

## Evolution of the Standard Agreement Working Group Session

Meeting number	<b>2</b>	Venue	<b>Virtual via MS Teams</b>
Date of meeting	<b>21 May 2025 – 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm</b>	Classification	<b>Public</b>

### Summary

#### 1. Introduction and Context

The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming new and regular attendees and providing an overview of agenda of the meeting. The Chair highlighted the participatory nature of the meeting with the help of Miro tool to support more collaboration and discuss the solutions to the challenges identified.

#### 2. Summary of last meeting

- 2.1 Elexon highlighted the summary of the last working group meeting on this subject covering the discussions on creating level playing field, acknowledging the need to drive alignment across different system operators in different sub-markets and creating fewer variations across FSPs to ensure faster market access. Elexon highlighted the understanding to continue integrating the flexibility rules into legal frameworks as and when they are developed.

#### 3. Issue with the current agreement

- 3.1 Elexon engaged the attendees to input in the Miro board under three sections – Issues with the current agreement and service terms and the potential solution.
- 3.2 The main theme of the input from attendees in the Issues section where about how platforms are referred in different contracts and inconsistency across different DSOs, difficulties to get site access as a third party, cyber security and credit requirements suitability for different organisations, lack of clarity in intent in some clauses, liability for costs replacement provider upon termination, change of ownership termination. More details are available in the Miro board enclosed.
- 3.3 Attendees then provided input in the Potential solution section. Main themes were agreeing common process or wording for all platforms, clear on the liabilities, removing access requirements for site access, dispute process etc.
- 3.4 Attendees voted on their top priority challenges which included site access, uncapped indemnities, notification of change ownership, platform providers among others.
- 3.5 Elexon summarised that in the last session they covered the value of standard agreements and in this session, they looked at the specific issues and their potential solutions. The next meeting is planned to discuss specific resolutions to each issue before proceeding into legal drafting. Attendees queried on the limiting the number of variations allowed to the standard agreements, Elexon clarified that these working groups will help understand the value of these agreements, create balance between consumer benefits and accessible to industry and creating common understanding on developing robust agreements and ensuring variations are minimal to keep a pragmatic direction.
- 3.6 Attendees queried about the addition of new flexibility markets into the same documents and not creating multiple documents in these cases. Elexon confirmed their agreement to it and suggested it want the service terms and standards terms to be flexible to enable alignment and innovation in the system.
- 3.7 Attendees queried if the change log can be made public on the agreement, Elexon confirmed that the change log will be made public to ensure transparency and accountability of the changes.

#### **4. Next Steps**

- 4.1 Elexon highlighted that they will share the Miro board with participants along with the website where the schedule and papers will be published.
- 4.2 The next meeting of this working group is planned to be on 18 June 2025.