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EUROPEAN COMMISSION: GUIDANCE NOTES ON ENERGY EFFICIENCY DIRECTIVE

The European Commission has adopted, on 5 November, the communication and the guidance notes on some of the main provisions of the Energy Efficiency Directive. These notes aim at supporting the transposition and implementation of the Directive by Member States.

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EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: MEASURES TO REDUCE COST OF DEPLOYING HIGH-SPEED ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK

The ITRE Committee will discuss and vote, on 28 November amendments to Mrs Herczog's draft report on the proposal for a Regulation on "measures to reduce the cost of deploying high-speed electronic communications networks. The proposed Regulation is intended to reduce the cost of broadband roll-out and enhance the efficiency of deploying high-speed electronic communi-cations infrastructure by scaling up existing best practices across Europe.

Some of the amendments ask to replace throughout the text the word "Regulation" with the word "Directive" in order to grant more flexibility to member States.

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EUROPEAN COMMISSION: COMMUNICATION ON PUBLIC INTERVENTION

The European Commission has published, on 5 November, a communication public on interventions in the European internal market. electricity In the communication and the accompanying staff working documents, the European Commission spells out

guiding principles for public interventions for renewable support schemes, demand response, generation adequacy and cooperation in the field of renewable energy.

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EUROPEAN COMMISSION: LISTS OF PROJECTS OF COMMON INTEREST (PCI)

On 14 October, the European Commissioner for Energy, Günther Oettinger presented the final list of energy infrastructure priority projects until 2020. The list features 248 so-called Projects of Common Interest (PCI), which will profit from faster planning and permitting procedures and the possibility for funding, including the 5.85 € billion earmarked for energy projects in the Connecting Europe Facility.

CEDEC has expressed its disappointment on the complete lack of interest for local smart grid projects.

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EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT - DEPLOYMENT OF ALTERNATIVE FUELS INFRASTRUCTURE

The proposed Directive establishes a common framework of measures for the deployment of alternative fuels infrastructure in the European Union. Minimum (charging) infrastructure coverage is proposed to be mandatory, namely for electricity and gas.

In the European Parliament, a draft report was

Proposed by the Rapporteur (Carlo Fidanza (EPP,IT)). Most amendments are linked to the mandatory targets and technical standards for the electric recharging point.

The vote in TRAN Committee has been postponed to 26 November 2013 → more

CEER : PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON REGULATORY AND MARKET ASPECTS ON DEMAND-SIDE FLEXIBILITY

This public consultation seeks to collect a range of evidence and views on the barriers and opportunities affecting the emergence of demand-side flexibility measures. The Consultation will close on 20 December 2013. \rightarrow more

EUROPEAN COMMISSION : PUBLICATION OF THE 2014 WORK PROGRAM

The European Commission has adopted, on 22 October 2013, its 2014 Work Program

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CEDEC WORKSHOP (6/11): SMART GRIDS: TAPPING SYNERGIES BETWEEN DSOs AND ICT

The workshop featured presentations from the European Commission and the Florence School of Regulation as well as three case studies of distribution system operators currently already exploiting the synergies with the ICT/ telco sector.

In a panel debate, representatives from the European Commission, CEER, the ICT and energy industry exchanged ideas on where exactly synergies exist between the two sectors and how they can be effectively used in the deployment of smart grids.

The event gathered ca. 50 participants from European institutions, industry and science. All presentations are available on the CEDEC website (<u>www.cedec.com</u>)

AGENDA

- CEDEC Working Group Grid Tariffs: 25 November 2013
- CEDEC Board of Directors : 4 December 2013
- EU Energy Council : 12 December 2013
- European Commission Citizen's Energy Forum (London): 16 & 17 December 2013