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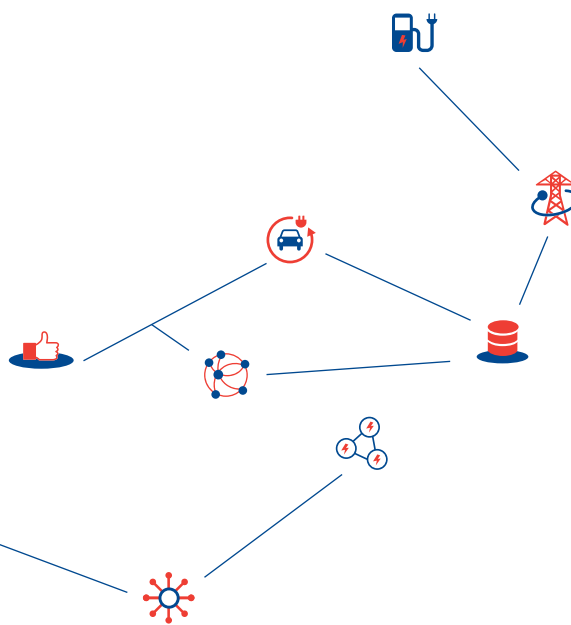
EUROPEAN FEDERATION
OF LOCAL & REGIONAL
ENERGY COMPANIES



CEDEC MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

CEDEC membership entails many benefits for local and regional energy companies who actively engage at the European level:

- **INFORMATION:**
Receive regular policy-updates and expert analysis;
- **INFLUENCE:**
Shape European policy-making through your contributions to CEDEC positions;
- **EXCHANGE:**
Share knowledge and best practices in CEDEC working groups and conferences;
- **VISIBILITY:**
Ensure representation of local and regional actors on European level through CEDEC communication and actions.



HOW TO JOIN US?

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

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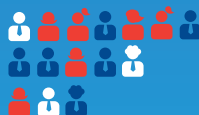
"In the process of shaping Europe's energy future, it's time to listen to experts from the field, translating their know-how into vision"

85.000.000 customers



"Linking 85 million European gas and electricity customers, through small and big, urban and rural, local and regional energy companies"

350.000 employees



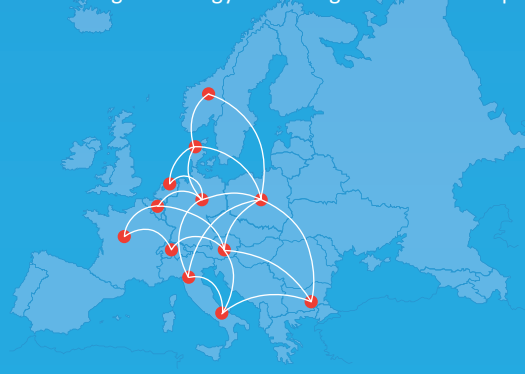
"Representing local and regional energy companies means representing 350.000 jobs all across Europe"

"1500 local and regional energy companies are ready to contribute to a sustainable energy future"



1500
energy
companies

"Connecting the energy of the largest cities in Europe"



WHO IS CEDEC?

CEDEC represents the interests of more than 1500 local and regional energy companies – mostly having local and regional authorities as their shareholders – serving 85 million electricity and gas customers & connections.

These predominantly small- and medium-sized local and regional energy companies are active as:

- Electricity and heat generators,
- Electricity, gas and heat distribution grid & metering operators
- Energy (services) suppliers.

By employing ca. 350.000 people and investing in local infrastructure, these companies make a significant contribution to local and regional sustainable economic development. Together they have an annual turnover of €120 billion. Local and regional energy companies provide services which are reliable, sustainable and close to the consumer.

Founded in 1992 in Brussels, CEDEC has been representing the interest of its members towards European decision-makers for more than 20 years, and is a widely recognised interest representative.

CEDEC POLICY PRIORITIES

Customer-friendly Energy Retail Markets:

CEDEC member companies are traditionally close to the customer. CEDEC promotes a reliable, affordable and customer- friendly energy retail market, with protection and empowerment of all customers, with specific attention for the most vulnerable ones.

Reliable, Secure and Cost-effective Smart Energy Infrastructure: CEDEC is actively promoting the deployment of smart distribution networks to ensure reliable and secure services, while facilitating the market for smart energy services for consumers.

Ambitious and Effective Climate and Energy Policies: CEDEC members are committed to the transition to a sustainable European energy system based on renewable energy and energy efficiency. Representing locally and regionally active companies, CEDEC promotes a decentralised energy supply, enabled through smart energy infrastructures and demand-response.

Competitive Internal Energy Market:

CEDEC is actively involved in the development of the European network codes on gas and electricity, and as official stakeholder represented in the European Commission Regulatory Fora for electricity and gas.

HOW DO WE WORK?

The headquarter of CEDEC is based in Brussels, in proximity to the European institutions. The team of permanent staff members are in charge of the association's day-to-day operation and representation.

The **Board of Directors**, chaired by the **CEDEC President**, meets regularly to discuss and determine the strategic priorities. It is appointed by the **General Assembly**.

Experts from CEDEC members (both from associations and companies) develop positions on specific policy issues in the **Working Groups**, which meet either on regular or ad-hoc basis depending on the policy priorities.

ADVOCACY WORK

CEDEC has been representing the interests of local and regional energy companies on European level for more than 20 years through a **continuous dialogue with policy-makers** in the European institutions, and through its **active and constructive contributions** to official working groups and Commission Fora.

CEDEC makes use of a wide range of **communication** tools to engage in political debates and advocate its positions. CEDEC implements a communicating strategy to address all relevant target audiences and to enhance the visibility and impact of its messages.

CEDEC regularly organises **events**, such as its Annual Congress in Brussels, the CEDEC Gas Day, seminars and workshops, which create the opportunity for exchanges between experts from member companies, policy-makers, regulators and other stakeholders.