



20TH. FLORENCE FORUM – GEODE SMART GRIDS COMMUNICATION (I)

- **GEODE welcomes EC Communication on Smart Grids. Smart Grids implementation is crucial and GEODE strongly supports their development.**
- **The implementation of Smart Grids and Smart Metering systems require significant investments. DSOs in a larger extend are key investors as recognised in the Communication and their involvement is vital to assure the full implementation of Smart Grids.**
- **GEODE agrees with the five areas identified by EC as the main challenges for Smart Grids deployment and welcomes, in principle, the actions proposed.**
- **GEODE considers essential to establish regulatory framework to provide incentives to support network operators investments, through European and national funds and grid tariffs.**
- **GEODE fully supports EC recognition that “a fair cost sharing model may be developed” to assure DSOs involvement and achieve full implementation of Smart Grids.**



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- GEODE considers the role DSOs may play in Demand Response market should not be mistreated. DSOs are far from intending to monopolise this new market as indicated in the Communication.**
- DSOs need to play an active role in the use of DR to ensure security and quality of supply while DR is being used by other market actors.**
- R&D&D funds should be accessible to all network operators, regardless of their size. DSOs should enlarge their representatives within the European Electricity Grid Initiative, EEGI.**
- GEODE supports the launching of the Smart Cities Initiative. Local DSOs gather in GEODE could play a key role.**