European Conference on Smart Metering Deployment in the EU
Organised by the European Commission
Schuman room - Berlaymont Building, Rue de la Loi 200, B-1040 Brussels
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Objective of the conference:
- Gauge, on the basis of the Commission’s Benchmarking Report, the progress to date with smart metering deployment in the EU in line with the provisions of the Third Energy Package;
- Disseminate best practices and lessons learned and reflect on the way forward for realising the full potential of smart metering by
  - ensuring technical and commercial interoperability, and
  - guaranteeing data privacy and security, while
  - delivering full benefits to consumers and the energy system via the intelligent flow and management of information and the development of new services and products.

This conference complements the discussion under the EUSEW (EU Sustainable Energy Week) Future Retail Market event planned for 25 June.

12.30 -13.30 - Registration and sandwiches

13.30 – 14.15  Session 1: Welcome & Introduction
Highlights from the Smart Metering Benchmarking Report
Chair: Dominique Ristori, Director General, European Commission, Directorate-General Energy

Objective of session 1: Disseminate the results of the Commission Report “Benchmarking Smart Metering Deployment in the EU-27” which is based on the comparative assessment of Member States’ cost-benefit analyses data on smart metering roll-out and related plans.

- Welcome: Dominique Ristori, Director General, European Commission, Directorate-General Energy (15 minutes)
- Keynote presentation: Highlights from the Commission’s benchmarking report on smart metering deployment in the EU – Klaus-Dieter Borchardt, Director, European Commission, Directorate-General for Energy (30 minutes)

14.15 – 16.00 - Session 2: Panel Discussion: “Lessons learned I – ensuring competitive environment and security for metering data”
Chair: Klaus-Dieter Borchardt, Director, European Commission, Directorate-General Energy

Objective of session 2: Reflection on Member States’ intentions for smart metering set-up and market arrangements, data management and handling, also with respect to fostering retail competition in this environment.

- Keynote presentation: Giovanni de Santi, Director, European Commission, Directorate-General Joint Research Centre (15 minutes)
Panel Discussion: smart metering deployment arrangements (e.g. metering market set-up, ownership of smart metering assets, roles and responsibilities), requirements, and implications particularly regarding non-discriminatory access to data and their handling/management. Panellists will outline within 5 minutes each their introductory comments followed by a discussion involving also the audience (~60 minutes).

- The Finnish case, Petteri Kuuba, FI-Ministry of Employment & Economy
- The UK-Great Britain case, Ferry Lienert, UK- Department of Energy & Climate Change
- The Dutch case, Inger Huizing, NL-Ministry of Economic Affairs
- The BE Flanders case, Dirk Marginet, VREG

16.00 - 16.30 – Coffee break & networking

16.30 – 18.15 Session 3: Panel Discussion: "Lessons learned II – ensuring interoperability of metering systems and appliances: the role of functionalities and standards "
Chair: Klaus-Dieter Borchardt, Director, European Commission, Directorate-General Energy

Objective of session 3: Reflection with invited panellists on ensuring interoperability of metering systems and appliances in order to seize the smart metering opportunity and make it of value to both the energy system and consumers and a winning experience for all stakeholders.

Keynote presentation: Paul Timmers, Director, European Commission, Directorate-General Communications Networks, Content & Technology (15 minutes)

Panel Discussion: discussion will focus on the role of smart metering functionalities and standards for ensuring interoperability of metering systems and appliances and enabling the development of new services and products, consumer empowerment and overall system flexibility. Panellists will deliver within 5 minutes each their introductory comments followed by a discussion involving also the audience (~60 minutes).

- Standardisation: Daniel Hec, Chairperson CEN-CLC-ETSI Smart Meters Coordination Group
- Distribution System Operators’ perspective: João Torres, CEO EDP Distribuição
- Industry perspective: Joseph Nasr, Manager Schneider Electric and EU.BAC; Howard Porter, Strategy Director ESMIG
- Smart services: Frits Verheij, Director DNV GL-Energy; David Nestle, OGEMA, STARGRID Coordinator, Fraunhofer Institute

18.15 – 18.30 – Session 4: Concluding Remarks
Klaus-Dieter Borchardt, Director, European Commission, Directorate-General for Energy

18.30 – 19.30 – Networking cocktail

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