GRIDS MEET RENEWABLES **CONFERENCE AND**

BEST PRACTICE FAIR

20 February 2018, Brussels



AGENDA

09:00	WELCOME COFFEE AND REGISTRATION			
10:00	THE NEED FOR A COMMON STRATEGY TOWARDS GRIDS AND RENEWABLES Opening and keynotes: • Antonella Battaglini, CEO, Renewables Grid Initiative (RGI) • Giles Dickson, CEO, WindEurope • Mechthild Wörsdörfer, Director, DG Energy, European Commission • Laurent Schmitt, Secretary General, ENTSO-E			
10:45	PLANNING OUR ENERGY LANDSCAPE TOGETHER - LONG-TERM PLANNING, SITE SELECTION, ZONING Moderator: Antina Sander, Deputy Executive Director, RGI Californian approach to system planning, Carl Zichella, Director, Natural Resource Defence Council European approach to system development, The Ten-Year Network Development Plan, Sébastien Lepy, Chairman of the System Development Committee, ENTSO-E Belgian-Dutch North Seas planning approach, Jan Hensmans, Head of Unit, Belgian Ministry of Economy			
12:00	SHORT TEASER PRESENTATIONS OF PRACTICES INCLUDED IN THE FAIR			
12:30	LUNCH BREAK			
13:45	DEVELOPING THE INFRASTRUCTURE - OVERCOMING BARRIERS ON THE ROAD TO 100% RENEWABLES Moderator: Theresa Schneider, Senior Project Manager, RGI PART I: SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS • Dr. Eva Schmid, Policy Advisor Power Grids and Low-Carbon Policy, Germanwatch • Jennifer Ramsay, Project Manager, Locogen • Nicola Notaro, Head of Unit D3 (Nature protection), DG Environment, European Commission • Igor Lefebvre, Head of Environment & CSR, Elia • Axel Happe, Senior Manager Public Participation, 50Hertz			
14:30	PART II: COSTS AND REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS Introductory presentation: • Enlarging incentive regulation to improve public awareness and trust in infrastructure development, Leonardo Meeus, Associate Professor, Vlerick Business School / Florence School of Regulation Panel discussion: • Elaine O'Connell, Seconded Official Unit B2 (Wholesale markets, electricity & gas), DG Energy, European Commission • Raul Gil, Chairman Energy Team, Europacable • Thomas Bobinger, Policy Officer EU Internal Market, Federation of German Consumer Organisations • Vincent Thouvenin, Director European Affairs & Finances, RTE			



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15:15	SHORT TEASER PRESENTATIONS OF PRACTICES INCLUDED IN THE FAIR
15:30	COFFEE BREAK
16:15	OPERATING THE GRID WITH LARGER SHARES OF VARIABLE RENEWABLES Moderator: Daniel Fraile, Senior Analyst, WindEurope Keynote presentations: Outlook of system needs and future transformation, Ditlev Engel, CEO Energy, DNV-GL Flexibility by innovation – connecting the renewable world with smart solutions, Paul-Georg Garmer, Senior Manager Public Affairs, TenneT Panel discussion: Jochen Kreusel, Market Innovation Manager Power Grids Division, ABB Vandad Hamidi, Associate Director – Grid and Electrical Networks, Atkins Eliano Russo, Head of e-Industries, Enel X
17:30	FINAL REMARKS AND WRAP-UP
17:35	RECEPTION WITH FOOD AND DRINKS

EXHIBITORS



PROJECT	ORGANISATION
Working together for a wildlife – friendly European grid network	BirdLife
Innovative technique for the recovery of Posidonia Oceanica seagrass meadows	REE
Close and personal dialogue: development of a Mobile Citizen's Office for public participation	50Hertz



Using smart digital solutions to facilitate intermittent RES integration	ALPIQ
The Next Pool: balancing the grid with decentralized units and renewables	Next Kraftwerke
IEAWIND Task 25 – best practices for integrating large amounts of wind and solar to power systems	VTT
MIGRATE Project - Safeguarding grid stability in systems dominated by power electronics	TenneT
Turning excess wind power into hydrogen – a review of two new projects	Hydrogenics
Data-driven grid operation – Applying data analytics to flow-based market coupling and other data sources	DNV GL



PROMOTioN project – Analysing the positive effects of a joint offshore-electricity infrastructure based on meshed HVDC (high-voltage direct current) grid technology

WiseGRID Project – Providing technology solutions and business models which increase the smartness, stability and security of an open, consumer-centric European energy grid





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