



## Minutes for the 4<sup>th</sup> Smart Grid Regional Group Meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2017

Date: Wednesday, 28. 6. 2017  
Time: 16.00 to 18.30  
Place: Brussels, Conference Center Albert Borchette

### Overall

The meeting was opened and chaired by Sebastian Gras, Policy Officer responsible for the Smart Grids deployment priority thematic area, the European Commission's DG Energy, Networks and Regional Initiatives unit. The welcome was followed by the tour de table and presenting the meeting agenda.

The meeting was open to all registered stakeholders and the Members of the Regional Group. The aim of the meeting was to inform stakeholders and Members of the Regional Group about the candidate projects for the 3<sup>rd</sup> PCI list with regards to the project itself, the draft assessment of the projects by the JRC, the input received through the public consultation and the assessment by the NRAs. The further aim was to receive feedback on the draft assessment of candidates and agree within the Regional Group on the candidate projects to be proposed for the draft regional list of Smart Grid Deployment.

For each project, there was:

- Presentation of the Smart Grid PCI candidates for the inclusion in the 3rd Union-wide list of projects of common interest by the project promoters
  - ACON project (Again Connected Networks, CZ/SK) presented by Tomáš Šipoš,
  - the SBI project (Smart Border Initiative, DE/FR) presented by Torsten Knop,
  - the ALPGRID project (AT/IT) presented by Raphael Rinaldi,
  - and the SINCRO.GRID project (HR/SL) presented by Saša Jamšek
- Presentation of the draft Assessment Report of Smart Grid PCI candidates by Gianluca Flego of the JRC,
- Presentation of the results of the Public Consultation by the European Commission
- Presentation of the assessments by NRAs pursuant to Annex III.2(7) by Emmanouil Santorinaios of ACER on behalf of the HR/SL/AT/IT/CZ/SK

NRAs and by Deniz Erdem of BNetzA for the DE/FR project (also on behalf of CRE).

### Conclusions

- The participants welcomed the high quality of the draft assessment report.
- The participants gave comments on the assessment report, which will be reviewed by the authors before publication.
- None of the concerned NRAs (AT/IT/SK/CZ/HR/SL/DE/FR) objected the inclusion of the candidate projects in the draft regional list (assessment pursuant to Annex III.2(7))
- The Regional Group agreed to submit all four candidate projects and the assessment report (even if still in draft status) to the technical decision making body

### Next steps

The European Commission gave an update the 3<sup>rd</sup> PCI selection in general, and in detail with regards to the work of the Smart Grid RG with regards to timetable and next steps.

- The Assessment report is foreseen to be published on the Smart Grid Regional Group webpage before 13.7.2017
- On 13.7. the technical decision making body will meet to decide on the draft regional lists (also on Smart Grid Deployment) to become regional lists
- The regional lists will be submitted to ACER for their opinion (3 month time for the opinion)
- The high level decision making body will decide on the Union-list of PCIs in October/November (planned)
- The Union-list of PCIs still needs to be approved by the EP and EC.
- Only after these steps, projects become PCIs and are eligible for applying for co-financing under the CEF

The EC will publish all presentations, the updated/final assessment report, the updated timetable, and the final minutes on the Smart Grid Regional Group webpage as soon as possible.

There will be no further separate Regional Group meetings for Smart Grid Deployment in 2017. The next meetings (technical decision making body on 13.7.2017, meeting in October/November) are jointly with other Regional Groups and are open only for the Member State representatives and the European Commission.