Stefan Moser (Head of Unit of ENER B4) chaired the session. The proposed agenda was adopted.

**Agenda point II - Summer Outlook 2019**

ENTSO-E presented its Summer Outlook highlighting that there is no expected risk to Europe’s security of supply this summer. In addition, ENTSO-E and Germany explained the June events when Germany experienced important imbalances in its electricity system, in particular, on 12 June. To mitigate this situation, the German TSOs used balancing reserves and called emergency system to activate the reserves of the TSOs in the Continental Europe. The incidents are still under investigation by the German TSOs. At the next ECG meeting, Germany and ENTSO-E will provide more information on the June events and the measures to prevent the re-occurrence of this type of events.

**Agenda point III – Frequency deviations in Continental Europe in January 2019**

ENTSO-E presented the main results of the report published in May which provides a technical analysis into the root causes of the event and proposes mitigating actions for preventing a re-occurrence of this type of events (e.g. timely implementation of network codes, guidelines and the Clean Energy Package, ramping imposed on generation units, increase the volume of frequency containment reserves). ENTSO-E presented the timeline for the recommendations, which includes a consultation paper on deterministic frequency deviation for this summer and the Communication Implementation Guide. The ECG discussed the ENTSO-E recommendations highlighting that the measures need to be proportionate, cost-effective and address the causes of the problem not only the symptoms. At the next ECG meeting, ENTSO-E will present the results of the consultation and the Communication Guide.

**Agenda Point IV – Energy storage**

The Commission (ENER B4) informed on the on-going study on energy storage, which will deliver results at the beginning of 2020. The study aims to take stock of existing storage facilities and future projects, and to quantify the potential of storage, among other tools, to improve security and flexibility in the EU electricity system and in the individual Member States.
Agenda Point V - Cybersecurity in the Energy Sector

The Commission (ENER-B4) presented its Recommendation and Staff working Document on cybersecurity in the energy sector published on April 2019. The Commission also outlined the next steps, in particular, the follow-up of the Recommendation, network code on cybersecurity and certification of energy technologies.

Agenda Point VI – Digitalisation of the energy sector

The Commission (ENER-B3) presented a discussion non-paper on digitalisation of the energy sector as an enabler to reach the objectives under the Energy Union and implement the provisions of the Clean Energy Package. With the aim to seek the ECG views, the non-paper has been circulated and feedback could be provided until 15 September 2019.

Agenda Point VII – Weather extremes forecast and High Performance Computing (HPC)

The Commission (CNECT) presented the HPC in the Digital Single Market followed by concrete applications to the energy sector, in particular, for the grid planning and prediction of weather extremes.

Agenda Point VIII – Regulation (EU) 2019/941 on risk-preparedness in the electricity sector

The Commission (ENER-B4) informed on the preparation of the guidance for the key elements of the cooperation mechanism required by Article 15 of Regulation 2019/941. At the next ECG, the Commission will present the draft guidance for discussion with the ECG members, with the view to finalize and publish the guidance by 5 January 2020.

The next meeting of the ECG is planned for the autumn of 2019.

Back to back to the ECG meeting, in the afternoon of 10 July, a workshop on the preparation of the methodologies of the Risk Preparedness Regulation took place in the same meeting room. The workshop started with the presentation by ENTSO-E of the draft methodologies: for identification of crisis scenarios at a regional level and for short term and seasonal adequacy assessments. Both methodologies are available for public consultation since 8 July 2019 until 8 October 2019. After that, the group was divided into smaller groups along five geographical regions (Nordic, Baltic, Central Europe Western, Central Europe Eastern, Islands) to start the discussion on targeted questions on these methodologies. The results of the workshop will feed in the ENTSO-E process to prepare the draft methodologies as requested by Articles 5 and 8 of Regulation (EU) 2019/941.