


Minutes ETC meeting, May 7th and 14th, 2012 (web conference)	 European forum for energy Business Information eXchange
May 14 th , 2012	ETC - ebIX [®] Technical Committee

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Date: Monday, May 7th and 14th, 2012
Time: 13:00 - 15:00 and 13:00 – 13:30
Place: Web conference
Attachment: None
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1 Approval of agenda

The agenda was approved with the following additions:

- Document for the ENTSO-E Market Committee, related to cooperation with ebIX[®], see 18.1, under AOB
- Evaluation of using web conference, see 18.2, under AOB
- UN/CEFACT report, 18.3, under AOB
- Articles of ebIX[®], 18.4, under AOB

2 Minutes from previous meetings

The minutes from previous meeting were approved

3 Status for circulation for comments of the ebIX[®] Recommended identification schemes

Deadline for comments was Thursday May 10th 2012. Denmark, Germany, Norway and Slovenia have sent in updates. Most of the comments received within the May 7th meeting were reviewed and the document was updated.

However Jan had also sent in some comments that not were dealt with:

- 1) An EIC code is 16 characters long, while a GSRN is 18 digits long. On page 4 there is a text regarding Metering points:

“EIC-Z can be used for “Measurement points”. However it is too short to be used for all metering points within Europe.”

And that would have been true if the EIC code only had numbers, but it may (in position 4-15) have any character A-Z, 0-9. So it is possible to identify a lot of “Measurement points” using EIC codes with both letters and numbers. Jan’s suggestion is then to simply remove the comment.

- 2) In 1.2 there was a simple link to www.eiccodes.eu, does anyone have some information meaning that you shouldn't use that link? It is a rather easy link. And it is still used in appendix B.
- 3) When updating Appendix A.8 in our document, we should use http://www.gs1.org/barcodes/support/check_digit_calculator#how

Conclusion:

- The comments from Jan above will be put on the next ETC agenda. The publication is postponed until these comments have been dealt with.

4 Status for circulation for comments of the ebIX[®] Rules for status and consequences for ebIX documents

Deadline for comments is Monday May 14th 2012. However, no comments have been received so far. The document will be put on the ebIX[®] web site, unless comments are received.

Action:

- Ove will publish the document after the deadline (unless comments are received).

5 Resolve items from the ebIX[®] Forum meeting April 18th

The ebIX[®] Forum is positive to a closer cooperation with IEC and recognises the need for harmonisation of CCs. It was agreed to establish an ebIX[®] taskforce that as a first step makes a proposal for a project plan, budget etc. ETC was asked to handle the taskforce and come up with a project plan before summer.

Jan had made a proposal for a project plan for cooperation with IEC, which was reviewed and commented at the meeting May 7th.

- ENTSO-E should be informed about the ebIX[®] proposal for harmonisation with IEC.
- Jan and Ove will do some updates of the document and thereafter distribute it to ETC.
- There has been some mail exchange between IEC, UN/CEFACT and ebIX[®] related to the ebIX[®] submission of CCs to UN/CEFACT. Kees asked if ebIX[®] should send a mail to UN/CEFACT explaining the current situation. It was proposed that Kees will make a draft letter to UN/CEFACT and send it to ETC for comments before submission to UN/CEFACT.

Actions after meeting May 7th:

- The ebIX[®] members of tWG will inform ENTSO-E of the cooperation with IEC.
- Jan and Ove will do some updates of the document and thereafter distribute it to ETC for comments, later this week.
- Kees will contact UN/CEFACT vice chair and if it seems appropriate make a draft letter to UN/CEFACT and send it to ETC for comments before (eventually) submission to UN/CEFACT.

For the meeting May 14th, Ove proposed, as a first step, making a shorter strategy instead of a full project plan, e.g.:

- Tasks to do (agree with ebIX[®] Forum, tWG...):
 - Decide member of the "IEC task force"
 - Decide a budget
 - Contact IEC and ask for a meeting
 - The ebIX[®] members of tWG should inform ENTSO-E of the cooperation with IEC
- ebIX Goals:
 - Harmonise the ebIX[®] CCs, which have been submitted to UN/CEFACT, with both ENTSO-E and IEC.
- Agenda items for a meeting with IEC/TC57:

- Which of the IEC/TC57 WGs is the right group? Or should we take direct contact with WG14, as proposed in mail from Thierry Lefebvre?
- How to harmonise CIM and the ebIX[®] CCs
- Agree a timeframe for the harmonisation
- Where in the CIM model will the ebIX[®] CCs fit in, e.g. in the CIM market extension for Europe?
- Agree a timeframe for the harmonisation

Conclusion:

- The proposal from Ove above will be put on the next ETC agenda.

6 EEM 2012A

6.1 Homework from previous meetings:

Kees is working with the update the ebIX[®] web site with the 2011A model, including CuS and EMD XML schemas. The Schemas will be published in the same way as 2010B, i.e. zipped.

Kees mentioned that the newer MD models are based on MD version 17, while older model is generated in 16.2. Currently there are two versions of the TT on the ebIX[®] web-site.

During this item it was noted that the CuS information models are published as business requirements. Ove will clean up the CuS part of the web-site.

Decision:

- We keep the MD model version 16.2 on the web-site and remove the TT tool related to version 16.2. If anybody needs to create XML schemas from the older MD models we will convert it to MD version 17.

Action:

- Kees will update the ebIX[®] web-site according to the decision above
- Ove will update the CuS documents on the ebIX[®] web-site

The following comments from Jan will be put on the next ETC agenda:

Jan told that he had downloaded 2011.A from www.ebix.org. He informed that the zip-file contained some “.bak” files that should be removed. Jan also proposed adding a text informing that the ebIX[®] model is opened by using “*European Energy Market.mdxml*”.

6.2 BBIE for Tax_Type:

We have in the ABIE MeteringPoint_Characteristics a BBIE for Tax_Type which is of BDT Code. The Tax_Type cannot be used as it is. Either it should be converted it to an “EnergyTax_Percentage” or something similar, or be removed from the model. The question has been forwarded to CuS WG for decision in the requirements. The result from the CuS meeting March 20th and 21st was:

Tax_Type was removed from the MP Characteristics and homework for investigating the national usage of taxes was made.

A decision for what ETC will do was postponed until after next CuS meeting.

7 ebIX[®] Rules for using UMM-2

Ove had as homework from previous meeting to make a proposal for a naming convention for entities (objects) in the BRV. The following was proposed:

4.1 Naming convention

ebIX[®] has no strict naming convention for elements within the BRV. It is however advised to use Upper Camel Case with a space between the words for naming UMM objects, such as Business Areas, Process Areas, Business Entities and attributes. There is an exception for adverb, such as for, to, on etc. that should be in lower camel case.

Action:

- Kees will add the text to *ebIX[®] Rules for using UMM-2*

8 ebIX[®], EFET and ENTSO-E Harmonisation group

Kees will publish the MagicDraw version of the Harmonised Role Model version 2011-01 (homework from previous meeting) as soon as possible.

Action:

- Kees will publish the MagicDraw version of the Harmonised Role Model version 2011-01 as soon as possible.

The first day (May 7th) reached this far. The rest of the agenda was postponed until second day (May 14th).

9 Review of ebIX[®] standard presentation

The ebIX[®] standard presentation was sent on circulation for comments to ebIX[®] Forum, with deadline for comments Wednesday April 18th 2012. Jan has found a few spelling errors and some wrong fonts and colours. Except for this, no comments have been received. The presentation will be published as soon as possible.

The creation of a technical presentation was postponed until next face-to-face meeting.

Homework:

- Ove will publish the standard presentation.

10 ebIX[®] Transformation tool

The item was postponed

11 ebIX[®] Business Information models

The item was postponed

12 Review of ebIX[®] Core Components

The item was postponed

13 Document for combining documents into sets

The item was postponed

14 AS4 WS profile

The item was postponed

15 Review of ETC tasks in Appendix A

The item was postponed

16 Information from ENTSO-E/WG-EDI meetings (Fedder)

The item was postponed

17 Next meeting(s), including start and end time.

Ove will send out a Doodle poll for a face-to-face meeting.

18 AOB

18.1 Document for the ENTSO-E Market Committee, related to cooperation with ebIX[®]

Kees mentioned that there is a document for the coming ENTSO-E market committee meeting May 10th where the relationship to ebIX[®] is discussed. Everyone was asked to discuss the document and verify the national position with their member of the ENTSO-E market committee.

18.2 Evaluation of using web conference

Kees propose that we limit future web conferences to just a few items and that the minutes should be simpler than the normal ETC minutes, i.e. just a list over items and conclusions.

18.3 UN/CEFACT report

The item was postponed

18.4 Articles of ebIX[®]

The articles of ebIX[®] are on circulation for comments until May 18th. The following changes have been proposed from Germany (Vlatka):

BDEW propose some changes, mainly in the voting. We have changed the decision making procedure for a qualified majority from 2/3 to 4/5. With 8 full members a 4/5 majority is six against two with a 2/3 majority it will be 5 against 3 which from our point of view is not a clear majority.

Conclusion:

- Ove will ask Vlatka and Kai if we can publish these changes without a new circulation for comments.

Appendix A THE TASKS OF ETC

Task	Group	Priority	Planned
Making ebIX [®] Recommendations for usage of WEB services including recommendations for acknowledgement and error handling		High	2012
Review of “Rules for ETC” with special focus on maintenance procedures moved from the ebIX [®] Methodology		Medium	2012
Maintain the ebIX [®] technical documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ebIX[®] Rules for the use of UMM-2.0 • ebIX[®] common rules and recommendations (v1r1D) • ebIX[®] Recommendations for asynchronous acknowledgement and error handling (v1r0C) 		Urgent Medium High	Q4 2011 2012 2012
Other tasks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restructuring of UTIL-messages to reflect the structure of CCs (if we keep on mapping to EDIFACT) • 2nd generation Harmonized Role Model for Electricity and Gas • ebIX[®] Header 	CuS, EMD and ETC Together with ENTSO-E?	Low High High	? 2012 2012
Maintain ebIX [®] profile for MagicDraw, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Core Components • Code lists • Templates, etc. 		Continuous	
Participation/representation in the ENTSO-E and ebIX [®] technical WGs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintaining harmonised role model • Core Components • Information exchange between participation organisations 	Together with ENTSO-E	Continuous	
Participation in UN/CEFACT		Continuous	
Cooperation with IEC/TC57/WG16		Question to ebIX Forum	?
Organise implementation support, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ebIX[®] course • Implementation support for participating countries, such as inserting/updating codes. 		Continuous	
Supporting ebIX [®] projects, i.e.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and maintain the UMM <i>Business Choreography View</i> and <i>Business Information View</i> from the CuS and EMD working groups. • Develop and maintain XML schemas based on the <i>Business Information View</i> from the CuS and EMD working groups 		Continuous	

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Appendix C EBIX[®] HEADER

To remember:

1. Do we want this rule? The requestor id and the requestor role (Business process role) for the actor (role) that asks for changed, added or deleted information of another role shall be stated in the document header.
2. Do we need a test indicator?
- 3.