

COMMISSION DECISION (EU) 2023/376
of 17 February 2023
amending the composition of the electricity coordination group

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2019/941 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 June 2019 on risk-preparedness in the electricity sector ⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2019/942 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 June 2019 establishing a European Union Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators ⁽²⁾,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2019/943 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 June 2019 on the internal market for electricity ⁽³⁾,

Having regard to Directive (EU) 2019/944 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 June 2019 on common rules for the internal market for electricity ⁽⁴⁾,

Having regard to the Commission Decision 2012/C 353/02 of 15 November 2012 setting up the Electricity Coordination Group ⁽⁵⁾,

Having regard to the Commission Decision of 30 May 2016 establishing horizontal rules on the creation and operation of Commission expert groups ⁽⁶⁾,

Whereas:

- (1) Decision 2012/C 353/02 set up the Electricity Coordination Group as a group of experts to both: (i) strengthen cooperation and coordination between Member States and the Commission in the cross-border trade of electricity and in security of supply issues; and (ii) help the Commission to design its policy initiatives.
- (2) Paragraph 1 of Article 4 of Decision 2012/C 353/02 states that the Electricity Coordination Group must be composed of the following members: (i) ministries competent for energy; (ii) the national regulatory authorities for energy; (iii) the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators ('the Agency') established by Regulation (EC) No 713/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽⁷⁾; and (iv) the European Network of Transmission System Operators for Electricity ('the ENTSO for Electricity') established by Regulation (EC) No 714/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽⁸⁾.
- (3) The legal framework governing both the EU's internal electricity market and the security of its electricity supply has been upgraded through: (i) Regulation (EU) 2019/943 on the internal market for electricity; (ii) Directive (EU) 2019/944 on common rules for the internal market for electricity; (iii) Regulation (EU) 2019/941 on risk-preparedness in the electricity sector; and (iv) Regulation (EU) 2019/942 establishing a European Union Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators.
- (4) In particular, the Regulation on risk-preparedness in the electricity sector has repealed Directive 2005/89/EC and strengthened the legal framework on security of electricity supply. The Regulation on risk-preparedness recognises the broad dimensions of the issue of security of supply and the benefits of an EU-wide or regional approach in this regard.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 158, 14.6.2019, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 158, 14.6.2019, p. 22.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 158, 14.6.2019, p. 54.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 158, 14.6.2019, p. 125.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ C 353, 17.11.2012, p. 2.

⁽⁶⁾ C(2016) 3301 final.

⁽⁷⁾ Regulation (EC) No 713/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 establishing an Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (OJ L 211, 14.8.2009, p. 1).

⁽⁸⁾ Regulation (EC) No 714/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 on conditions for access to the network for cross-border exchanges in electricity and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1228/2003 (OJ L 211, 14.8.2009, p. 15).

- (5) Ensuring security of supply is a multi-level competence shared among different actors and requires effective cooperation among them. These actors include Member States, regulators, transmission system operators, distribution system operators and other stakeholders.
- (6) In order to ensure security of supply, the new European entity for distribution system operators established under Article 52 of Regulation (EU) 2019/943 for the cooperation of distribution-system operators at EU level should be directly involved as a member of the Electricity Coordination Group.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Decision 2012/C 353/02 is amended as follows:

- (1) In Article 4, paragraph 1, the following point (e) is added:

‘(e) the European entity for distribution system operators (‘EU DSO entity’) established by Regulation (EU) 2019/943;’

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Brussels, 17 February 2023.

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN
