







Smart grids in the new programming period

The role of transnational R&I networks to strengthen smart energy



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Rationale

European Green deal – Energy Transition – Digital transformation...

A successful integration of increased amounts of renewable energy (mostly variable), improved energy efficiency and demand side management, require <u>smart energy systems</u>

European Structural and Investment Funds

Policy Objective 1: A smarter Europe (innovative & smart economic transformation)

Policy Objective 2: A greener, low-carbon Europe (including energy transition, the circular economy, climate adaptation and risk management)

→ iii) developing smart energy systems, grids and storage at local level



Main objective

→ To support national/regional authorities and key stakeholders across Europe in planning and designing the allocation of their EU funds for supporting investments in smart grids R&I and deployment during the 2021-2027 programming period.

The workshop provided an opportunity to create or reinforce of **governance models** that allow stronger **links with other regions** in Europe and with international networks.

provide information **Triple** perspective facilitate networking disseminate experiences European

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Specific objectives

- Showcase R&I initiatives and relevant initiatives and projects related to smart grids in the EU
- Connect regions with complementary RIS3 priorities / interests related to smart grids
- Engage the dialogue between public authorities responsible for Energy, RIS3 managers and other EU and non-EU actors
- Raise awareness on the potential of stronger collaboration between interested groups of actors (within regions and with others, multilateral joint programming, aligned strategies, etc.)
- Draw lessons for other areas in the frame of the Working Group "H2020 for RIS3"



Participants

From 10 countries (AT, BE, HR, CY, EE, FI, FR, DE, IT, LT, NL, PL, PT, RO, SI, ES, SE, UK) and more than 30 regions/MS.

Presentations from many EU and international initiatives:

- EC (REGIO, ENER, JRC)
- https://pantera-platform.eu PAN European Technology Energy Research Approach
- https://www.etip-snet.eu ETIP Smart Networks for Energy Transition (SNET)
- https://www.h2020-bridge.eu BRIDGE, Cooperation group of Smart Grids and Energy Storage H2020 projects
- https://eu-smartcities.eu EIP-SCC, European Innovation Partnership on Smart Cities and Communities



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- https://www.edsoforsmartgrids.eu
 E.DSO, European Distribution System Operators
- <u>https://www.interregeurope.eu/</u> INTERREG Europe
- https://www.interregeurope.eu/set-up/ SET-UP Project: Smart Energy Transition to Upgrade regional Performance
- https://www.eranet-smartenergysystems.eu/ Joint Programming Platform (JPP) ERA-Net Smart Energy Systems (ERA-Net SES)
- <u>https://der-lab.net/</u> European Distributed Energy Resources Laboratories
- https://www.ecsel.eu/ Electronic Components and Systems for European Leadership (ECSEL)
- http://www.eera-sg.eu/ European Energy Research Alliance (EERA) Joint Programme on Smart Grids
- https://www.innoenergy.com/ KIC InnoEnergy



Session 1: Identification and involvement of actors to design efficient policies in SG

- How to attract the interest of the stakeholders;
- ➤ How to ensure local actors engagement thus allowing for a common understanding of policies objectives and empowering them to take an active role in the process of smarting of the system.
- ➤ How to use the S3 expertise to foster and maintain the bottom-up component inherent to the development of smart grid initiatives;
- > How to carry out effective consultations throughout the whole process.



Session 2: Internationalisation as a tool for better SG development planning in the next MFF

- What are the main weaknesses in your country/region regarding connectedness with the wider EU R&I landscape in Smart Grids (KICs, H2020, Interreg, S3 thematic platforms, JU, ERA-Net, ETIP, etc.)?
- ➤ How to use these **networks** to design better **strategic interventions** that will create the adequate conditions required for the development of Smart Grids and its elements, and respond to the existing needs, barriers for its use?
- > Do you think it will be possible for the **next programming** period to set any exchange with other regions or MS to increase the effectiveness of your policies on smart grids? Would you be interested in **developing strategic alignment**?



Session 3: Funding and support mechanisms for Smart Grids

- ➤ How to build **synergies** with other available EU funding and support instruments in the whole smart grids' value chain (from R&I to deployment), key issues for **financial** management, required capacities and existing assistance initiatives for financial engineering, etc.
- ➤ How to improve the current **internal administrative capacities** to make the most of all available EU funding possibilities and support mechanisms for smart grids?





Thank you!



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