## Annuel review 2022



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### eSett in brief

21 (1 part timer) was the Number of full-time employees at year-end 2022.

Electricity market settlement operations started in May 2017.

Jointly owned by the Nordic Transmission System Operators – (TSO) Energinet (Denmark), Fingrid (Finland), Statnett (Norway), and Svenska kraftnät (Sweden) - all have equal shares.

#### **Carries out imbalance settlement**

based on the harmonized Nordic Imbalance Settlement (NBS) model and provides equal operational conditions for **Balance Responsible Parties within the NBS** area.





TOTAL SETTLED AMOUNT FOR 2022 was EUR 5,079 million.

#### Headquartered

in Helsinki, Finland.

Serves more than 1,000 electricity market participants.

#### **Responsible for** imbalance settlement

and invoicing the Balance Responsible Parties (BRP) in Denmark, Finland, Norway, and Sweden.





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## Year 2022 highlights

#### Datahub

The Fingrid Datahub went live on February 21, 2022 and reported the first values to eSett on February 23, 2022.

#### New system and maintenance announcement newsletter

In addition to the regular newsletters, eSett sends System and Maintenance Announcements also by email.

#### Annual Review 2021

eSett published Annual Review for 2021.

#### **Close to Customer**

The first Close to Customer meeting took place in March. The goal of the program is to improve dialogue with BRPs, find ways to help them succeed in their business, and get concrete ideas to develop eSett's services.

#### Customer Committee meeting

Lowina Lundström started eSett's Customer Committee meeting was as the Chair of the Board held on May 12, 2022. and Kari Suominen replaced Asta Sihvonen-The main topics were eSett news, BSP model's Punkka as Board member technical go-live, and in April 2022. Ole Jacob an introduction to UX in Høyland and Signe Horn Online Service. Rosted continued their

MARCH

#### **FEBRUARY**

#### DECEMBER

#### Employee Satisfaction Survey

The results of the employee survey showed that eSettlers are satisfied with their employer – our Employee Net Promoter Score (eNPS) is 83.

#### Settlement conference in Norway

At the Settlement conference organized by Statnett, eSett gave an update on its latest news and projects and met its Norwegian customers.

#### Fingrid's Day for Balance **Responsible Parties**

IOVEMBER

eSett participated in Fingrid's event where eSett gave a presentation about its latest news as well as an overview of the 15-minute ISP project and met its Finnish customers.

#### **Trainee Program**

eSett, Fingrid, and FG Datahub started a new joint trainee program. Two trainees will gather experience from all companies during a period of 10 months.



#### Changes in eSett's **Board of Directors**

work in the Board of Directors.

#### eSett's 5-year anniversary

eSett celebrated its 5-year go-live anniversary together with TSOs, old colleagues, and people who were involved in the company in the early days.

MAY

#### Archiving settlement data

Settlement data was archived and old archives deleted, limiting the amount of data available. There will always be at least two previous full years of settlement data available in the settlement system.

JUNE

#### New account model

eSett started using the new account model. The essential difference between the original and the new model is splitting the collateral account and invoicing accounts into two separate accounts.

SEPTEMBEI

APRIL

#### Technical go-live of the BSP model

A technical change in eSett's imbalance settlement system on October 10, 2022 at 00:00 CET was the first step towards a common Nordic BSP settlement and developments invoicing model for eSett and met its Swedish and the TSOs.

#### Settlement conference in Sweden

At the Ediel and Settlement conference organized by Svenska kraftnät, eSett gave a presentation about its latest news and market customers.

OCTOBER

#### Customer Committee meeting

eSett's Customer Committee meeting was held on October 13, 2022. The main topics were an overview of the electricity market in the NBS countries, capacity challenges in the Swedish average of 4.33 out of five. transmission system, and Online Service development roadmap.

#### Customer Satisfaction Survey

Our yearly Customer Satisfaction Survey was sent to active Online Service account holders. and 161 responses were received. Satisfaction was at an all-time high, with an





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## **CEO's review**

2022 was an exceptional year. The energy crisis in Europe and uncertainty over the energy supply made electricity a topic of general conversation in a way we have not experienced before. Despite the turmoil, eSett has been able to perform well in its daily operations and work towards the upcoming market changes as planned. Most importantly, we have enjoyed working together.

Among all the turbulence, we also had reason to celebrate: we reached the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our operations and had a get-together with our employees and people involved in the project five years back.

#### Preparing for 15-minute settlement

In everyday work, our focus was on the 15-minute imbalance settlement period whose go-live date was set last year to May 22, 2023.

We have been working hard to make sure our systems are ready by this date, and they will be. However, due to circumstances beyond our control, the 15-minute settlement cannot be started in full in May. The implementation will take place gradually over the year and may continue to 2024.

Luckily, our scenario work has made it possible for us to prepare for this eventuality. In fact, gradual implementation allows us to see the distribution of energy over 60-minute period in 15-min-Some data is already available on ute slots before the 15-minute imbalour new website https://opendata. ance pricing will be taken into use. esett.com/ where we share information about Nordic imbalance settlement and market participant structures.

#### Managing increased risks

The higher energy prices of 2022 increased the money flows we manage and hence our risks, even though the imbalance energy has not grown.

This is why we have honed our processes and ways of working further to make sure our operations can continue under all circumstances. Our risk management, in particular, has been under close scrutiny.

Moreover, the geopolitical situation has increased our security risks, so we have improved our systems to keep all our data safe. We have also gained security knowhow in our Board members.

#### From data to insights

To be able to understand the market better and support our customers, we have started developing our data analysis capabilities and will continue to do so in the future.

By working the data we have in our systems, we can provide market participants with insights into the market and so give them better decision-making tools. At the same time, we may learn new ways to improve the imbalance settlement model further.



#### Important customer input

To develop our operations to meet client needs, we started a new Close to Customer program. During the year, we visited eight BRPs to tell them about eSett's operations and plans for the future and especially to hear their wishes and ideas for improvement.

We have already received great ideas and heard some concerns, but even more importantly, we have gotten to know each other, and this will make cooperation much easier.

We are particularly happy that our clients are satisfied with our customer service. The satisfaction survey of 2022 brought us a rating of 4.3 out of 5, a new record for us. The feedback shows we are eager to help quickly, and we follow our values in our work.

#### Happy people get results

Our good results can be attributed to a large part to our efforts towards to well-being and happiness of our employees. We have managed to create an atmosphere of collaboration, with every one of us happy to lend a hand.



#### **Despite the turmoil, eSett** has been able to perform well in its daily operations.

Similarly, we have good relationships with our owners, service providers, and other stakeholders in our network. We have built trust, making it easy to work together.

So, I would like to thank our committed employees as well as all our stakeholders for the year 2022. We will strive to strengthen our cooperation further in 2023.

We settle together, Minnakaisa Ahonen





## Strategy



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## Vision

eSett's vision is to be forerunner in providing advanced settlement services for the energy market across borders. Our vision steers us towards a better tomorrow in many ways.

The vision is turned into strategy in close collaboration between eSett's employees and Board members, and we also listen to our stakeholders for their ideas for our future. In our updated strategy, the following focus areas have been chosen to clearly reflect our will to be the forerunner.

These form the basis for our timely and reliable settlement services for over 1,000 market participants in Denmark, Finland, Norway, and Sweden. Timeliness and reliability of our services are our key performance indicators and measure of our responsibility towards the market participants.

We support the green energy transition by delivering the necessary market initiatives in a timely manner and keeping our customers informed about these changes.

We add value to the electricity market and stakeholders by analyzing and understanding the settlement data and providing them information for decision-making and market improvements.

We keep employees happy by creating a good atmosphere among the employees and providing them with meaningful tasks.



We ensure the overall security of our services, and we are a trusted partner.

We strengthen the core and increase the agility of operations by keeping the focus on stable settlement and continuous improvement of our processes and tools.

We have a close dialogue with customers to understand their needs, so we are able to service them in the best possible manner.





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## Strategy

In 2022, eSett reflected its strategy against future IT trends. Some of the most relevant trends for eSett were seamless user experience, value delivery becoming independent of location and time, the importance of data in all businesses, processes changing at an ever faster pace, and on-demand infostructure. eSett's strategy and capabilities are well aligned with these technology trends.

The Close to Customer meetings initiated in 2022 help eSett to adjust our strategy, develop our services further, and learn to know customer needs better. We have an exciting challenge ahead of us in putting the strategy into practice – implementing the big market changes, but also adjusting our operations to customer needs and utilizing opportunities of modern IT technology.

#### Customer focused and service-oriented culture

We provide reliable and timely service for the electricity market. We have continuous dialogue with customers. We are a trusted and transparent partner. We develop our services together with our stakeholders to deliver the best value.



#### Skilled and innovative personnel

We respect and take care of our personnel. We provide interesting and challenging tasks in a supportive working environment.

We ensure that we have the right number of skilled employees to offer high-quality services which are continuously developed.

We strengthen our expertise with external resources but keep the understanding of core processes in-house. We respect and take care of our external partners.

#### **Efficient and** adaptive processes

We enhance the efficiency of our operations by using modern IT systems and communication tools.

We facilitate the efficiency of market operations by making relevant data easily and clearly accessible to the market.

We are prepared for change and enable market development.





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## We settle, together

We provide timely and reliable settlement services. Over 1,000 market participants in Denmark, Finland, Norway, and Sweden participate in the settlement. We understand the process of how balances are created every moment across the energy market. We deliver our customers ease, effectiveness, and reliability by covering the task of imbalance settlement with high professionalism.





We calculate the imbalances confidentially, flawlessly, and in a timely manner.

Data exchange

Energy settlement

Financial settlement







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## Values

Our values drive us to settle energy imbalances reliably and transparently and to serve our customers with precision and expertise. Working together, eSettlers have defined descriptions what our values mean for us.

#### Accountability

We take care of the tasks and responsibilities set for eSett by the owners and customers, taking responsibility over our own work, efficiency, quality, achievements, and understanding the significance of our own work to the customer and society.

We ensure that we fulfil our promises to our stakeholders in all situations and deal with confidential matters responsibly so that privacy and confidentiality are guaranteed.

We behave so that stakeholders can put their trust in eSett.

#### Equality

We are committed to promoting equality in our activities. Equality requires us to value each employee and their work, be proactive in ensuring the well-being of our personnel.

On the other hand, equality means that we respect our stakeholders and treat them all in a similar manner. The guiding principle is that every customer has the same high-quality service to help them succeed in the market.





#### **Openness**

We rely on openness. It is achieved by sharing information and communicating in an understandable and timely manner.

We operate as a team and help and support colleagues and customers.

We encourage cooperation, the free exchange of opinions, and genuine listening, allowing different kinds of opinions as well as giving and receiving feedback in a constructive manner.

#### Readiness

#### We are ready for the future.

Current operations are on a solid basis when we support a well-functioning electricity market and bring efficiency to society today and tomorrow.

We are bold and open to new ideas, question things and bring about new solutions.

We develop our expertise in a systematic way.





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## **Operating environment**

In 2022, the European electricity market experienced unprecedented turmoil. Energy prices rose rapidly and concerns over electricity availability loomed large on the horizon due to the war in Ukraine and Russia using its natural gas reserves as means of political leverage.

#### Collaterals under scrutiny

This situation has led to a new interest in all aspects of the electricity market, including eSett's role in it.

High prices created a substantial counterparty risk for us, so we have been paying special attention on our risk management and scenario work.

To mitigate counterparty risk, our dynamic collateral model calculates collateral requirements daily for each BRP, based on latest settlement and price data. Since the prices are high, the collateral requirements were higher than ever before.

#### 15-minute settlement for green transition

Our operating environment is getting greener, as EU's Green Deal and general market development are driving sustainable energy sources, like solar and wind power.

We want to be a part of developing the energy system to better accommodate the use of these new sources,

making sure the imbalance settlement is compatible with them. This is one reason behind the 15-minute settlement we have been working on this year, as it makes it easier to react to sources whose output can change quickly.

From the very beginning, eSett has been involved in large-scale projects such as the single balance and single price settlement model deployed last year and the 15-minute settlement. Going forward, however, these major undertakings are coming to an end, with smaller projects coming to the fore.

#### Efficiency from data

Supporting the green transition can also be served through digitalization and structured use of data.

Through digitalization, we can help make the energy market more efficient by facilitating and automating information exchange between us and our clients. We are also looking into possible cases for using artificial intelligence.

In our operations, we have amassed large quantities of data over the year. Now, we are investing in analyzing, using, and refining it to be able to provide market participants insights into the behavior of the market and give them better tools to make informed decision. We are also developing our data portal where we will make relevant data publicly available.









#### eSett maintains the financial balance in the Nordic electricity market







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The Board of Directors has an important supervisory role in any organization. Each of the four Nordic Transmission System Operators (TSOs) as eSett owners appoints their representative to eSett's Board, so it has the most insightful advisors to keep eSett on track for continuous improvement.

Lowina Lundström, Executive Vice President of Svenska kraftnät, has been the Board's Chair since April 2022. The Board is responsible for strategic governance, defining risk appetite, policies, and goals as well as making sure the company is heading in the right direction at the right speed.

"It is clear to us all on the Board that we do not represent the TSOs there, but we are eSett and thinking only about what is best for eSett," Lundström underlines.

In her opinion, eSett is a forerunner in imbalance settlements and possibly one of a kind. The Nordics have been pioneers in cooperation in the electricity market. There is nothing similar in Europe. The Nordic cooperation makes what they expect of us. Only then can the market more efficient – after all, electricity does not stop at country borders.

The demands on eSett are high, and they will become even higher in the future with the 15-minute settlement. The electricity market is also becoming more complex, and legislation in the European Union is changing. Even though eSett's tasks stay the same, it will need to keep up with the changes.

"I am very proud of eSett. It is a company with very high standards and exceptional expertise in settlements. They have an excellent track record, good control of their systems, and they have created an inspiring working environment for the employees," says Lundström.

Going forward, eSett will deepen their expertise and collaboration with its clients further. This way it can support the market participants even better and provide them with data that helps them keep the electricity market stable and efficient."

"Even though customer satisfaction is high, we need to continue to listen to our clients closely and ask them eSett provide the services and support needed in the future."

## Business



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Customer satisfaction in 2022

### **Customer Committee represents** the market participants

The purpose of eSett's Customer Committee is to provide a possibility for dialogue between eSett and its stakeholders. Furthermore, the Committee provides a forum for customers to bring up their viewpoints on developing and improving the Nordic Imbalance Settlement model and eSett's services.

The Committee Members are appointed for a two-year term to represent their market roles, namely Balance Responsible Parties (BRP) and retailers, Distribution System Operators (DSO), and Transmission System Operators (TSO).

In the Committee, both eSett and the market participants can address relevant issues in relation to the market roles they represent. Topics discussed regularly in the meetings included recent operational news from eSett, customer satisfaction survey results, and developments related to the market or balance model.







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In Finland, UPM is best known for producing paper and other wood-based products. Few people know that UPM is also the second largest electricity producer in the country in addition to being a major consumer of electricity. As such, it is active in all the electricity markets.

UPM produces hydropower as well as nuclear power through co-owned companies and procures electricity for its factories. UPM Energy also has services to third parties, mostly large industrial energy consumers. Services cover, for example, digital solutions to optimize consumption flexibility in all markets.

UPM's balance settlement team is constantly in contact with eSett with everyday settlement questions as well as in bigger changes and development projects, such as the 15-minute settlement.

"It is easy to communicate with eSett's experts, they are very helpful, and the systems are good. In the future, we would like to have open system interfaces, so we could increase automation in our operations," says Teija Pelkonen, Senior Manager, Back-Office and Balance Settlement at UPM Energy.

eSett is also getting to know its clients and their needs better by arranging Close to customer meetings.

"I think it is a good concept. It is often easier to talk face to face, especially since the topics are quite complex. And having met the people makes it always easier to work with them."

Pelkonen is also involved in the Stakeholder Reference Group for the Nordic Balancing Model (NBM) program, so she has a good view of the changes that are about to take place in the market.

The reference group is a forum where Transmission System Operators (TSO) can present their ideas on, for example, technical solutions, new legislation, or market structures and how different implementation alternatives would affect industries, producers, and consumers.

Since the group has a wide range of market participants, including Nordic regulators, it is an efficient way to convey their views to the TSOs.

"Our aim is to increase transparency, so that all market participants can have the same information available to them. We also want to make sure we can keep the Nordic market unified even in the future. Here cooperation is key."



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## Customer satisfaction in 2022



For many years, it has been a tradition of eSett's to conduct an annual customer satisfaction survey in the fall. The reason is simple: we always wish to deliver the best service to our customers, and this method has proven to be a great way to benchmark and evaluate our success. It is always a highly anticipated moment at eSett when the results are revealed, as it tells us what we have done well or if there are issues we need to focus on the next year.

As in previous years, the survey contained questions about eSett's customer service and how market participants have experienced it.

The three most important results in the survey are the overall grade for eSett's customer service, professionalism of eSett's customer service, and satmarket participants experience our isfaction with service request resoluservice and how we should develop it. tion times. These three questions have Some of the ideas, such as a more been part of the survey from the besophisticated notification management ginning, making it possible to identify ability, are already in our development changes and trends. roadmap.

In addition, we also ask for feedback Additionally, we received once again great feedback and tips on how with open-ended questions, which our Online Service platform could betusually tend to give us the most valuable input. The answers provide imter support our customers' daily rouportant insight and help us really get to tines. Based on the feedback, we will, the details on what and how we could for instance, evaluate the possibility to improve our system and services. add new widgets on the front page or create additional data packages that Feedback drives could benefit the market participants.

### development

Many of the development ideas we re-Ever better service ceived related to eSett's data interfacexperience es and data communication practices In terms of grades, the results from 2022 were excellent – once again the giving us good information on how the



best we have ever received. We feel this is something special, given the fact that we have been successfully advancing with major market changes, such as 15-minute imbalance settlement period and support for new market role, Balancing Service Provider, to name some accomplishments.

Even though it is proving to be more difficult each year, our goal for the future remains the same: to deliver ever-improving service experience to our customers. However, as the bar has been set high, we acknowledge the challenge ahead of us and know we need to congratulate ourselves if we can keep the same high level even in the coming years.





## Suscinc billy



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## Sustainability at eSett

Our values, mission, and vision lav the foundation for our corporate responsibility. The management of corporate responsibility is based on our management system and its customer, financial, governance, human resource, ICT, and imbalance settlement policies.

Sustainability is embedded in our business practices and daily decisions. CEO is responsible for the management of corporate responsibility.

We are developing our corporate responsibility systematically. Our performance and progress made towards reaching our targets is monitored during the year and assessed at the end of the year. Sustainability work and progress are reported using GRI Standards (Global Reporting Initiative) but not in accordance with them.

We maintain a close dialog with our key stakeholders, including our employees, customers, and partners, to understand their evolving needs and expectations and to develop our operations accordingly.

#### Energy key in green transition

The energy sector is in the forefront of climate change mitigation, and energy transition is already in progress. The share of electricity generated from

carbon neutral sources is increasing due to improved competitiveness of wind and solar power.

We are involved in developing the energy system to better accommodate the use of these new sources, making sure the imbalance settlement is compatible with them. The 15-minute settlement to be launched in 2023 makes it easier to react to energy sources whose output can change quickly.

Electrification is a strong trend; to make it possible, more electricity and flexibility will be needed within the power system.

The increased use of electric technology and digitalization will increase electricity consumption, but on the other hand, ICT is a major enabler of less carbon intensive energy production and energy efficiency. We need to seize the huge potential of digitalization but also manage its risks.

As a key player in the electricity market, eSett gathers a lot of data. This can be turned into insights that help us and the market players optimize their operation and make the whole Nordic electricity market more efficient.

Efficient electricity markets make it possible to use the limited resources available in the most useful manner.





Sustainability is embedded in our **business practices and daily decisions** 



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## Implementing UN's SDGs

We have identified the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that eSett can impact the most. These goals guide our sustainability initiatives and prepare us for future changes in the business environment. The selected SDGs are implemented in our services, our business operations, and in our stakeholder interactions.

	eSett's contribution	KPIs and relevant p
7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY	Our reliable and cost-effective settlement ser- vices, with harmonized rules for all participants, increase competition and so help keep the price of energy affordable while providing possibilities to increase the amount of clean energy used.	<ul> <li>Timely and imbalance</li> <li>Waterproc processes</li> </ul>
9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE	Our digital settlement services underpin the electricity market infrastructure and make it functional. We constantly look for new ways to improve the efficiency of the services.	<ul> <li>Reliable IC availability</li> <li>Profession service</li> </ul>
13 CLIMATE ACTION	Our services are developed to handle the in- creasing amount of renewable energy in the Nordic power system, helping reduce carbon emissions.	<ul> <li>Ready for implement developm on time, w</li> </ul>



#### policies

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	eSett's contribution	KPIs and relevant policies
<b>3</b> GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING	Supporting and improving employee wellbeing is fundamental for eSett. We provide compre- hensive healthcare services for all employees and support leisure activities. We measure em- ployee satisfaction every year.	<ul> <li>Annual employee survey</li> </ul>
5 GENDER EQUALITY	We promote gender equality at the workplace. We believe that only the competencies and po- tential of our employee's matter.	<ul> <li>Compliance with Code of Conduct</li> </ul>
8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH	We contribute to economic growth by helping make the electricity market as efficient as pos- sible. We offer equal employment opportunities and equal pay for work of equal value.	<ul> <li>Compliance with Code of Conduct</li> </ul>
10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES	For eSett, all customers are equally important. All employees are provided equal opportunities and they treated similarly whatever their status or tasks are.	<ul> <li>Compliance with Code of Conduct</li> </ul>
12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION	When procuring products and services, we con- sider their sustainability, for example, we have relo- cated our data center services to a carbon neutral operator. We urge our suppliers and service pro- viders to consider sustainability in their operations.	<ul> <li>Ready for the future with sustainable value chain</li> </ul>
16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS	eSett is a trustworthy partner and takes care of the assets of the customers and complies with laws and regulations. We promote access to information through our imbalance settlement data portal.	<ul> <li>Compliance with Code of Conduct</li> </ul>





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## Sustainability in figures

In 2022, eSett's carbon footprint was 421 (2021: 341) tons of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO<sub>2</sub>e).

Carbon footprint was calculated based on the GHG Protocol Corporate Accounting and Reporting Standard. The carbon footprint presented here is market-based. The calculation was executed by OpenCO2net Oy on the OpenCO2.net carbon footprint platform. The calculation included Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions as well as all Scope 3 emission categories estimated to be significant. Scope 3 emissions accounted for 98% of the carbon footprint.

Emissions have increased slightly from the previous year. Possible reasons for this are more spending included in Scope 3 calculations and uncertainties related to the emissions of ICT services and their value chains. In addition, inflation is not included in the current spend-based emission factors which might increase the emissions even though the same service is still purchased.



We continue our efforts to reduce our impact on the climate. For example, we are already working with multiple carbon neutral service providers. We have reduced our carbon footprint by shifting to green electricity, and only Guarantee of Origin certified renewable electricity has been used since 2021. We are planning to decrease our emissions further by having access to renewable district heating.





#### **Key figures of sustainability**

Key figure	2022	2021	2020	Unit
Social Number of employees Women Women Men Employees under 30 y/o Employees 30–50 y/o Employees over 50 y/o Employee turnover Sickness absence rate Training/employee	21 29 71 33 57 10 5 1.8 19 83	18 39 61 28 61 11 17 0.4 20 88	16 44 56 19 75 6 7 0.6 3 n/a	person person (%) person (%) person (%) person (%) % % h/a
Environmental Electricity consumption Heat consumption* Greenhouse gas emissions Scope 1 Greenhouse gas emissions Scope 2 Greenhouse gas emissions Scope 3	11 48 0 8.1 413	10.7 52.7 0 14.1 327	11.3 58.2 0 18.6 374	MWh MWh t $CO_2e$ t $CO_2e$ t $CO_2e$
Economic Turnover Profit Availability rate of services	8.5 0.87 99.61	7.5 0.18 99.62	7.7 0.41 99.61	MEUR MEUR %

\*estimate based on the floor space





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Meaningful and inspiring working environment

Development and well-being

Case: From summer employee to software developer

## Meaningful and inspiring working environment

Our vision is to be the forerunner in international energy settlement. This cannot be achieved without strong focus on people: skilled employees are one of the three success factors in our strategy. We need to be able to attract new talent, keep our current employees engaged, and to invest in learning and development opportunities for our people.

#### Minor restructuring

In 2022, we adjusted the organizational structure. eSett organization is still divided into three teams: Digital Office, Finance and Risk Management, and Operations and Customers. With small changes during the year, we were able to clarify roles especially in the Digital Office team and focus more on utilizing the vast amount of data eSett has. Risk management duties are now handled by the Finance team.

The changes in the external environment also had an effect on eSett people. After two years of COVID-19 pandemic, we were finally able to continue life without major restrictions. For eSett, this meant people working again in the office much more. As remote work clearly offers some benefits, it is still possible to work partly from home.

#### Work more meaningful than ever

Another big change was the war in Ukraine and its effects on the global energy markets. Before the events in Ukraine, people in general did not pay much attention to how energy markets work. This year it was normal to find news titles or articles about the different phenomena on the electricity market, placing eSett in the spotlight for a larger audience, too. eSett people have even before felt

that their work is meaningful, but during 2022 this feeling was stronger than ever. Risk and continuity management have always been important but organizing the related trainings and exercises this year seemed to have a special meaning in people's mind.







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## **Development and well-being**

A lot is demanded of all our employees but, on the other hand, we strive to offer a lot in return. This balance creates a working environment where everyone is giving their best to achieve our goals together.

#### Building team spirit

eSett does a yearly employee survey to monitor the level of employee satisfaction. The 2022 results were again excellent, showing us that we have taken the right kind of actions during the year.

Good team spirit, working actively together, and helping each other are some of the things that eSettlers value a lot and list as the biggest strengths at eSett.

During the year, teamwork was supported by facilitated team sessions, which helped team members learn about their individual differences and focus on each team member's strengths. eSett also continues to support some joint leisure activities, promoting both individual well-being and team spirit.

#### Learning on the job

People at eSett are ambitious and eager to develop themselves. Looking at the number of employees, eSett is still a small company. This means that we can offer interesting roles with varied tasks.

As there is no bureaucracy or silos between the teams, everyone can focus on the real work. Working in market change projects, rotating responsibility areas, and participating in internal development projects are efficient ways to deepen their skills or build new ones.

During 2022, eSett has again offered development possibilities for students as summer trainees, part-time employees during semesters, and an opportunity to make their final thesis project for eSett.

#### Focus on market knowledge

Well-being of our employees – both In addition to on-the-job learning, physical and mental - has always been very important to eSett. Our emeSett has also offered different training opportunities for eSettlers. In 2022, ployees have access to comprehenwe focused on deepening our market sive occupational healthcare services. Due to the increased uncertainty in

knowledge. People have actively participated the world in 2022, we focused on tools promoting mental well-being. We had in external seminars and organized lectures from work psychologist and knowledge-sharing sessions inside launched a new external service to the organization. We were also very pleased to have external visitors from lower the threshold to get support earelectricity market parties giving lecly enough. According to the employee survey tures on interesting topics.

There has also been training on eSett employees feel they have a good more general topics, e.g. artificial inbalance between work and other life and our goal is to maintain this state of telligence and presentation and communication skills. affairs.

eSettlers value good team spirit, working actively together, and helping each other.

#### Promoting mental well-being







Sustainability

#### Meaningful and inspiring working environment

Development and well-being

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## CASE / From summer employee to software developer





During my first year studying at Aalto University, a fellow student told me good things about eSett, and that got me to apply for a summer job here. Now, I have been working for eSett from 2018 and have since moved on to become a full-time software developer.

The first summer I assisted the Operations and Customers team, for example, in imbalance settlement tasks, development projects, system testing, and customer service. During my second summer, I was able to take on the responsibility for daily imbalance settlement for certain weeks.

I also worked part time for during the academic year, often working on tasks that had a flexible deadline. This way I could combine the work with my studies. I also had the opportunity to do my thesis work for eSett on improving user experience of our client portal.

After my graduation, I was happy to join full-time as a software developer. Now I am a part of the Digital Office team, maintaining and developing a web application that provides open data for Nordic electricity market participants. I am also involved in designing and testing the imbalance settlement system.

Our organization is flat and small, so it is easy to share things about your work or even your weekend. Everyone is interested in what you have to say and is ready to help you.

When working in IT, there is an abundance of things you can learn, and for me that is the best thing: every day I get to learn something new. And that is something eSett encourages us all to do. We can all have a say in how we develop and grow.

#### **SASU SAALASTI**

**Job:** Software Developer

Education: M.Sc. in Computer, Communication, and Information Sciences

**Previous work experience:** summer employee and trainee as eSett, machine operator at **BMI** Group

Hobbies: Photography and videography, music, and vintage synthesizers





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#### Governance

The operation of eSett is based on its Articles of Association, the Limited Liability Companies Act, and shareholder agreements as well as corporate values, strategy, and principles of responsible operation.

The eSett management system is based on policies approved by the Board of Directors, providing guidelines for corporate operations. The time horizon of the policies is long-term and strategic. Normally, they are updated every two years, but can be updated more often, if required. All polices are approved by the Board.

The following policies form eSett's management system

- Customer Policy
- Financial Policy
- Governance Policy
- Human Resource Policy
- ICT Policy
- Imbalance Settlement Policy

#### **Board of Directors**

eSett's Annual General Meeting elects a Board of Directors which shall consist of 2–5 members with personal deputies for each of them. The selection is made for a two-year term.

The general meeting elects one Board member to serve as the Chair • of the Board. The Chairpersonship

circulates every two (2) years among Lowina Lundström serves as the Chair of the Board. Raisa Mölkänen serves eSett's owners. as the Secretary to the Board of As a general principle, the Board Directors. Minnakaisa Ahonen serves as CEO of the company.

strives to reach unanimity in all important matters. If voting is needed, a qualified majority of 2/3 of the votes PricewaterhouseCoopers Oy was will be required to reach a decision. re-elected as the auditor for eSett. Taru Each Board Member has one (1) vote. Mäenpää acts as the company's main However, a unanimous decision must auditor. be reached in the following matters:

- proposals to offer new services to existing and new customers, TSOs, or authorities;
- proposals to discontinue services • offered to existing customers, TSOs. or authorities: and
- when appointing a Managing Director for the Company.

#### Board of Directors 2022–2024

On April 7, 2022, the Annual General shareholders. Meeting elected four (4) members to the Board of Directors for the term 2022–2024. Each Board Member was To carry out its tasks the Board shall: appointed a deputy member. convene the shareholder's

Board of Directors for 2020-2022:

- Lowina Lundström (Deputy Member: Anna Jäderström)
- Ole Jacob Høyland (Deputy • Member: Kristian Bernseter)
- Kari Suominen (Deputy Member: Asta Sihvonen-Punkka)
- Signe Horn Rosted (Deputy Member: Marie Budtz Pedersen)



#### Duties of the Board

Under the Finnish Limited Liability Companies Act, it is the task of the Board to supervise the company's administration and organization of its operations. The Board must also ensure that there is due monitoring of the Company's accounting and financial administration.

It is the task of the Board to promote the interests of the Company and all its

- meeting
- supervise and monitor the Company's active management
- appoint and dismiss the CEO, when necessary
- approve the CEO's contract and other benefits
- approve the Company's basic organization

- appoint the customer committee in accordance with the shareholders' agreement. The purpose of the customer committee is to provide dialogue between the Company and its stakeholders.
- decide upon the rules to be applied in relation to the customer committee
- hold a meeting with the Company's auditor at least once a year
- approve annually the strategy, business plan, and budget of the Company
- review regularly the risks relating to the Company's operations and the management of such risks
- review and approve annual financial statements and the annual report by the Board
- evaluate its performance once a year
- discuss properly all issues brought before the Board by the Chairman, any Member of the Board, or the CEO.





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## Board of Directors 2022–2024

#### Lowina Lundström

M.Sc. BA Born 1967 Swedish citizen Member of the Board since 2019

#### Primary working experience

Affärsverket Svenska Kraftnät. Executive Vice President, Electricity System Operator (2018–)

Ellevio Ab (DSO) (former Fortum Distribution Ab), Senior Vice President, Customers (2011–2018)

Fortum Distribution Ab, Head of Process and Business Efficiency (2009–2011)

Capgemini Sverige Ab (Consulting), Staffing and Resource Manager (1999 - 2009)

#### Other positions of trust

Member of the Board, Fifty A/S (2019–)

Member of the Board. Power Circle AB (2021–)

Member of the Advisory Board at Center for Executive Education, Stockholm Business School (2018–)

#### **Ole Jacob Høyland**

M.Sc. Science and Technology Born 1966 Norwegian citizen Member of the Board since 2013

#### Primary working experience

Statnett, Director Market Operations (2014–)

Statnett, Director Market Settlement, Customer Relations and Tariff Strategy (2010–2014)

Statnett, different leading positions (1995–2010)

Norwegian Water Resources and Energy Directorate (1994–1995)

HelgelandsKraft (DSO Company), Project Leader (1991–1994)

#### Other positions of trust

Member of Board, elhub AS (2015–)

TSO Chair Joint Steering Committee Multi Regional Market Coupling (2017–)

Statnett GA representative Joint Allocation Office, Luxemburg (2016–)

#### **Signe Horn Rosted**

M.Sc. Scient. Soc. Born 1977 Danish citizen Member of the Board since 2019

#### Primary working experience

- Energinet, Tech & Innovation, CIO, Group Senior Vice President (2022-)
- Energinet, Vice President, Business and Markets (2019–2022)

Energinet, Director, Electricity Markets (2017–2019)

Energinet, Head of Retail Market Development (2013–2017)

Energinet, Chief consultant/ consultant (2009–2013)

Ministry of the Environment, Head of Section (2004–2009)

#### Other positions of trust

Member of the Board, Energinet Eltransmission (2022–)

> Member of the Board, Energinet DataHub (2019–)

Member of the Board, TSO Holding (2018 - 2022)

> Member of the Board, Gas Storage Denmark (2018–2021)

#### Kari Suominen

M.Sc. (Tech.), MBA, CBM Born in 1964 Finnish citizen Member of the Board since 2022

#### **Primary working Experience**

Fingrid Oyj, CIO (2013–) Ahlstrom Oyj, CIO (2009–2013) Konecranes Oyj, CIO (2002–2009)

STERIS Finn-Aqua, Head of Production (1997–2002)

Aquamaster-Rauma, Aquamaster-Rauma Korea Ltd, several positions (1989–1997)

#### Other positions of trust

Member of the Board, DigiFinland Oy (2020–2022) ICTC Committee, member (2022–)







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## Management Group

The eSett Management Group assists the CEO in implementing the actions required to reach strategic targets within the framework approved by the Board of Directors. Each member of the Management Group is responsible for the day-to-day operations and the implementation of operational decisions in their respective areas.

#### Minnakaisa Ahonen

CEO At eSett since 2013 M.Sc. (Tech.), MBA, born in 1970

Jonni Laine **Executive Vice President** At eSett since 2013 M.Sc. (Tech.), born in 1984

Tuomas Lahti Head of Operations and Customer Service At eSett since 2014 M.Sc. (Tech.), born in 1988

Antti Niemi Head of Digital Office At eSett since 2020 M.Sc. (Tech.), born in 1980

Ville Rahkonen Development Manager At eSett since 2022 M.Sc. (Tech.), M.Sc. (Econ.), born in 1981





eSett Management Group (from the left): Ville Rahkonen, Jonni Laine, Minnakaisa Ahonen, Tuomas Lahti, and Antti Niemi





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In 2022, eSett made a profit of EUR 880,111.86. The company's Board of Directors will propose to Annual General Meeting of Shareholders that the profit be carried over as unrestricted equity. No dividends will be paid. The income for the fiscal year, EUR 8,492,597.54, consisted of TSO service fees. The biggest expenses during the fiscal year comprised of depreciation, personnel, and ICT expenses.

#### Capital expenditures

In 2022, eSett continued to invest in the Imbalance Settlement Model and replaced the old on-premise finance ERP with a cloud-based system. Total non-current assets were EUR 5,990,604.45 as per December 31, 2022.

#### Financing

#### Shareholder and capital loan

The shareholders have granted eSett two loans, a shareholder loan and a capital loan which is already repaid. The shareholder loan of EUR 7.5 million was utilized by the end of 2015 and will be paid back in March 2023.

#### Share Capital

eSett Oy was originally owned by TSOs Fingrid Oyj in Finland, Affärsverket Svenska kraftnät in Sweden, and Statnett SF in Norway. On May 14, 20 the Danish TSO Energinet signed agreement with the other TSOs, m ing it one of eSett's shareholders.

eSett's share capital had been rai to 15,000 shares at the beginning May 2019; when Energinet becam shareholder, 3,750 shares were s to it. Each of the four shareholders equal shareholdings of 3,750 shar which have equal rights.

The invested unrestricted equity fund of eSett Oy is EUR 5,998,950. Each owner has invested an equal amount.

#### Service fees

eSett's income consists of imbalance settlement service fees collected from the TSOs on a regular basis. The fee against or mitigate the wide range of threat factors and risks relating to the covers the costs of eSett's daily operations, i.e., customer support, imbalcompany's operation, environment, ance settlement, collecting payments, personnel, and property. Due to the and performing other services on benature of our primary purpose, the risks half of the TSOs. The fee ensures the are also examined from the perspective of society or the electricity market. future operational capability of the company. eSett's basic service fee is Continuity management is an eleset to cover our long-term operational ment of comprehensive risk managecosts and future investments, and to ment. The purpose is to improve our provide a fair profit. The service fee is organization's preparedness and abilapproved yearly by the Board. ity to respond in an optimal way to the realization of various risks and to en-Risk management sure operational continuity in special At eSett, overall enterprise risk mansituations.

agement is comprehensive, aiming to In October, eSett put its preparidentify, assess, monitor, and protect edness plan and organization to the

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Operating expenses	MEUR
Depreciation Personnel Imbalance settlement ICT expenses Communication Finance and Administration Other operating expenses Finance expenses	1,708 1,816 1,226 1,541 0,132 0,903 0,058 0,005
Total expenses	0,005 7,390

Non-current assets	MEUR	Notes
Intangible assets total Intangible rights Other intangible assets Tangible assets	5,991 0,256 5,711 0,024	Licenses Software ICT infrastructure

test. A comprehensive one-day business continuity exercise driven by risk scenarios was conducted to validate eSett's business continuity plans and procedures. The exercise was an excellent chance for the organization to test its skills in crisis management, and it gave us valuable ideas how to improve our resilience further.

In 2022, eSett continued its ISAE audit with Type II audit performed by PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC). ISAE is an international assurance standard used in service organizations to give assurance to customers and service users that the organization has adequate internal controls.





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Type II audit is done by reviewing several samples of data to ensure that the defined controls are complied with during the whole audit period.

Our whole personnel are obliged but also motivated to maintain a high level of risk and continuity management at all times. Work is guided by internal policies with reporting and controlling principles.

#### Collaterals

eSett is the financial counterparty in the imbalance settlement towards all BRPs. In practice, this means significant counterparty risk for us, so each BRP must provide collateral to eSett as a security against the risk of the BRP being unable to fulfil its obligations to eSett. The collateral helps to ensure that we can always complete the imbalance settlement in an orderly manner.

Collateral can be provided in the form of a cash deposit into a pledged bank account or by bank guarantee. The required collateral must be in place before a BRP can start their operations.

The Nordic Imbalance Settlement Model has a dynamic collateral model. The collateral requirements are recalculated daily based on the latest available settlement and pricing data, and BRPs are obligated to always keep their collateral on the required level.

#### Hedging

Currency risk in imbalance settlement is hedged with foreign exchange transactions. The weekly settlement result is calculated in euros but the BRPs can choose to be invoiced either in euros or in local currency (NOK, SEK, or DKK). The foreign currency items are hedged weekly with foreign exchange forward contracts; these derivative contracts are hedging financial instruments.

#### Market monitoring

Market behavior monitoring is one of eSett's tasks with three main objectives. Firstly, to monitor that the imbalances of BRPs are kept as low as possible, secondly to monitor possible market abuse, and thirdly to mitigate the counterparty risk which eSett has towards each of the BRPs.

eSett has increased its monitoring efforts to reduce the counterparty risks during the period of high electricity prices.

#### Imbalance Settlement

eSett operates the imbalance settlement and manages its invoicing and money transfers in accordance with the harmonized Nordic Imbalance Settlement model. The amounts to be settled and invoiced include the BRPs' imbalances and fees charged from the



BRPs as well as payments for activated reserves. In addition, eSett settles and invoices capacity reserves on behalf of Energinet in Denmark.

The TSOs are legally responsible for the imbalance settlement, but eSett carries out the settlement and invoicing on their behalf. Nevertheless, all transfers pass through eSett which guarantees the financial settlement. The net proceeds from the imbalance settlement in each country will be transferred to the respective TSO.

The year 2022 proved to have many great achievements and interesting events. Perhaps the biggest achievements from development perspective have been reaching technical capability for 15-minute imbalance settlement period and technical readiness for Balancing Service Provider model. Reflecting on these, the next year will definitely be very interesting when we will hopefully see the commissioning of both projects.

The price trend from the previous year continued, hence the market prices have been very volatile and generally high, peaking at exceptional levels especially during the latter part of the year. This has also kept the counterparty risk towards eSett volatile.

year of operation with the new single balance single price model. eSett

The past year also marked first full



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has not seen any significant changes in the behavior of market participants compared to the previous two balance model. We will keep focusing on increasing our knowledge and understanding of the market as well as on open and transparent sharing of important information and interesting market insights, valuing our customers but respecting their privacy.

Finally, the core operations of eSett have been carried out reliably and successfully; only twice has our weekly invoicing processes been delayed slightly during the whole year. In addition to that, our services reached a very high availability rate, matching the levels achieved during the previous years.

#### Nordic Imbalance Settlement Handbook

The Handbook provides market participants with a comprehensive overview of the Nordic Imbalance Settlement Model from the market participant's perspective. The Handbook is updated at least twice a year or on a per need basis.

The official version of the Handbook is published in English and can be found on eSett's webpage.

#### **Digital Office**

2022 saw eSett's ICT unit renamed Digital Office, to better reflect the role the unit has in eSett. Digital Office provides digital solutions and ICT services for eSett's stakeholders and ensures that the operating environment of the balance settlement system is safe and secure.

During the year, Digital Office concentrated mostly on ensuring technical compatibility with the upcoming shift from 60-minute to 15-minute settlement periods. The change significantly increases the settlement data growth rate, so several enhancements to the balance settlement system and its operating environment were done to ensure a smooth transition.

In the second half of 2022, the development team in Digital Office took over the responsibility of developing and maintaining the public data solution offered to the market parties. The solution is currently being rebuilt, and we look forward to releasing this first internally produced service to the market in Q2/2023.

Operationally 2022 was as stable as the previous year, and there were very few incidents leading to customerfacing problems. We are confident that 2023 will be another successful year of robust balance settlement services.











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## **Income statement**

INCOME STATEMENT		Jan.1–Dec. 31, 2022	Jan.1–Dec. 31, 2021
	Notes		
TURNOVER	12	8.492.597.54	7,468,999.81
Other operating income		57.20	320.16
Personnel costs	1	-1,815,524.39	-1,443,235.06
Depreciation and write-off	2	-1,708,302.48	-2,541,891.77
Other operating expenses	3, 12	-3,861,071.50	-3,212,988.88
OPERATING PROFIT		1,107,756.37	271,204.26
Finance income and costs	4, 12,13	-5,332.97	-56,449.52
PROFIT BEFORE PROVISIONS AND			
TAXES		1,102,423.40	214,754.74
Income taxes	5	-222,311.54	-33,469.83
PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		880,111.86	181,284.91







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## **Balance sheet**

ASSETS		Dec. 31, 2022	Dec 31, 2021	EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		Dec. 31, 2022	Dec 31, 2021
	Notes				Notes		
NON-CURRENT ASSETS				EQUITY	11		
Intangible assets				Share capital		3,750.00	3,750.00
Intangible rights	6	255,958.56	420,597.06	Paid-up unrestricted equity			
Other intangible assets		3,752,882.75	3,297,594.06	reserve		5,998,950.00	5,998,950.00
Investments in process		1,957,765.31	2,219,483.95	Retained earnings		1,434,606.91	1,253,322.00
		5,966,606.62	5,937,675.07	Profit for the year		880,111.86	181,284.91
Terreikle essete		-,	-,	TOTAL EQUITY		8,317,418.77	7,437,306.91
Tangible assets							
Machinery and equipment	7	23,997.83	14,853.86	LIABILITIES			
		23,997.83	14,853.86	Non-current liabilities			
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		5,990,604.45	5,952,528.93	Shareholder loans	12	0.00	750,000.00
						0.00	750,000.00
CURRENT ASSETS				Current liabilities			
Short term						271 105 40	005 000 11
Other receivables	8	148,720,831.31	124,829,952.68	Trade payables	10	371,105.49	235,306.11
Deferred assets	9	306,581.88	180,794.14	Other liabilities	13	147,802,429.68	128,906,302.81
		149,027,413.19	125,010,746.82	Accrued liabilities	14	644,319.05	465,505.63
Cash and cash equivalents	10	2,117,255.35	6,831,145.71			148,817,854.22	129,607,114.55
oush and bush equivalents	10	2,117,200.00	0,001,140.71	TOTAL LIABILITIES		148,817,854.22	130,357,114.55
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		151,144,668.54	131,841,892.53	TOTAL EQUITY AND		- , ,	
TOTAL ASSETS		157,135,272.99	137,794,421.46	LIABILITIES		157,135,272.99	137,794,421.46







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## Accounting principles

There must always be a balance between supply and consumption of electricity. To achieve this, the TSOs use balancing power procured in the balancing power market. Imbalances arise from uncertainties in plans and failures in generation, consumption, and grid. Imbalance settlement is therefore a necessary function in a commercially based electricity market.

Historically TSOs Fingrid, Svenska kraftnät, and Statnett each have been operating their own imbalance settlement. Since May 2017, eSett Oy, owned jointly by the TSOs, has been responsible for imbalance settlement and invoicing the balance responsible parties. A harmonized model which offers common business processes for reporting, performing settlement, invoicing, and collateral management was introduced in May 2017. Denmark joined the Nordic Balance Settlement in two phases. In the first phase, starting on September 1, 2020, eSett took over the capacity settlement, and from February 1, 2021, the Imbalance settlement for the Danish market started. eSett invoices the balance responsible parties in its

own name on behalf of the TSOs. These Currency derivatives invoices are not part of eSett's turnover eSett protects the foreign currency according to the accounting rules. eSitems by hedging them weekly with ett's turnover consists of service fees foreign exchange forward contracts. invoiced to the TSOs. The company uses derivatives to proeSett's financial statements are pretect against currency risk of foreign pared according to Finnish Accounting currency transactions in imbalance Standards, FAS. Balance sheet items settlement. These derivative contracts are valued to the original purchase are hedging financial instruments. The price. Financial statements are precurrency risk is fully hedged.

pared according to the small business legislation (PMA chapters 2 and 3) in current and previous fiscal year.

#### Foreign currency transactions

Transactions and financial items denominated in foreign currency are recognized at the foreign exchange midrate quoted by the European Central Bank (ECB) at the transaction date. The exception are the receivables and debts hedged by forward contracts which are valued at forward contract rate. Foreign exchange gains and losses from business are included in exchange gains and losses in Other operating expenses.

#### Intangible and tangible assets

Intangible and tangible assets generating revenue during several financial years are valued at the original acquisition cost. Depreciation according to plan is calculated over the useful life of the item using straight-line method. Depreciation on intangible and tangible assets taken into use during the financial year is calculated on an item-by-item basis from the month of introduction.

The depreciation periods are as follows:

#### Other intangible assets

Other intangible rights according to useful life, 5 years at the maximum 3–5 years Software

#### Machinery and equipment

Computers and servers	5 years
Equipment	5 years

#### Activating personnel expenses to balance sheet

Hours used to the investment projects are activated to balance sheet starting January 1<sup>st</sup> 2019.







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## Notes to final statement

. PERSONNEL COSTS	2022	2021	4. FINANCE INCOME AND -EXPENSES	2022
Salaries and bonuses	-1,509,877	-1,205,780	Interest and other financial income from others	35,346
Pension expenses	-266,287	-208,480	Interest and other financial expenses to others	-40,679
Other personnel expenses	-39,360	-28,975	Total	-5,333
Total	-1,815,524	-1,443,235		
Personnal agets activated to Fixed Accests	41 110	102.010	5. INCOME TAXES	
Personnel costs activated to Fixed Assets	41,113	102,916	Income taxes for the financial year	-222,312
Number of salaried employees in the			Total	-222,312
company during the financial year:				
Personnel, average	21	18		
Personnel, Dec. 31	21	20		
2. DEPRECIATION ACCORDING TO PLAN				
Intangible rights	-164,639	-11,426		
Other intangible assets	-1,530,755	-2,311,977		
Tangible assets	-12,909	-218,488		
Total	-1,708,302	-2,541,892		
3. OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES				
Other personnel related expenses	-165,835	-82,672		
IT and telecommunications	-1,541,138	-1,282,645		
Customer service	-132,144	-158,276		
Imbalance settlement and administration	-1,963,739	-1,611,087		
Other operating expenses	-58,216	-78,310		
Exchange rate differences	0	1		
Total	-3,861,072	-3,212,989		

## Total -3,001,072







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6. INTANGIBLE ASSETS	2022	2021	7. TANGIBLE ASSETS	2022	2021
Intangible rights			Cost at Jan. 1	943,708	943,708
Cost at Jan. 1	1,153,133	1,160,063	Increases Jan. 1–Dec. 31	22,053	0
Increases Jan. 1–Dec. 31	0	0	Decreases Jan. 1–Dec. 31	0	0
Decreases Jan. 1–Dec. 31	0	-6,930	Cost at Dec. 31	965,762	943,708
Cost at Dec. 31	1,153,133	1,153,133	Accumulated depreciation according to plan at		
Accumulated depreciation according to plan at Jan. 1	-729,410	-520,978	Jan. 1	-928,855	-917,428
Decreases, Depreciation according to plan 1 Jan – 31 Dec	-3,126	-3,126	Depreciation according to plan Jan. 1-Dec. 31	-12,909	-11,426
Depreciation according to plan Jan. 1-Dec. 31	-164,639	-208,432	Carrying amount Dec. 31	23,997	14,854
Carrying amount Dec. 31	255,959	420,597			
Other intangible assets			8. OTHER RECEIVABLES	2022	2021
Cost at Jan. 1	12,719,818	10,858,283	Imbalance settlement receivables	146,834,300	124,829,954
Increases Jan. 1–Dec. 31	1,986,043	1,876,470	Tax receivable	0	0
Decreases Jan. 1–Dec. 31	0	-14,935	Other receivable	1,886,531	0
Cost at Dec. 31	14,705,861	12,719,818	Total	148,720,831	124,829,954
Accumulated depreciation according to plan at Jan. 1	-9,403,015	-7,125,182			
Decreases, Depreciation according to plan 1 Jan – 31 Dec	-19,209	-19,209	9. DEFERRED ASSETS	2022	2021
Depreciation according to plan Jan. 1–Dec. 31	-1,530,755	-2,277,833	Accruals of purchases	306,582	180,794
Carrying amount Dec. 31	3,752,883	3,297,594	Total	306,582	180,794
Investments in process					
Cost at Jan. 1	2,219,485	1,396,665	10. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	2022	2021
Increases Jan. 1–Dec. 31	1,746,378	2,699,290	Cash and bank receivables	2,117,255	6,831,146
Decreases Jan. 1–Dec. 31	-2,008,097	-1,876,470	Total	2,117,255	6,831,146
Cost at Dec. 31	3,965,863	4,095,955			
Carrying amount Dec. 31	1,957,766	2,219,485			





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11. EQUITY	2022	2021	12. RELATED PARTIES	2022	2021
Share capital at Jan. 1	3,750	3,750	Energinet AS		
Share capital at Dec. 31	3,750	3,750	Fingrid Oyj		
			Statnett SF		
Paid-up unrestricted equity reserve at Jan. 1	5,998,950	5,998,950	Affärsverket Svenska kraftnät		
Change	0	0			
Paid-up unrestricted equity reserve at Dec. 31	5,998,950	5,998,950	Loans from shareholders	750,000	2,250,000
			Total	750,000	2,250,000
Profit/loss from previous financial years	1,434,607	1,253,322			
Profit/loss for the financial year	880,112	181,285	Service fees from shareholders (turnover)	8,492,600	7,469,000
Retained earnings Dec. 31	2,314,719	1,434,607	Total	8,492,600	7,469,000
Equity Dec. 31	8,317,419	7,437,307			
	, ,	, , ,	Service fees to shareholders (expenses)	18,380	45,878
Number of shares Dec. 31	15,000	15,000	Loan interest to shareholders	19,188	37,777
			Service fees to shareholders related to fixed assets	0	0
			Total	37,568	83,655





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13. OTHER LIABILITIES	2022	2021
Short term:		
Imbalance settlement liabilities	146,834,300	124,829,954
Shareholder loan installment paid back in year 2021	750,000	1,500,000
Other liabilities	218,130	2,576,349
Total	147,802,430	128,906,303

14. ACCRUED LIABILITIES	2022	2021
Short term:		
Accrued vendor invoices	81,280	105,794
Interest and financing accruals	8,029	6,761
Payroll accruals	426,648	336,792
Accrued income tax liabilities	128,361	16,159
Total	644,319	465,506

15. GUARANTEES AND LIABILITY		
COMMITMENTS	2022	2021
Commitments according to service agreements		
Payments in the coming year (2023)	671,198	917,931
Payments later	8,500	289,468
Total	679,698	1,207,400
Derivative contracts		
Forward contracts		
Market value, positive		
Market value, negative	0	0
Value of the asset	0	0

Company has no open forward contracts at the closing date.

16.	EVENTS	S AFTER	THE RE	PORTING	PERIOD

eSett has analyzed the potential effects that the crisis in Ukraine could have on eSett's operations. Increasing energy prices and sanctions can create challenges for BRPs in meeting collateral demands or in payments. It is also seen that the crisis can increase the data security risks.

eSett has processes in place that cover situations where BRPs have challenges with payments or collateral demands. Also the data security at eSett is on high level and service providers have enhanced the monitoring after the crises started.

#### **17. ANNUAL REPORT INFORMATION REQUIRED BY COMPANIES ACT**

eSett Oy is owned by Fingrid Oyj, Affärsverket Svenska kraftnät, Statnett SF, and Energinet Elsystemansvar A/S (starting May 14, 2019). It was founded to manage national imbalance settlement. Each shareholder has 3,750 shares and they all have equal voting power.

Each original owner granted a loan of 1,875,000 euros (7,500,000 euros in total). The whole loan was utilized by the end of 2015. Repayment of loan started 2018.

Energinet Elsystemansvar A/S started as a shareholder on May 14, 2019, and the loan agreements were renegotiated. Each owner granted a loan of 1,500,000 euros (6,000,000 euros in total). The loan is subordinated to eSett's loans from other institutions. The loan is not secured. Interest according to market rate will be paid on the loan twice a year. The loan is paid back in 8 equal installments, 2 installments per year. The first repayment date was Sept. 16, 2019.

The Board of Directors will propose to the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders that no dividend is paid and that the profit 880,111.86 euros be carried over as unrestricted equity.

Company's distributable funds are:	
Invested unrestricted equity fund	5,998,950
Profit/loss from previous financial years	1,434,607
Profit/loss for the period	880,112
Total	8,313,669





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The Board of Directors will propose to the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders that the profit be carried over as unrestricted equity.

In Helsinki, March 21, 2023

Lowina Lundström Chair

Kristina Bernseter **Deputy Member** 

Signe Horn Rosted Board member

Kari Suominen Board member

Minnakaisa Ahonen Chief Executive Officer

#### **AUDITOR'S NOTATION**

The Auditor's Report was issued today on an audit conducted.

Helsinki, March 21, 2023

PricewaterhouseCoopers Oy Authorized Public Accountants

Taru Mäenpää Authorized Public Accountant, APA







