

**CEDEC & Covenant of Mayors:
WEBINAR - Engaging people in smart grids
19 March 2015**

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EUROPEAN COMMISSION : COMMUNICATION ON ENERGY UNION

The European Commission has adopted on **25 February** the [Communication on the Energy Union](#). The Communication outlines a vision of the energy union which is built on 5 dimensions: 1. Energy security, solidarity and trust, 2. A fully integrated Internal Energy Market, 3. Energy efficiency as a contribution to the moderation of energy demand, 4. Decarbonisation of the economy,

5. Research and Innovation. Specific attention for citizens and local actors – as requested by CEDEC – through a 6th dimension or by integration in the 5 dimensions, is currently hardly to be found. CEDEC will continue to bring these messages across in the follow-up measures that will be taken.

[CEDEC press release](#)

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT : ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT REPORT ON MARKET STABILITY RESERVE

The ENVI Committee at the European Parliament, has adopted, on **24 February**, the report on the Commission proposal for the establishment and operation of a market stability reserve (MSR) for the Union greenhouse gas emission trading scheme (ETS). With this vote, the ENVI Committee has adopted a report that improves the European Commission's proposal to some extent but stays below aspirations. While having preferred a permanent retire-

-ment of the 900 million backloaded certificates, CEDEC welcomes the decision to directly transfer them into the reserve mechanism, as well as any unallocated certificates. However, having been advocating for an earlier start of the MSR in 2017, CEDEC considers the agreement for 31 December 2018 an insufficient compromise, even if it does improve on the initial date of 2021, proposed by the European Commission. [CEDEC press release](#)

THE FUTURE IS DISTRIBUTED: A DSO PERSPECTIVE

On **19 February**, CEDEC co-organized a successful high-level event with representatives from the European DSO world gathered in Brussels : "The future is distributed: a DSO perspective". Their main message: the role of DSOs in the transition of Europe's energy system should be acknowledged. Regulation, policy and financing schemes should support

DSOs in fulfilling the energy transition objectives that the EU and national policy makers have set. The conference was co-organized by the four Brussels-based associations representing DSOs (CEDEC, EDSO for smart grids, EURELECTRIC and GEODE) and presented an [open letter of joint recommendations](#) to the incoming European Commission. [CEDEC press release](#)



EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: EUROPEAN ENERGY SECURITY STRATEGY

On **24 February**, the ITRE Committee has considered the amendments ([Amendments](#)) that have been tabled to the draft report of

Mr Saudargas on the European Energy Security Strategy. The vote in ITRE Committee is foreseen on 14 April.

MEETING & EVENT AGENDA

- CEDEC Working Group Energy & Climate: 4 March 2015
- Energy Council (Brussels): 5 March 2015
- EC Citizen's Energy Forum (London) : 12 & 13 March 2015
- CEDEC & Covenant of Mayors Webinar – [Engaging people in smart grids](#) : 19 March 2015
- European Council (Brussels): 19 & 20 March 2015
- CEDEC Working Group Trading : 20 March 2015
- CEDEC / MetaPV - [Smart Grid PV Integration - results and recommendations \(Brussels\): 24 March 2015](#)
- EC Gas Forum (Madrid): 21 & 22 April 2015
- CEDEC Working Group Consumer : 20 May 2015
- CEDEC Working Group Grid Tariffs: 28 May 2015

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CEDEC CONGRESS on 15 October 2015

at the EU Thon Hotel in Brussels

Evening reception on 14 October 2015