

EDITORIAL

On 3 May GEODE will hold its traditional Spring Seminar in Brussels on "Challenging Opportunities and Trends for Gas - Effects on Electricity, Heating & Transport". Therefore the European Commission, represented by Mechthild Wörnsdörfer, Head of Unit Energy Policy & Monitoring of electricity, gas, coal and oil markets, will present the key elements of the Commission's 2050 Energy Roadmap providing context for our topics. Together with representatives from European institutions, associations and from the industry we will discuss interesting topics such as the future role of gas as a primary energy source for generating electricity or the use of gas networks for electricity storage.

We are looking forward to sharing our views and engaging you in constructive discussions

Carmen Gimeno, GEODE Deputy General Delegate

EUROPE

●●● EUROPEAN COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION ON PREPARATIONS FOR THE ROLL-OUT OF SMART METERING SYSTEMS

The European Commission recently published its Recommendation on preparations for the roll-out smart metering systems on 9 March 2012.

Therein, the Commission paves the way for massive roll-out of smart metering systems. Today 10% of EU households have some sort of smart meter installed. Where economically worthwhile, 80% of all electricity meters in the EU have to be replaced by smart meters by 2020. The Recommendation to prepare the roll-out of smart-metering systems provides guidelines for Member States and national Regulators on how to conduct cost-benefit analysis by 3 September 2012.

It also **sets common minimum functionalities of smart metering systems and addresses data protection and security issues**. GEODE has throughout the document's development process lead by DG-ENER promoted the position of DSOs. Many of GEODE's suggestions are reflected in the European Commission Recommendation.

●●● EC PROPOSAL OF DIRECTIVE ON ENERGY EFFICIENCY – FOLLOW UP OF THE ADOPTION PROCESS

The ITRE Committee of the European Parliament voted in favour of Mr Turmes' report on EC Directive Proposal on Energy Efficiency on 28th February. Negotiations with the Council will start immediately, even before the report will be submitted to the Plenary voting. All the proposed compromise amendments passed.

The ITRE Committee backed legislation that would require EU countries to set binding efficiency targets. Under the proposal, energy companies (distributors and/or retailers) would have to achieve cumulative annual end-use energy savings equal to at least 1.5% of their energy sales averaged over the most recent three-year period and smart metering systems must be developed.

Renovation or refurbishment of 2.5% of the total floor area of publicly owned buildings every year is requested and on public procurement, public bodies, when purchasing or renting products, systems, services or buildings, shall "take into account cost-effectiveness based on a whole life-cycle analysis," rather than opting for the most efficient solution at the moment of the deal. Enhancement of co-generation and district heating and cooling are demanded.

The **Council's latest amendment proposals are dated 3 March**. Apparently all institutions involved in the trialogue are likely to make the necessary efforts to achieve an agreement by 1st July, before the Danish EU Presidency will end.

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●●● RELAUNCH OF THE EC TASK FORCE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SMART GRIDS

The European Commission has decided to reactivate the Task Force for the Implementation of Smart Grids, as the implementation of Smart Grids should be coordinated at European level, according to the Commission's conviction. The following Expert Groups have been settled and will start meeting and working from end of March onwards:

- EG1. Reference Group for Smart Grid Standards
- EG2. Expert Group for Regulatory Recommendations for Data Privacy and Data Protection in the Smart Grid Environment
- EG3. Expert Group for Regulatory Recommendations for Smart Grids Deployment - Design of retail market
- EG4. Expert Group for Smart Grid Infrastructure Projects

GEODE has appointed experts to the respective groups and is looking forward to actively participate in the work of the Task Force Expert Groups.

PUBLICATIONS

●●● EUROPEAN COMMISSION

- Recommendation on preparations for the roll-out of smart metering systems, 9.3.12

●●● ACER

- Public Consultation Draft Framework Guidelines on Gas Interoperability and Data Exchange Rules, 16.3.12

●●● CEER

- Guidelines of Good Practice on electricity and gas retail market design, with a focus on supplier switching and billing, 27.2.12

●●● ENTSOE / ENTSOG

- Draft Network code on Gas Capacity Allocation Mechanisms, submitted to ACER, 6.3.12
- ENTSOE Network Code on Requirements for Grid Connection, under Public Consultation, from 25.1.12 – 20.3.12

AGENDA

**GEODE WG Gas Madrid Meeting
Brussels, 2 May 2012**

**GEODE Spring Seminar
Brussels, 3 May 2012**

**Electricity Regulatory Forum
Florence, 22 & 23 May**

**GEODE WG Smart Grids Meeting
London, 25 May 2012**

A Z O O M O N

SPRING SEMINAR PROGRAMME Challenging Opportunities and Trends for Gas - Effects on Electricity, Heating & Transport

10:00 WELCOME

Reinhard Brehmer, GEODE Chairman, Managing Director, Wien Energie Stromnetz GmbH, Austria

10:15 ENERGY ROADMAP 2050

Mechthild Wörsdörfer, Head of Unit, Energy Policy & Monitoring of electricity, gas, coal and oil markets, European Commission

11:00 REPORT ON GAS FUTURE SCENARIOS PROJECT – Presentation of ENA Report

Duncan Rimmer, Energy Scenarios Manager, Energy Networks Association (ENA), UK

11:45 COFFEE BREAK

12:00 GAS AS PRIMARY ENERGY FOR GENERATION OF ELECTRICITY

Dr. Götz Brühl, GEODE Vice-President, Managing Director, Stadtwerke Rosenheim, Germany

12:30 GAS NETWORKS AS ELECTRICITY STORAGE

Dr. Christian Urbanke, Member of Group Power Transmission and Distribution Executive Management, Siemens, Germany

13:00 LUNCH

14:00 CHALLENGING OPPORTUNITIES AND TRENDS FOR GAS – EFFECTS ON ELECTRICITY, HEATING & TRANSPORT

Moderator: Anders Hedenstedt, former GEODE Chairman, Sweden

Bjarke Pålsson, CEO, Naturgas Fyn, Denmark

Dr. Henning Müller-Tengelmann, Managing Director, Stadtwerke Münster, Germany

Dr. Rupert Rosanelli, President, Servizi Energia Ambiente Bolzano, Italy

Matthias Maedge, EU Affairs Manager and Head of Brussels Office, NGVA Europe, Natural & bio Gas Vehicle Association

Francisco de la Flor, GLE President, Gas Infrastructure Europe

Henrik Forsgren, Director, Public Affairs, Göteborg Energi, Sweden

15:30 CONCLUDING REMARKS

Christian Held, GEODE Deputy Chairman, Germany

16:15 GEODE GENERAL ASSEMBLY