



EC TASK FORCE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SMART GRIDS INTO THE EUROPEAN INTERNAL MARKET

GEODE COMMENTS

I.- About the Task Force Mission and Work Plan.-

GEODE welcomes the Commission proposal to reactivate the Smart Grids Task Force and the suggested Mission and Work Plan for the next two years.

GEODE wants to point out the successful work carried out by the Task Force launched in 2009. It has been an excellent experience of how hundreds of experts from the whole energy value chain can work together and come out with concrete proposals and recommendations that achieved a large degree of consensus.

GEODE believes that Smart Grids coordination at European level is the right way to achieve their deployment all over Europe. Therefore **GEODE** fully supports the initiative to re-launch the Task Force and wants to actively participate on the different Experts Groups.

GEODE agrees with EC proposed mission for the Task Force for the next two years, which is define as advising the Commission on policy and regulatory frameworks at European level to co-ordinate the first steps towards the implementation of Smart Grids and identifying projects of common interest in the field of Smart Grids.

GEODE welcomes the four suggested Expert Groups.

Regarding EG2, **GEODE** believes it should contribute to achieve a greater extend of consumer acceptability of Smart Meters and Smart Grids as data security and data protection concerns are assured to them.

GEODE considers essential to design a reference market model and to define roles and responsibilities of the different actors and their interaction to each other. It's preferable this is done before or at least in parallel to Smart Grids deployment. That should be main focus for EG 3.

In relation to the suggested work for this EG3 on clarification of data that could be transmitted via telecom network infrastructure etc.. **GEODE** wonders if this topic should be better addressed by EG2.

GEODE welcomes in particular the Commission initiative to settle a new group, EG 4, that should identify projects of common interest under the Regulation on



guidelines for Trans-European Infrastructure and the Connecting Europe Facility and that could furthermore be formally established as a group with decision making process according Article 3.2 of the Regulation.

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III.- Experts Groups GEODE would like to participate.-

GEODE would like to participate in all four Experts Groups proposed by the Commission. As representative of small and medium European Distribution System Operators, **GEODE** presence at the mentioned groups is significantly important.

Therefore and further to Commission request to nominate candidates to the Task Force for the implementation of Smart Grids Experts Groups, **GEODE** is very please to provide the following candidates:

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