

The ECSG is a forum to agree action and implement changes in relation to specific issue impacting the connections industry.

Membership and relationship to other groups

- Participation, comments and involvement from across the industry to address issues is encouraged.
- However, in order to make effective use of the ECSG we strongly encourage the use of other fora (MCCG, UCCG, ECSG sub-groups) as the most effective means of raising issues/initial concerns to be subsequently addressed at the ECSG.
- The ECSG membership list will consist of representation from regulated companies and representatives for customer and industry groups. Duplication of attendees from the same customer or industry group should be avoided. Where there is no single point of representation from an industry body we will encourage the relevant organisations to coordinate their own forum to raise issues and identify an appropriate representative to bring these forward to ECSG meetings. If necessary Ofgem will attend these fora in order to remain abreast of issues.
- Attendance to the ECSG should be with an intention to contribute to agenda items or table a specific proposal. All members of the membership list therefore do not need to be in attendance at a meeting where the agenda has nothing of interest to them or their group. It is also encouraged that where consensus can be reached between a few representatives in contact with one another, a single representative can be nominated to bring that specific view to a meeting.
- The MCCG and UCCG are the initial point of discussion and representation on customer issues for those organisations affiliated to these bodies. Distribution list members who are not invited to the ECSG should seek to attend these meetings in order to lobby specific issues which can then be tabled at the ECSG, by the specific MCCG or UCCG representative.
- Ofgem will attend some meetings of MCCG and UCCG
- The existing distribution list will be maintained and all will be circulated with ECSG documents and minutes for their comment and input. These members can also apply to attend an ECSG should they wish to be involved with a specific issue raised (i.e. guest speakers). The distribution list is not a reflection on the membership list and vice versa.
- ECSG sub-groups are an opportunity for industry based expertise to be practically pooled and utilised to resolve issues raised and presented to the ECSG. These groups are an opportunity for members of the wider distribution list to participate and provide expertise and experience to inform specific work streams.

ECSG Administration

- The agenda and ECSG meetings are coordinated and facilitated by Ofgem. Agenda items should be tabled in advance, together with detail on the content that will be presented and what action is expected from the ECSG. This material should be circulated to ECSG members in advance of the meeting to ensure efficient use of the session.
- The content of an ECSG agenda should be a product of proposals nominated by its members. Ofgem will review all items nominated and members need to provide clear guidance as to the relevance of the item. Where it is felt that a proposed agenda item is better addressed outside of the ECSG, or that the proposal is not sufficiently developed to allow meaningful discussion, the nominee will be advised accordingly.
- Minutes of the meetings will focus on tabling of specific items and clear actions proposed to the ECSG