# **Energy Institute Hrvoje Požar on Smart Grid: Past activities and future directions**



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#### Who are we?



- EIHP: Energy Institute Hrvoje Požar is a non-profit scientific institution owned by Republic of Croatia
- the Institute financing is project-based; projects secured on international and domestic market
- 72 employees with a high education profile covering technical, legal, economic and environmental issues of the energy sector
- significant international experience and presence (within Europe and beyond)
- EIHP a leading strategic planning and energy sector reform institution in Croatia



### **Past Activities: Smart Metering**

- Smart Metering business analyses
  - analysis of opportunities in smart metering
    - smart metering seen as a major building block towards the implementation of smart grids
    - a viable smart metering system slated to be "smart grid-ready"
  - evaluating the value chain in smart metering:
    - stakeholder roles and possible business benefits
- for the Croatian institute of Technology (HIT) a
   system for smart measurement, data acquisition and management of energy (gas and electric) and water usage
  - part of a design of a referral centre for energy audits, energy efficiency and planning
  - project of management and control of a nation-wide sensor network
  - special care is taken on *implementation* details e.g. communication protocols, data grouping, regional centres etc.
  - choice and suggestion of legislative changes and organizational changes in existing entities
  - financial estimates, viability analyses



# Past Activities: The Development of Energy Infrastructure for EV Charging in City of Zagreb

- EIHP participated in the development of an overall strategy to prepare the infrastructure in Zagreb (charging stations, electric dist. network etc.) for a large scale EV deployment
- compliance with energy strategy of Republic of Croatia (20-20-20, 10% of renewables in transport by 2020)
- anticipation of technologies getting the field ready for well planned investments in the traffic infrastructure
- (pro)active management of City of Zagreb policies related to sustainable transport and development
- starting with an analysis of current state, deliver clear, concise and direct guidelines towards EV-ready infrastructure
- integrate the efforts into other initiatives and projects
- pin Zagreb to the European map of smart and modern cities!









#### **Related Ongoing Activities: E-Mobility**

- the **e-mobilnost** e-mobility initiative
  - increases of the electric mobility adoption rate by increasing awareness
  - analyses of energy efficiency measures in transport sector
    - suggesting applicable measures to the relevant national bodies
  - polls, web portal, media presentations, E-Mobility day...
- installation and operation of a *smart charging station* 
  - in Savska 163, Zagreb (at EIHP)
- drafting of a Second National Action Plan on Energy Efficiency including measures for easier EV deployment







### **Related Ongoing Activities: E-Mobility Initiative (2)**





- e-mobility day
  - presentations and test drives of a first fully electric vehicle in serial production registered in Croatia: Citroën C-Zero
- in a Second National Action Plan on Energy Efficiency several measures for easier EV deployment are included
- a smart charging station in Zagreb put into service and fully operational
  - home-made converted EV owners also charge their vehicles at our charging point
- EIHP helped in establishing of a second second solar-powered EV charging station in Zadar

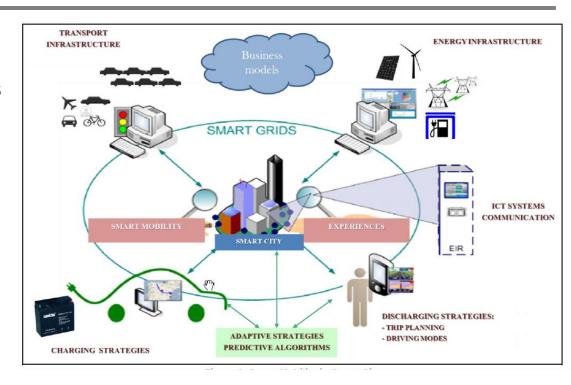


## Related Ongoing activities: The MOBINCITY FP7 Project



### Smart Mobility in Smart City (MOBINCITY)

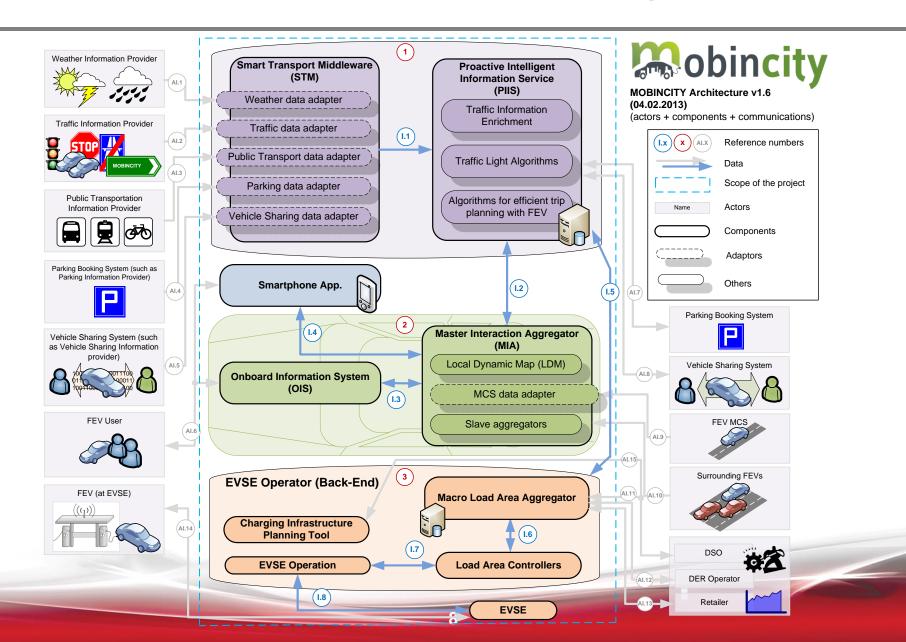
- FP7 project, 13 consortium members from five different states; EIHP and Croatian Telecom (HT) from Croatia
- topic: e-mobility as an efficient and integrated urban means of transport
- EVs as a part of energy system:
  - charging optimization
  - signals to EV owners
  - locations of charging stations
  - coordination with renewables
- cloud based platform for optimal exploitation of EVs and the charging infrastructure (proactive intelligent information service)



- development of algorithms and communication standards for integral connectivity of vehicles, vehicle owners and urban traffic (proactive traffic management)
- smart mobility systems: smart traffic lights and public transport



### **Related Activities: The MOBINCITY Project Scheme**





### Future Directions: Ludbreg - Smart Energy City Project

- an **integral platform** and strategy for intelligent development of urban areas
  - increased energy efficiency
  - controlling and managing the energy use
  - lessening the cost burden on service sector
  - paving the way for alternative energy solutions and platforms
  - self-sustainable modernization of networks
  - intelligent and integrated transport solutions
- the project is designed as a development + implementation (demonstration) a
   lighthouse project, delivering a replicable platform for other cities in Croatia
- direct and indirect project goals:
  - lowering emissions, compliance with relevant EU directives (e.g. 2012/27/EC, 2009/72/EC and 2009/73/EC, 2010/31/EC etc) and strategic agenda
  - control and management of electric energy, gas and water usage
  - demand response management
  - ...





### Future Directions: Ludbreg - Smart Energy City Project

- Smart Energy City has two phases: **development** and **implementation** phase
- development phase
  - establishing the *database*: energy audits, inquiries, certificates, existing data
  - processing the data
    - delivering a set of energy and economic indices (current situation)
  - evaluating the technical solutions for all the analyzed project segments (energy, water, transport, building management...)
  - analyses of innovative tariff / remuneration models
  - development of a evaluation criteria matrix to be used in implementation
  - technical and economic analyses supporting the above
- **implementation** phase according to the above criteria:
  - defining the necessary infrastructure and stakeholders
  - tendering procedures
  - implementation, monitoring, validation
- education: for end-users and stakeholders





# Future Directions: Supporting Strategic Deployment of Smart Grids in Croatia

- the project provides analytical support to SG implementation strategy
- in a certain sense implementation of smart grid is a practical obligation (through EU legislative acts)
- for a vision of smart grid:
  - a set of implementable solutions is needed however smart grid issues extend beyond technical issues - regulatory and market standards
  - interoperable equipment conforming to technical protocols and standards
  - the underlying IT systems capable of increased quality of service (big data handling)
- in terms of strategic planning, approaching SG implementation *strategically* enables maintaining reliability, delaying or avoiding excessive investments
- EIHP offers analytical support for the above tasks and it ranges from economic and legal (e.g. tariff and regulatory) issues to the implementation-level technical issues and public acceptance issues



## Future Directions: Supporting Strategic Implementation of Electric Mobility

- a project to develop analytical support towards a set of incentive policies and removal of barriers for electric mobility
  - the motivation: increased share of clean transport, coordination of renewables and EVs,
  - a systematic and coordinated approach is required for an efficient implementation
- technical analyses of the impact of EV fleet on the distribution and transmission network and on the production
- intra-day coordination of EV fleet economic, legal and technical issues
  - vehicle to grid and EVs as stochastic storage
- envisioning the life-cycle management of EVs:
  - new materials in waste management and recycling
- measurement to promote the required infrastructural investments
  - identifying and supporting the lighthouse projects
- promotional and educational activities
- constant support and *adjustment (!)* of incentive measures
- interface towards other efforts (Smart Grid and Smart City projects)



### Thank you for your attention!



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