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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE FOR SMART GRIDS

Subject: Meeting minutes from the 10th meeting of the Steering Committee of the Task Force for Smart Grids

The 10th meeting of the Steering Committee (SC) of the Task Force on Smart Grids took place in Brussels on 1 February 2012, from 14:30 to 16:15.

Main conclusion:

All participants welcomed the Commission's proposal to reactivate of the Smart Grids Task Force and launching the four Expert Groups proposed for 2012:

- EG 1: Standardisation (already running since June 2011)
- EG 2: Regulatory recommendations for data protection
- EG 3: Market model
- EG 4: Infrastructure development

Planning:

By 15 February, expected input from SC members are:

- Send written comments (in TC) on the Task Force Work Plan
- Confirm who is representing your organisation in the Steering Committee (max. 2 persons per organisation). Please, provide name, title and full coordinates.
- Confirm in which Expert Group(s) your organisation wants to participate and name, title and full coordinates of the experts you suggest.
- Propose additional associations that should be present in the Steering Committee.

Please send the above to Manuel Sánchez (manuel.sanchez-jimenez@ec.europa.eu).

Before end of February:

Commission will organise a kick-off meeting for each Expert Group and discuss individual work plans. The 3rd EG1 meeting is already scheduled for 8 March.

By 19 March:

Commission will propose detailed work plans for Expert Groups 2, 3 and 4 to the SC. Final discussion and adoption of detailed plans will take place at the next SC meeting.

28 March, 14.30 – 17.30:

Next Steering Committee meeting.

The meeting was opened by Mr. Vinois. A copy of the attendance list is enclosed. The Commission noticed that the SC composition has been changed since June 2011 (e.g. participants are DIGITALEUROPA, Demand Response Coalition, and EUROGAS). The old list of SC members is enclosed. The chairman asked participants to revise the list and provide an updated information before 15 February. In view of the new programme proposed by the Commission, the chairman also asked the SC members to suggest potential additional associations, mainly from the ICT sector, which can be interesting to join the Task Force.

1. Introduction

The Commission proposed to reactivate the Smart Grid Task Force based on the updated Mission and Work Programme (see below).

Earlier work for the Task Force has substantially been used to draft recent legislation proposals:

- Provisions in Art. 8 and 12 of the Energy Efficiency Directive, adopted on 22 June 2011.
- The Regulation on Guidelines for European Energy (and Telecom) Infrastructures in October 2011.
- Recommendation for privacy and security, expected to be adopted during the next few weeks.

The Commission proposed to reactivate the Task Force based on its achievements:

- large degree of consensus has been achieved during the last two years on key challenges and actions;
- great success of deliverables on time;
- coordination (inside Commission with 9 DGs and with 30 stakeholders) and mobilisation of more than 200 experts in Europe on Smart Grids from all stakeholders

2. Approval of the minutes of the 9th SC SG TF meeting

Minutes of the last meeting were distributed on 21 June 2011 to SC members. No comments were received. The minutes were approved as distributed.

3. Actions pending from the last meeting

As proposed at the 9th meeting, the Commission organised a joint meeting with Expert Group for Privacy/Security in October to identify the needs for sectorial legislation on privacy and security in Smart Grids. The Expert Group has updated its second report with the outcomes of such a meeting and re-submitted it in December for adoption.

The Commission circulated it for final approval at the end of the year. No comments received. The report was approved as distributed.

4. Presentation of Mission and Work Programme

M. Sánchez presented the main elements of the mission and work proposed based on the document distributed to the members of the SC. The Task Force is foreseen for two years, which can be extended at the end of this period if considered favourable. The proposed Mission and Work Plan as well as the presentation are attached to the minutes.

All participants welcomed the proposed initiative to reactivate the Task Force.

Discussion on Mission and Work Programme

- COGEN emphasised the importance to take storage in account as part of the future infrastructure of the grids.
- EUTC noted that there is limited participation of telecom association at the Steering Committee. The Commission will invite ICT associations to participate. Suggestions for additional associations which are relevant to strengthen the Steering Committee are welcomed by the Commission.
- SEDC noted that demand side is not limited to the retail market, but includes also industrial actors like heat pumps.

Written comments on the Work Plan should be sent to the Commission (manuel.sanchez-jimenez@ec.europa.eu) by 15 February the latest.

The Commission proposed a plan for inputs and actions during the next weeks, which was adopted by participants (see the summary above).

5. Next Steering Committee meeting.

Next SC meeting will be held on 28 March, from 14.30 – 17.30:

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