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19 February : The Future is distributed: a DSO Perspective

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EDSO for smart grids, EURELECTRIC and GEODE.

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THE LATVIAN PRIORITIES FOR 2015

On 1st January 2015, Latvia took up the Council's rotating Presidency. The Energy Union Strategy will be high on the agenda in the first quarter of 2015. It will aim to strengthen energy independence and enable the completion of the internal energy market. At the same time, the Latvian Presidency will provide input to the Commission on the legislative propo-

sal for the 2030 Framework for Climate and Energy Policy. Other topics that will feature on the agenda of the Latvian Presidency include the continuation of discussions on the completion of the internal energy market and the implementation of the European Energy Security Strategy.

➔ [Presidency Priorities](#)

EUROPEAN COMMISSION: CONCEPT OF ENERGY UNION FRAMEWORK

The Energy Union concept which the European Commission envisions to develop, consists of 5 mutually-reinforcing and closely interrelated dimensions: the enhancement of supply security, the internal energy market, the increase of energy efficiency, the reduction of energy production pollution by decarbonizing, and boosting the renewable energies by investing in R&D. CEDEC has proposed to Commissioner Sefcovic

a [6th dimension](#) : "citizens and local actors", also attracting attention to the contribution of local energy companies. By the end of February, the European Commission will propose concrete actions for each of them. The paper on the Energy Union is scheduled to be adopted by the European Commission on 25 February.

➔ [Šefčovič speech](#)

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT : ITRE COMMITTEE REJECTS OPINION ON MARKET STABILITY RESERVE

The ITRE Committee at the European Parliament, rejected, on 22 January, the Tajani opinion on the Commission proposal for the establishment and operation of a market stability reserve for the Union greenhouse gas emission trading scheme. [A CEDEC position](#) has been advocating for an earlier start of the MSR in 2017 as well as for a permanent cancellation of the

900 million EUAs that are currently back-loaded from the carbon market. The amendment for an advanced start of the MSR in 2017 had been rejected in the ITRE committee before the entire opinion was voted against. Now the ENVI Committee will vote in the last week of February followed by a vote of the plenary.



CEER PUBLIC CONSULTATION: THE FUTURE ROLE OF DSOs

CEER has published, on 19 December 2015, a public consultation on the "Future Role of DSO". A lot of the strategic issues CEDEC is working on, are being addressed in this consultation: the role of the DSO and need for regulatory

oversight, DSO-TSO relationship and respective responsibilities, and the economic signals for DSOs and customers.

CEDEC is working together with its members on formulating the adequate answers on each issue. The public consultation will close on 27 February. → [CEER public consultation](#)

CEER PUBLICATION : 2015 WORK PROGRAMME

CEER has published its 2015 Work program which includes 15 deliverables in a range of policy areas. The CEER plans to focus on consumers and retail markets, the role of distribution system operators, new legislative/policy developments and international relations.

→ [2015 Work programme](#)

MEETING & EVENT AGENDA

- [Top Utility III - Federutility \(Milan\): 4 February 2015](#)
- CEDEC Working Group Consumers (Brussels) : 6 February 2015
- [Joint DSO conference \(Brussels\) : 19 February 2015](#)
- CEDEC Working Group Network Codes Electricity (Brussels): 24 February 2015
- Energy Council (Brussels): 5 March 2015
- EC Citizen's Energy Forum (London) : 12 & 13 March 2015
- European Council (Brussels): 20 March 2015
- MetaPV - [Smart Grid event :Project results and recommendations \(Brussels\): 24 March 2015](#)
- EC Gas Forum (Madrid): 21 & 22 April 2015

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CEDEC CONGRESS on 15 October 2015

at the EU Thon Hotel in Brussels

Evening reception on 14 October 2015