

Common functional communications standards for smart metering systems

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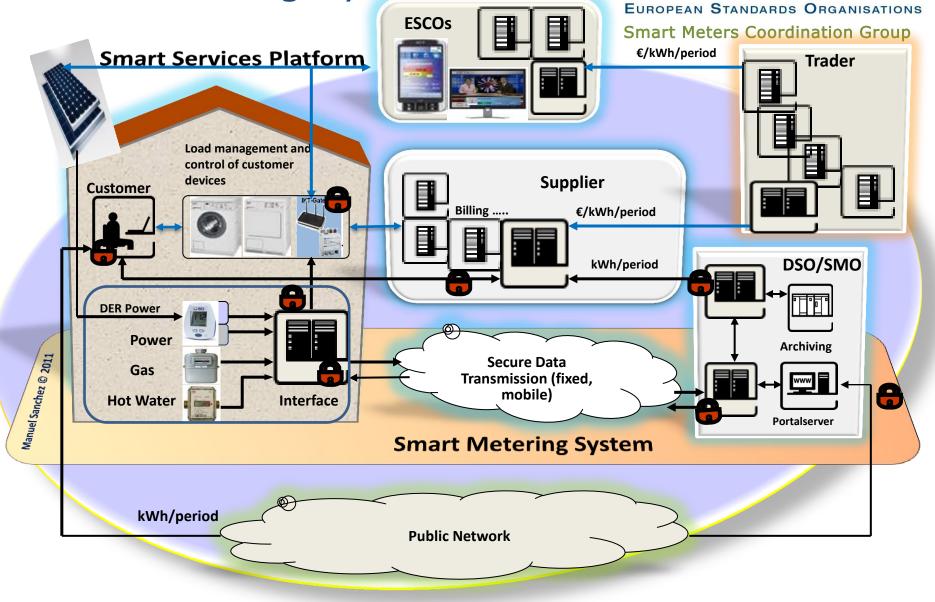


Introduction of intelligent (or smart) metering systems is promoted and facilitated by the European Union through legislation:

- Directive on Measuring Instruments (2004/22/EC)
- Directive on Energy End-use Efficiency and Energy Services (2006/32/EC)
- Standardization mandate M/441 (March 2009) on the development of an open communication architecture for utility meters
- Third Energy Package Directives 2009/72/EC and 2009/73/EC
 → provisions on `intelligent metering' in electricity and gas
- Directive on Energy Efficiency (2012/27/EU)

Smart Metering System





Mandate M/441 - Objectives



- To improve customer awareness of actual consumption in order to allow timely adaptation to their demands
- By means of:
 - European standards allowing interoperability of utility meters (for electricity, gas, water and heat)
 - Fully integrated solutions, modular and multi-part solutions
 - Architecture must be scalable and adaptable to future communications media
 - Secure data exchange

Mandate M/441 - Organisation



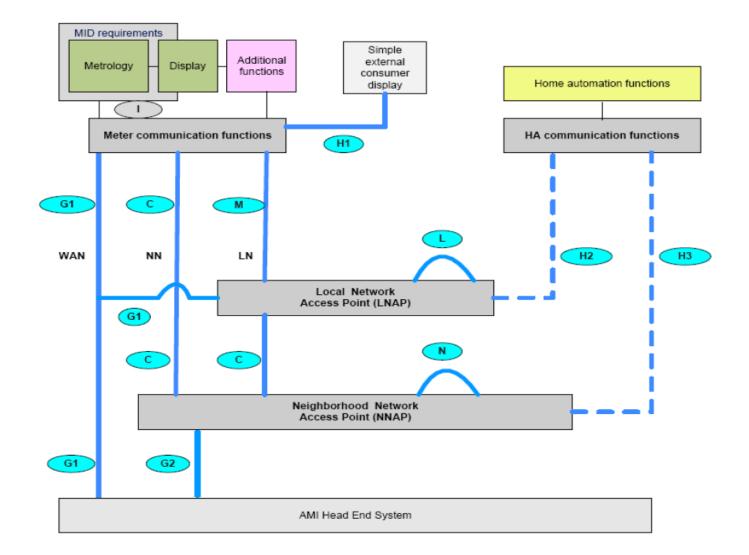
- M/441 formally accepted by the European Standards Organisations in July 2009
- Formation of CEN-CENELEC-ETSI Smart Meter Coordination Group and relevant sub-groups:
 - All stakeholders represented: Energy Regulators, Industry, Manufacturers, Consumers....
 - Benefit to be taken from the existing standardization activities



- In this context, standardization does not mean imposing identical solutions on all projects in European Member States
- Aim is to ensure that what a European Member State may want to do in smart metering is covered by suitable standards: toolbox concept
- Does not cover 'back office' or other industry IT systems impacted by smart meters but work will have implications
- Standards for communications are not a best practice solution or recommendations but an interoperability and quality statement for technical solutions

Reference Architecture





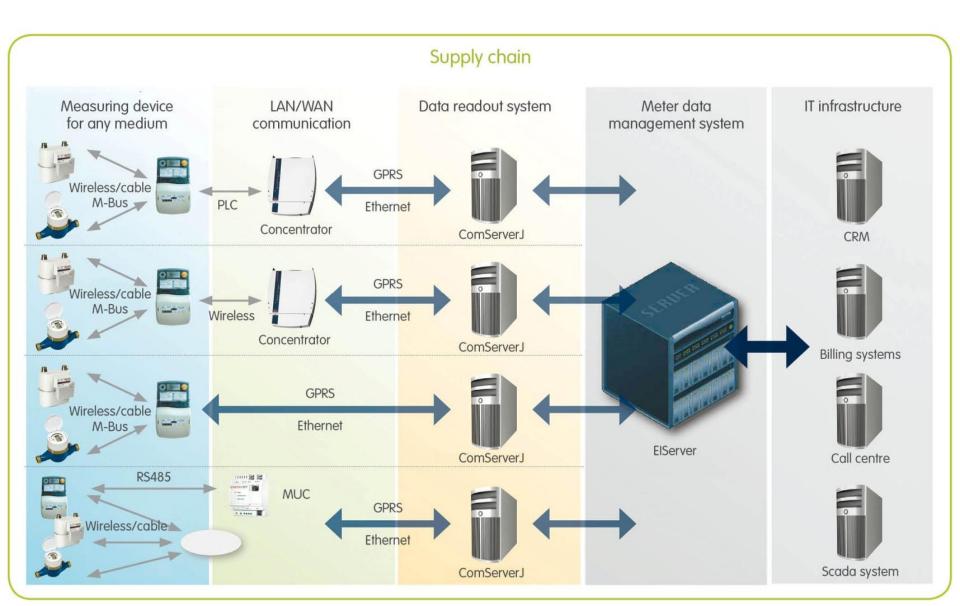
Additional Functionalities



- F1 Remote reading of metrological register(s) and provision to designated market organisations (Automatic Meter Reading)
- F2 Two-ways communication between the metering system and designated market organisation(s) (information exchange)
- F3 To support advance tariffing and payment systems (e.g. prepayment)
- F4 To allow remote disablement and enablement of supply and flow/power limitation (gas flow shut down, reopening?)
- F5 To provide secure communication enabling the smart meter to export metrological data for display and potential analysis to the end consumer or a third party designated by the end consumer (to facilitate energy services)
- F6 To provide information via web portal/gateway to an inhome/building display or auxiliary equipment (customer display)

Examples of smart metering configurations

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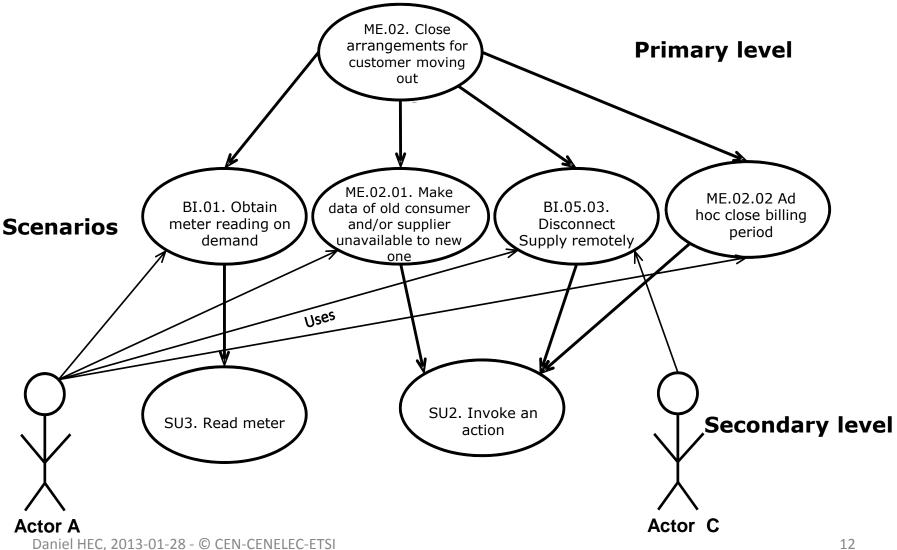




- To identify where new standards might be required, it was deemed appropriate to determine **functionalities in more detail**
- To clarify standardization requirements
- To ensure interoperability and consistency in the smart meter data flows
- Technical Report shows how Use Cases relate to each functionality

Use Cases





Link with Smart Grids



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- Important additional objective of facilitating Smart Grid applications, notably through the incorporation of distributed generation
- Smart Grids are outside Mandate M/441 scope
 - However, Smart Metering is a key enabler for Smart Grids,
 - Providing 2-way information flows between the meter and the designated market organisation(s)
- Mandate M/490 defined for Smart Grids
 - Parallel Smart Grid Coordination Group established
 - Close liaison is maintained between these initiatives
- The functionality to use the Smart Metering Infrastructure for Demand Side Management purposes is covered by the M/490 Mandate

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- An Ad-Hoc Working Group has been established mid 2012
- Basic approach for defining security and privacy requirements is taken from the SG-CG work
- Based on Use Cases
- 2012 report describes:
 - The SG-CG approach applied to the Smart Metering reference architecture
 - The current status of work in the TC's on P&S aspects of standards
- The group recommends:
 - To develop a specific EU reference set of P&S requirements for Smart Metering
 - To investigate the possibility to develop a EU approach for P&S certification

Deliverables



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- CEN-CLC-ETSI Technical Report 50572:2011

- 'Functional reference architecture for communications in smart metering systems'
- Adopted in December 2011, freely available online

Ongoing work programme

 More than 60 standards available and more than 50 standards currently under preparation!

- Use Cases

- Guidelines for the development of Smart Metering Use Cases
- Report on Smart Metering Use Cases
- Report on 'Security and Privacy Approach for Smart Metering'
 - Under development
- Report of activities at the end of 2012
 - Finalised

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Conclusion



- European smart metering standardization programme is unique
- To ensure European Standards which meet the needs of Authorities, Industry as well as consumer expectations
- European Standards allowing the smart metering project implementation are already existing (and other are under development)
- Electricity, gas, water and heat utilities are concerned
- Smart Metering combines traditional utilities with the fast changing world of communications (IT) → standardization activities in smart metering field will continue
- It is very challenging by its goals and size → hundreds of millions of meters could be changed in the next 8/10 years!



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