

# The EU DSO ENTITY

A NEW ASSOCIATION FOR THE EUROPEAN  
DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM OPERATORS (DSOs)

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## What is the EU DSO Entity?

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An EU Association  
legally mandated by  
the EU Regulation  
2019/943



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A body of cooperation  
between all DSO  
in the EU

**> 900 DSOs  
connecting  
260 million  
customers in the  
EU**

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An expert Entity  
Providing relevant  
expertise on:

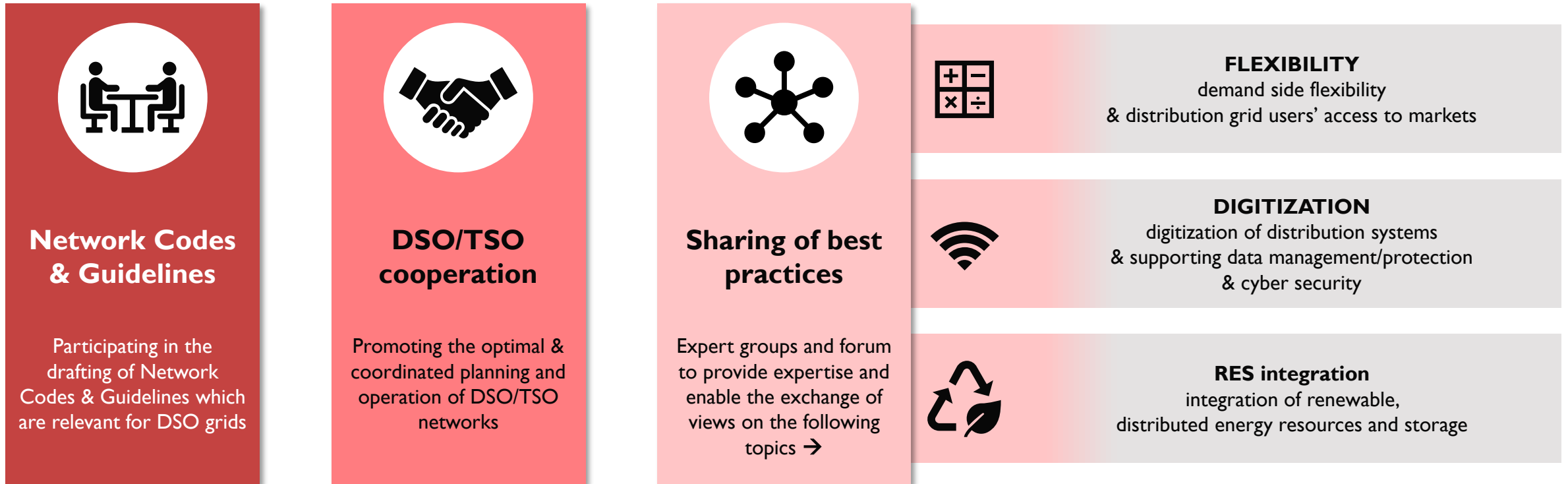
- DSO – TSO cooperation
- Network Codes & Guidelines
- Facilitating demand side flexibility and users access to market
- Facilitating integration of RES
- Digitalising the DSO systems
- Data management/cybersecurity

### OTHER BENEFITS

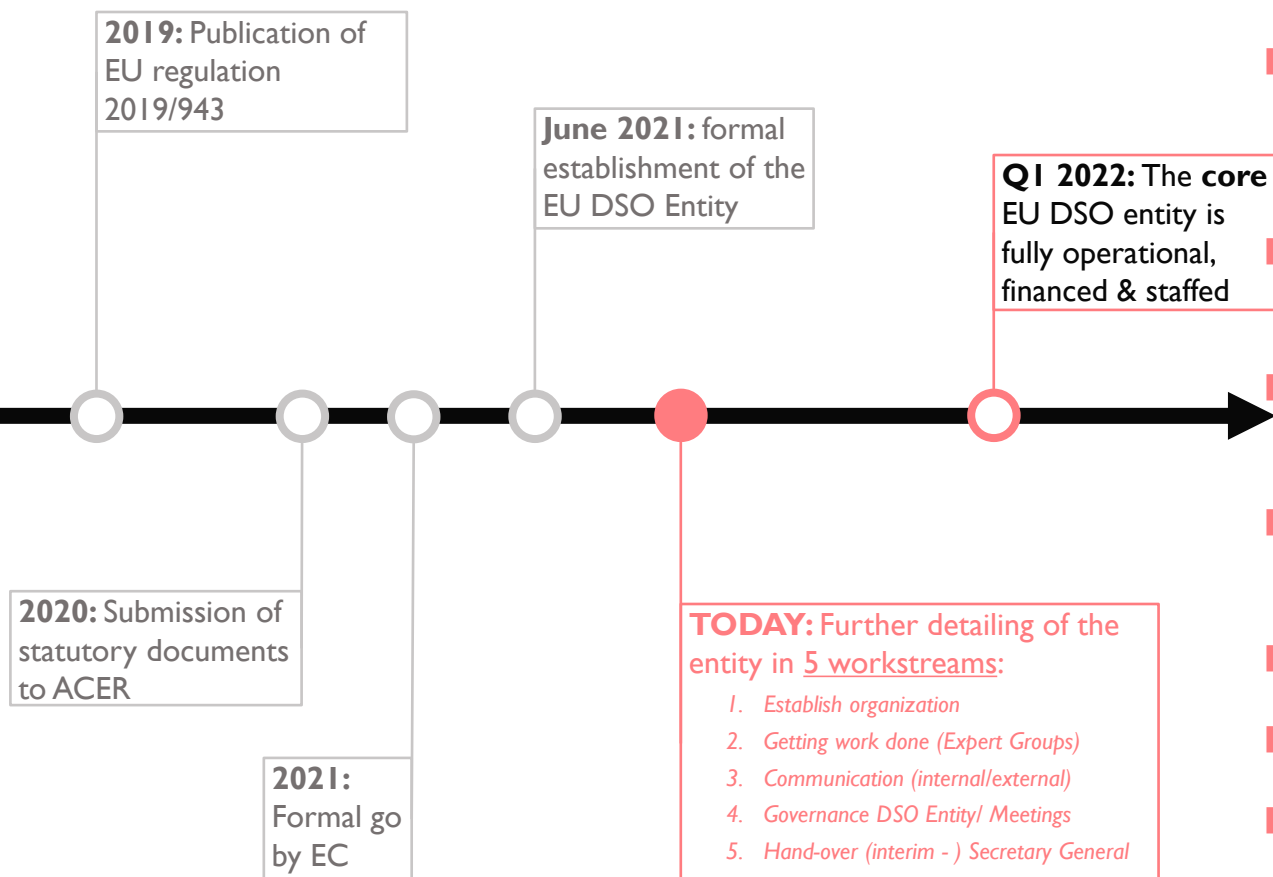
4. Reflecting the new role of DSOs
5. Facilitating DSO/TSO cooperation
6. Creating a forum of expertise
7. Rationalizing the establishment of the European common interest for DSOs

# The DSO Entity is the main European institution for representing Electricity Distribution System Operators (DSOs)

## 3 main identified tasks



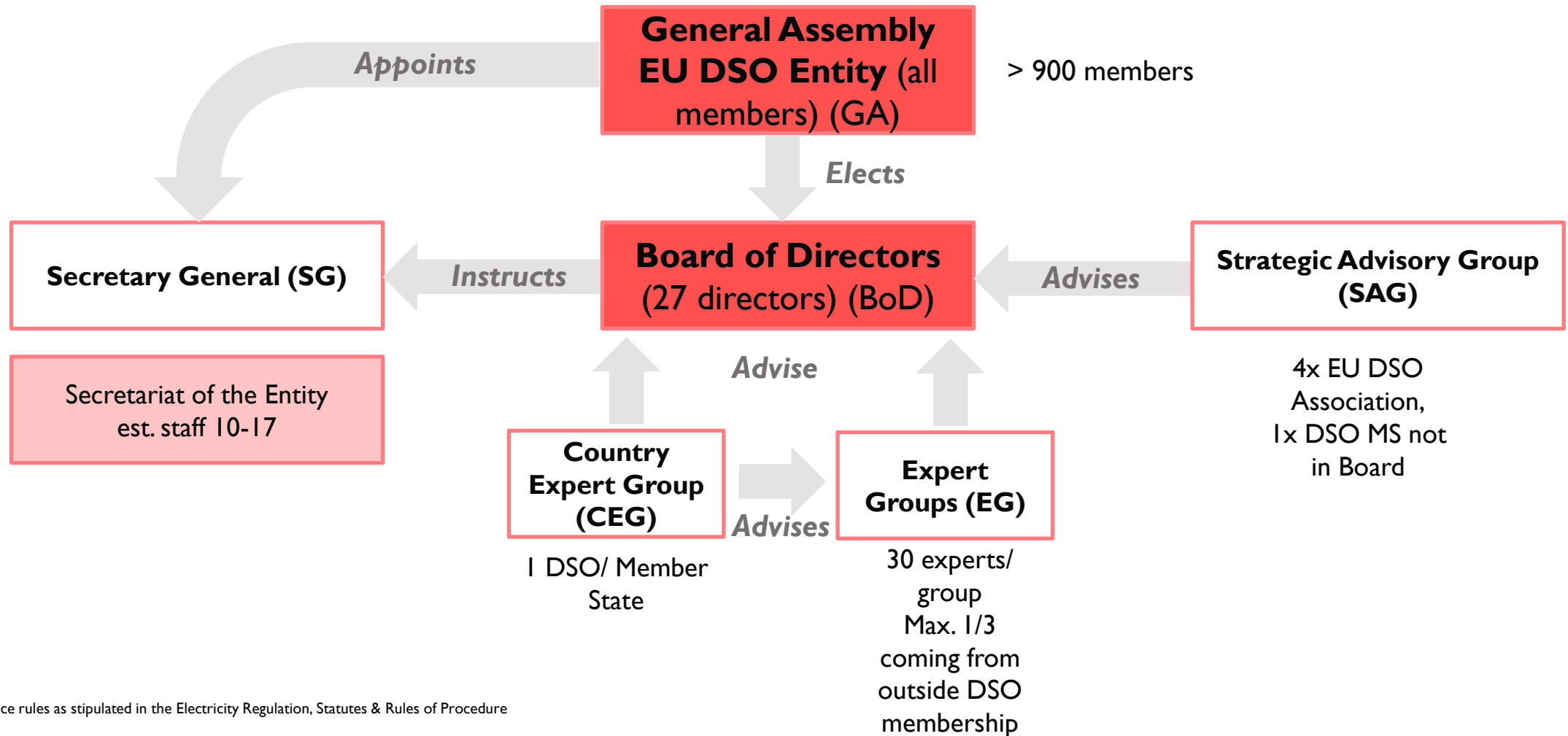
## Relevant milestones



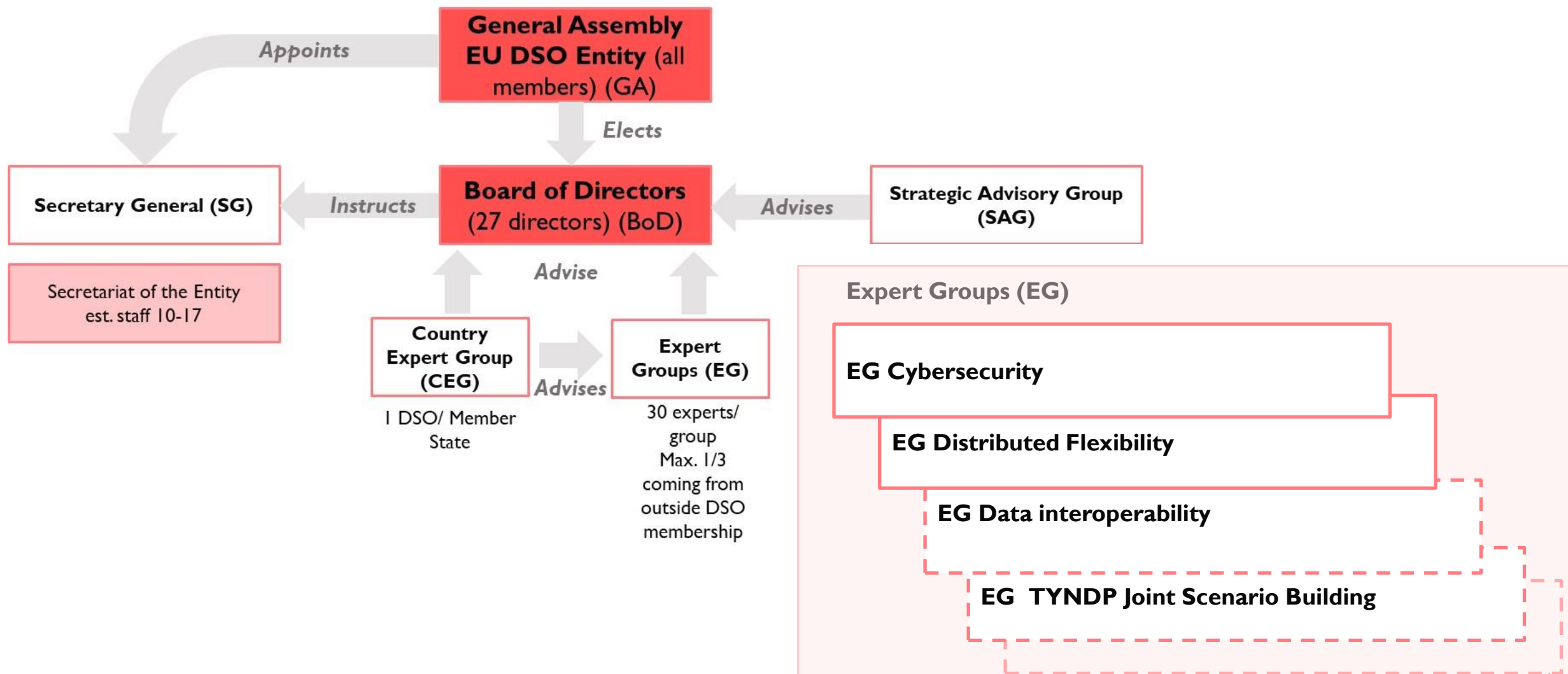
### Key moments

- Successful submission of the statutory documents to ACER and reception of formal positive feedback from the European Commission
- Call for election of the Board and President successfully completed in Q1/Q2 2021
- Organisation of the 1<sup>st</sup> general assembly & board meeting in Q2 2021
- June: Appointment of interim Secretary general **Hans Craen** and **Vincenzo Ranieri** as president of the assembly
- Formal set-up of the EU DSO entity in June '21
- Appointment Secretary General as of Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>
- Launch of the 1<sup>st</sup> **public consultation on cyber security** expected mid November

## Governance set-up of the EU DSO Entity



# Governance set-up of the EU DSO Entity – Expert Groups



## TSO/DSO cooperation to enable the Fit-for-55 objectives

- **System Operators** TSO and DSO are crucial for the efficient integration of Renewable Energy Sources, active customers (consumer centric!) and new loads like EV/electric heating.
- Most important tool for efficient integration: **Smart Grids**,  
→ requires appropriate European and Member State regulatory framework.
- **DSOs are committed** to contributing to development of such a framework through the EU DSO Entity:
  - Close cooperation with TSO/ENTSO-E (finalizing MoU, nc Cyber already started)
  - One system perspective
  - Flexibility framework
  - Enable necessary investments
- **Dialogue with EC** on various ‘packages’ like Ff-55, CEP, recast of EED and RED

**End of presentation**