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Editorial

Smart Meters, Smart Services and Smart Operations

The EEF visit of Smart Grid Technologies that took place mid September provided MEPs and EEF Associate Members with an opportunity to learn more on smart grids and related technologies. The presentations concentrated on Smart Metering technologies and applications in the Smart Grid Service Centre, a solar-powered pavilion situated in the very sunny city of Barcelona.



The delegation was headed by **Edit Herczog, MEP** and Vice-President of the EEF who is deeply involved in both energy issues and information and communications technologies, the two subjects at the centre of the presentations.

Participants visited the Grid Operation Centre, where they discovered the latest IT improvements on grid operation and were received at the City Hall before a guided tour through the 22@Barcelona, the innovation district whose modern energy efficient buildings are the premises of many leading ICT companies based in the city.

Upcoming events

- 08/10/2013** Dinner-debate in Strasbourg
A competitive and sustainable business model for 2030 and beyond
At the invitation of **Statoil**
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- 27-31/10/2013** Delegation visit to the US :
Shale Gas and Nuclear
At the request of Active Members
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- 04/11/2013** Dinner-debate in Brussels
From waste to local energy
At the invitation of **CEWEP**
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- 13/11/2013** Dinner-debate in Brussels
Coal, Poland and COP19
At the invitation of **Euracoal**
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- 19/11/2013** Dinner-debate in Strasbourg
Capacity mechanisms as a structural component of electricity markets
At the invitation of **Enel**
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EEF events



Consumer orientation as a competitive advantage in the energy retail market

10/09/2013: Dinner-debate in Strasbourg

This was the first EEF dinner-debate in Strasbourg after the summer recess. Participants had the opportunity to explore further consumer issues regarding the energy market with speakers **Werner Brinker**, CEO of EEF's Associate Member **EWE**, and **Jan Panek**, Head of Unit dealing with retail, markets, coal and oil at **DG Energy, European Commission**.



According to Mr Brinker *"there seems to be a broad majority of those who agree that we need a more intelligent energy supply and a greater awareness amongst consumers. They support the idea that if we want to be competitive and efficient without putting in danger security of supply and our climate goals, we will have no choice but to optimize the system and business processes across all levels of the value chain."* In this context, *"consumer orientation is not an inconvenient duty, but a competitive advantage"*.

Mr Panek stressed the importance of developing an optimal retail market model with conscious consumers, smart distributions systems and more local action.

Delegation visit to Barcelona on Smart Grids

16-17/09/2013



This EEF hosted by **EDSO for Smart Grids** aimed at showing real-life and large-scale installations of different smart grids components in order to bring further knowledge on what smart grids are and how they can improve the efficiency, the reliability and the sustainability of electricity production and distribution.

The visit opened-up with a dinner where Mr Joao Torres, the new chairman appointed of EDSO for Smart Grids, welcomed all participants and highlighted the significant role of Smart Grids in a context where EU policies have to address energy efficiency challenges and climate issues.



The second day of the visit, the delegation was introduced to the Barcelona Smart City Project which seeks to upgrade the power supply system of the city with cutting-edge smart grid technologies offering greater savings and more efficient and sustainable management.