

## European Union – United Kingdom Trade and Cooperation Agreement

**Seventh Specialised Committee on Energy – minutes of the Meeting**7<sup>th</sup> November 2025 | 15:00 to 18:00 CET / 14:00 to 17:00 GMT**(Brussels / Hybrid)****Operational conclusions**

The Specialised Committee:

- Requested European Union and United Kingdom Transmission System Operators ('TSOs') to publish a non-confidential version of their joint report, addressing the request in articles 2 and 3 of Recommendation No 1/ 2024 of the Specialised Committee on Energy on the Multi-Regional Loose Volume Coupling<sup>1</sup> ('report on MRLVC'), by the end of 2025, on a best effort basis.
- Considered i) the TSOs report on MRLVC and ii) the related informal opinions by the regulators, in line with the UK-EU Electricity Trading Road Map published in 2024.
- Looked forward to the next meeting of the Working Group on Security of Supply ('WG SoS'), planned to take place on the 13 November 2025; and further Security of Supply Working Groups planned in 2026.
- Looked forward to continued technical discussions on new energy technologies to progress at pace in 2026

**Further details****1. Opening remarks by the co-Chairs and adoption of the agenda**

The European Union (EU) welcomed participants to the seventh meeting of the Committee in Brussels and introduced the provisional agenda.

Following the Summit of 19 May 2025 between the leaders of the United Kingdom (UK) and the EU, both parties agreed to build on the stable foundation set by the Withdrawal Agreement, including the Windsor Framework, and the Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA), and reaffirmed their commitment to their full, timely and faithful implementation.

Both parties welcomed the renewed agenda for the EU-UK cooperation as set out in the Common Understanding agreed between the UK and the European Commission ('Commission') at the Summit. They noted that exploratory talks between the Commission and the UK on the UK's possible participation in the EU's internal electricity market are currently taking place.

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<sup>1</sup> Recommendation No 1/2024 of the Specialised Committee on Energy is available at [https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ:L\\_202500706](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ:L_202500706)

The Specialised Committee took note of the successful completion of the work following the operational conclusions of the fifth meeting. This includes, amongst others, the establishment of the Security of Supply Working Group, implementation of the frameworks for cooperation between EU and UK TSOs and regulators, and the implementation of the recommendation on MRLVC together with the related roadmap.

The co-chairs adopted the agenda as published.

## **2. Recommendation No 1/2024 concerning the preparation of technical procedures for the efficient use of electricity interconnectors**

The UK and EU recalled Recommendation No 1/2024 concerning the preparation of technical procedures for the efficient use of electricity interconnectors, focusing on the electricity trading arrangement foreseen in the TCA, the MRLVC.

The TSOs presented the key findings from their joint report under Articles 2 and 3 of the Recommendation. Based on the report, the EU and UK TSOs concluded that the concept of MRLVC cannot be validated. The energy regulatory authorities for the EU and the United Kingdom, ACER and OFGEM and the Utility regulator, provided their informal opinions on the TSOs' analysis.

The parties welcomed and thanked the TSOs and the regulatory authorities for their work, taking note of the joint TSO report and the informal opinion by both sets of regulatory authorities. The EU and the UK agreed to request their TSOs to publish a non-confidential version of their joint report, if possible by end of 2025, on a best effort basis.

The SCE agreed to take this work away in order to properly scrutinise it and its conclusions.

## **3. Great Britain's electricity market**

The UK presented the UK Review of Electricity Market Arrangements, aimed at identifying the necessary reforms to create a fair, affordable, secure, efficient electricity system and to maximise the benefits of clean power for consumers. The UK also presented its Clean Power 2030 Action Plan, which sets a pathway to a clean power system, the actions undertaken by the government to support and accelerate the delivery of the new infrastructure, and the government's approach to working with the regulatory authority, the TSOs and other stakeholders to achieve those objectives.

## **4. Cooperation on Security of Supply**

The Specialised Committee welcomed the work done by the Security of Supply Working Group since its establishment. The parties recognised the value of continued technical

exchanges to present and discuss the Winter and Summer outlooks. The Specialised Committee looks forward to the next meeting of the WG SoS, planned to take place on 13 November 2025.

The EU also provided an update on the ongoing revision of the Security of Supply framework.

The UK and EU agreed on the value of continued technical exchanges and look forward to continued UK-EU cooperation with further Security of Supply Working Groups planned in 2026.

### **5. Cooperation on new technologies (CCUS, hydrogen and biomethane)**

The Specialised Committee took note of the technical regulatory exchanges on new technologies (hydrogen; carbon capture, utilisation and storage; and biomethane) which have taken place since the fifth meeting of the Specialised Committee. It noted the better understanding reached by both parties of each others' regulatory and technical frameworks.

The Specialised Committee looks forward to continued technical regulatory exchanges on new technologies, as anticipated at the EU-UK Summit of 19 May 2025.

The UK outlined appetite for these technical discussions on new technologies (CCUS, hydrogen and biomethane) to progress at pace, noting a request for a pragmatic solution to the issue regarding registration in the Union database of biomethane that is transported to the EU through natural gas pipelines in the UK. UK also stressed the importance of UK-EU cooperation in supporting CCUS, hydrogen and biomethane emerging industries and support for future investment into new technology projects.

The EU inquired on the state of play of the EU's request to the UK to provide further information outlined in their email dated October 7<sup>th</sup>. The UK confirmed that a response would be provided shortly after the SCE. Both parties agreed on the importance of further technical discussions on new technologies over the coming months.

### **6. Cooperation between TSOs and between regulators**

The Specialised Committee welcomed the TSOs and regulatory authorities for entering, respectively, into the working and administrative arrangements considered at the fifth meeting of the Specialised Committee. The Specialised Committee looks forward to the implementation of these arrangements. The Specialised Committee agreed to reflect the conclusions in these Minutes.

**Annex A – Participants of the Seventh Meeting of the Specialised Committee on Energy****EU Delegation**

- Acting co-Chairs and co-Secretaries of the Specialised Committee on Energy
- European Commission Officials
- European External Action Service Officials
- Representatives of EU Member States.
- Representatives of the Transmission System Operators.
- Representatives of the Regulatory authorities.
- Representatives of European Network of Transmission System Operators for Electricity (ENTSO-E)
- Representatives of the European Union Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER)

**UK Delegation**

- Acting co-Chair and co-Secretary of the Specialised Committee on Energy
- UK Government Officials from DESNZ, Cabinet Office
- UK Mission to the European Union Officials
- Officials from the devolved governments of Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales
- Representatives of the Transmission System Operators.
- Representatives of the Regulatory authorities.