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CEDEC NEW MEMBERS

CEDEC welcomes **Synergrid** (Belgian Federation of electricity and gas networks) and **Multidis** (Swiss association of local energy distribution companies) as full member. **KS Bedrift** (Nowegian association of local energy companies) has joined CEDEC as associated member.

Membership of CEDEC is open to all associations and companies with an interest in the electricity and natural gas sectors (generation, grids, metering, supply, and energy services) in Europe, representing activities on local or regional scale and/or with local shareholders.

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ENERGY COUNCIL (20-21 MARCH) - CONCLUSIONS

The European Council took place on 20 and 21 March in Brussels. The Council held a first policy debate on the framework for climate and energy in the period from 2020 to 2030 and agreed on the way forward.

Ministers underlined the important link between the Europe 2020 strategy, industrial competitiveness and climate and energy policies.

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ENERGY COUNCIL (4 MARCH): POLICY DEBATE ON 2030 FRAMEWORK ENERGY COMMUNICATIONS

The Energy Council which took place on 4th March, held a public policy debate on the Commission communications on “Energy prices and costs in Europe” and “A 2030 framework for climate and energy policy”. Ministers stressed, in particular, that future climate and energy policies should aim to balance different objectives : sustainability, affordable energy prices (especially

for vulnerable consumers), safe and secure energy systems and European competitiveness flexibility for member states and a fair distribution of efforts were underlined. The Council also insisted on the need to benchmark network costs and identify best practices.

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ENERGY COUNCIL (28 FEBRUARY): DIRECTIVE ON MEASURES TO REDUCE THE COST OF DEPLOYMENT OF HIGH-SPEED COMMUNICATION NETWORKS

On 28 February, a compromise was reached for the Directive on measures to reduce the cost of the deployment of high-speed communication networks. The European Parliament and Council agreed on the Directive as legal format. Some more reciprocity – as requested by CEDEC – have been added to the text as well as

some clarifications on the costs that these measures might entail. The European Parliament will now vote on this compromise in its April plenary session. The Telecom Council will decide on adoption of the text in June.

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EUROPEAN COMMISSION – PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON ENERGY EFFICIENCY

On 3rd February, the European Commission has opened a public consultation on progress towards the 2020 energy efficiency objective and a 2030 energy efficiency policy framework.

The public consultation will end on 28 April 2014.

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SMART CITY EVENT: 13 AND 14 MAY 2014 IN AMSTERDAM

The Smart City Event is a 2-day conference which provides the opportunity to learn about the latest developments in the world of sustainable innovation. CEDEC is one of the partners of the Smart City Event.



Hear from city and corporate leaders who will share their experiences with implementing successful Smart projects. You can learn about smart grids, big data, lighting, e-mobility, sustainable building, e-health, and more. Representatives from more than 20 cities will share their experiences, Santander, Singapore, Jubail, Manchester, London, Malaga, Amsterdam, Eindhoven, Helsinki, Florence, Sant Cugat del Valles and many more.

More information about the program & speakers can be found on www.smartcityevent.com.

AGENDA

- CEDEC Working Group Grid Tariffs (Rome): 31 March 2014
- CEDEC Working Group Smart Grids (Brussels): 3 April 2014
- European Commission Gas Forum (Madrid): 6 and 7 May 2014
- Smart City Event (Amsterdam): 13 and 14 May 2014
- European Commission Electricity Forum (Florence): 20 and 21 May 2014
- CEDEC Gas day (Verona): 27 May 2014
- CEDEC Working Group Network Codes: 1st July 2014
- **CEDEC annual congress: 19 November 2014**



