

SmartGrids ERA-NET

Workshop for Preparation of Croatian Technology Platform for Cooperative Renewable Energy Systems and Smart Grids

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Smart Grid: ERA-NET

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- Basic idea:
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 - •More cooperation at EU level makes us stronger, is more efficient, gives faster results
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Smart Grid ERA-NET

- Netherlands
- Sweden
- Norway
- Denmark
- Belgium
- France
- Estonia
- Latvia
- Spain

- Poland
- Slovenia
- Croatia
- Greece
- Austria
- Switzerland
- Belgium
- Turkey
- (Germany)



Croatian *Technology* Platform for Cooperative *Renewable Energy Systems* and *Smart Grids*

- Technology: Smart Grids is more than technology (social acceptance; regulatory issues)
- Renewable Energy Systems: Smart Grids and RES good combination, sometimes single RES or single Smart Grids solutions are preferred
- Smart Grids: what is a Smart Grid?



Smart Grid: different drivers, different benefits

- Overall: reducing cost and/or enables extra energy savings
- Metering and billing
- Maintenance (preventative)
- Managing load flows grid reinforcement
- Enabeling RES, smart cities, smart homes
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Smart Grid: more than technology

- Managing load flows: related to human behaviour, social acceptance mandatory
- Smart Grids changes traditional roles of consumers and producers: more interaction requires adaption of the regulations



Smart Grid: Research agenda

- Multi disciplinary character of Smart Grid: involvement of many different stakeholders (industry, TSO's, DSO's, energy companies, service providers, regulators,)
- Smart Grid = proces (not a project)
- Smart Grid = system change (technology, regulations, business models)
- => Platforms both on national and international level to give guidance to the Smart Grid process



Smart Grid: Research agenda

- Research needs defined by different platforms (ETP Smart Grids, EEGI, IEA)
- EU: Strategic Research Agenda
- How to fund this?
 - Industry
 - National programmes
 - EU programmes



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- Joint calls (3 done, 4th in 2013)
- Mapping, prioritizing, focussing
- In 2013: working towards an ERA-NET+
- Defining focus by series of events (workshops)
- Funding by MS'(2/3) and EC (1/3)



Smart Grid ERA-NET+

- Funding of individual calls for transnational research & innovation
- Common or mixed pot
- 2/3 funded by MS'; 1/3 by EC
- Minimum 5 funding programmes from 5 MS' or AS'
- Minimum total budget 5 M€
- Projects with maximum duration of 5 years
- Joint evaluation procedure