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GREEK PRESIDENCY : PRIORITIES

Greece is in charge of the Presidency of the European Union from 1st January till 30 June 2014. The priorities of the Hellenic Presidency in the energy sector are the completion of the internal energy market, vulne-

-rable consumers and the 2015 deadline by which no Member State should remain isolated from Europe's gas and electricity networks.

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EUROPEAN COMMISSION COMMUNICATION: A 2030 POLICY FRAMEWORK FOR CLIMATE AND ENERGY

The European Commission published, on 22nd January, a communication "A policy framework for climate and energy in the period from 2020 to 2030 setting out energy and climate targets to be met by 2030.

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Together with the communication, the Commission has adopted a [number of documents](#) and among these, a [communication on energy prices and costs](#) in Europe, with detailed data for electricity and gas.

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT - A 2030 FRAMEWORK FOR CLIMATE AND ENERGY POLICIES

On 5th February in Strasbourg, the European Parliament voted in favor of three binding goals for the EU's climate policy until 2030: a 40% cut, at least, in greenhouse gas emissions compared with 1990 levels, a target of at least 30% renewable energy in EU consumption and a 40% target for

energy efficiency. The Parliament achieved a comfortable majority on this, significantly raising the level of ambition set by the European Commission in its proposal of 22 January.

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CEDEC PUBLICATION : SMART GRIDS FOR SMART MARKETS

CEDEC has organized, on 11 February, a dinner debate in the European Parliament for launching its publication "Smart Grids for Smart Markets". The CEDEC publication addresses the contribution of smart grids in facing the challenges

of a drastically changing energy landscape and the specific roles and responsibilities of distribution system operators as market facilitators.

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EUROPEAN COMMISSION: DOMINIQUE RISTORI AS HEAD OF DG ENERGY

The European Commission has appointed, on 1st January 2014, a Frenchman, Dominique Ristori, as the new director-general of the DG Energy.

Ristori has been director-general of the European Union's joint research centre since December 2010.

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EUROPEAN COMMISSION: PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON RETAIL ENERGY MARKET

On 22 January, the European Commissioner has published a public consultation on "Retail Energy Market". The aim of this public consultation is to seek the views of stakeholders on the functioning of the retail energy market and consumer participation.

The consultation also contains a substantial part on DSO issues. The public consultation will end on 14 April. The results will form the basis for a Commission communication on retail markets later this year.

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EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT - INVESTMENT PROJECTS IN ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURES

On 4th February, the Parliament approved in plenary session the regulation obliging member states to inform the European Commission of energy infrastructure projects.

The Parliament insists, on strengthening the arrangements on the confidentiality of information and data security.

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EUROPEAN COMMISSION – BERLIN FORUM

The Berlin Forum which took place on 10 and 11 February, discussed issues of cross cutting interest, including the 2030 energy and climate framework, security of supply and energy costs and prices. During the opening session, chaired

by Director General Ristori, Vice-Chancellor Gabriel and Commissioner Oettinger underlined the need for close relations between national and European energy policies.

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AGENDA

- CEDEC Working Group Network Codes Electricity (Brussels): 27 February 2014
- Energy Council (Brussels): 4 March 2014
- Gas Forum (Madrid): 6 and 7 May 2014
- Electricity Forum (Florence): 20 and 21 May 2014
- CEDEC Gas day (Verona): 27 May 2014
- **CEDEC annual congress: 19 November 2014**