of NOs at what status/stage of development. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DNV GL to consider options with WS3, in any case to clearly define what "progress" means for roadmap users.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Advisory Group requested that the roadmap show the delta from previous versions so it is transparent on what has changed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DNV GL to consider with WS3.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request as to whether there could be a search for activities / steps that relate to particular stakeholders. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This could be more difficult to do as the allocation may be subjective. One consideration is to add an overview of possible focus areas for different stakeholders in the guidance document to the roadmap and/or in the detailed DSO implementation plan.

Breakout Session: WS4 P1: Whole System Cost Benefit Analysis	
<p>The aim of this session was to get input from stakeholders on the scope for the development of a Whole System CBA. This included use cases and users and the key parameters a whole system CBA should consider (as opposed to a sector-specific CBA), and opportunities for further stakeholder engagement.</p>	
Feedback	Response
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advisory Group discussed where there can be unintended consequences where one party can invest to the benefit of another and this should be taken into account. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ID to take back to WS4 to consider We are capturing blockers and potential issues with the potential CBA use cases.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is this expected to be a single CBA tool into which to plug use cases? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not necessarily – this will depend on how the output develops.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is the CBA just between build options? How broad is this going to be? Need to be careful about unintended consequences. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Just getting this out there at the moment to see what expectations are. Current intention is to build CBAs that consider all cost and benefits including social costs/benefits such as carbon. This keeps options open for how CBAs are used
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is the opportunity for feedback? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action on the Advisory Group to provide feedback on proposals on Whole System CBA, including definition of these use cases, other opportunities and priorities by correspondence within 2 weeks.