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18 October 2016, 9:00-17:30h
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9:00- 10:30:

HIGH LEVEL OPENING SESSION

Connecting local resources
with ambitious EU climate targets

Welcome: Rudi Oss, President, CEDEC & Dolomiti Energia

Keynote address:

Maroš Šefčovič, European Commission Vice-President for the Energy Union

Moderator: Gert De Block, Secretary General, CEDEC

Panel Debate:

Miriam Dalli, Member of the European Parliament, ENVI & ITRE Committee

Bo Frank, Mayor of Vaxjo, Vice-President of Energy Cities

Yves Zumwald, CEO, Swissgrid

Jorge Vasconcelos, Invited Professor MIT Portugal, former Chairman of CEER

10:30-11:15h Coffee Break



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11:15-12:45

The Missing Link of Flexibility (demand response & energy storage) : silver bullets or gold-plated promises ?

Keynote: Christoph Mayer, Director, OFFIS

Moderator: Sonja van Renssen, Journalist, EU Energy Post

Panel Debate:

Tom Van Ierland, Head of Unit Strategy and Economic assessment, DG Climate Action, European Commission

Josef Hasler, Chairman of the Board, N-ERGIE, Nürnberg (tbc)

Alicia Carrasco, Director European Government Affairs, TESLA Energy

Monika Stajnarova, Team leader on energy issues, BEUC

Dr. Kátrín Schweren, Public Affairs Manager, Swisscom energy solutions

12:45-13:45 Lunch break

13.45-15:15: Parallel break-out sessions



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BREAK-OUT 1

Efficiently linking local energy resources

Keynote:

Ronnie Belmans, Professor KUL, Executive Director at Global Smart Grid Federation

Moderator:

André Jurjus, Netbeheer Nederland, Vice-President CEDEC

Panel Debate:

Andreea Strachinescu, Head of Unit New energy technologies innovation and clean coal – DG Energy, EC

Peter Flosbach, CTO, DEW21 (Multi-utility, Dortmund)

Cyril Roger-Lacan, CEO, Tilia

Paul Voss, Managing Director, Euroheat & Power – District heating

Nikolaos Lympieropoulos, Project Manager, FCH JU – Fuel cells and hydrogen

BREAK-OUT 2

Creating added value for the customer

Keynote:

Dr. Rebecca Ford, Lower Carbon Futures Group, Environmental Change Institute University of Oxford
Sustainability and consumer behavior

Moderator:

Akhobi Sitou, Seolis, Vice-President CEDEC

Panel Debate:

Carina Tornblom, Head of Unit Consumer strategy, DG Justice, EC

Patricia de Suzzoni, CEER, Chair of the Customer and retail markets Working Group

Alessandro Cecchi, Head of Regulatory Affairs, IREN (Multi-utility, Italy)

Peter Hermans, CTO, Stedin (DSO, The Netherlands) - DSO as Market Facilitator, delivering infrastructure services

Emmanuel Julien, General Director, Sergies (local energy company, France) – Citizen's involvement in local energy projects

15:15-16:00: Coffee break



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No time to waste (BIG) data

Keynote: Pieter Ballon, iMinds, Professor VUB
Smart cities : data, technology & sustainability

Moderator: Sonja van Renssen, Journalist, EU Energy Post

Panel Debate:

Philippe Juvin, Member of the European Parliament, IMCO Committee (Shadow Rapporteur “Towards a Digital Single Market Act”) (tbc)

Irina Vasiliu, Policy Officer, ² Data Protection Unit - DG Justice, EC

Christian Arnold, Head of Project, EWE (Multi-utility, Germany) – ENERA project on integrated data solutions

Dieter Verhaeghe, Legal Counsel, Privacy Commission, Belgium

Donald Vanbeveren, Regulation & Strategy Director, Eandis (DSO, Belgium) - Big data in asset management

17:30

CONCLUSIONS

Gert De Block, Secretary General CEDEC



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Rudi Oss

President, CEDEC & President, Dolomiti Energia

Rudi Oss is the Chairman of Dolomiti Energia, Trento, Confservizi of Trentino Alto Adige and of Miscellaneous Industries Section, which includes the energy sector of Confindustria Trento. Since the mid-1990s he has been active in politics and he was President of the Trentino Tyrolean Autonomist Party from 2002 to 2007. Oss holds a Master degree in transnational law. He is CEDEC President since 2014.



Maroš Šefčovič

European Commission Vice-President for the Energy Union

Maros Sefcovic is a Slovak diplomat and the current Vice-President of the European Commission, in charge of Energy Union. His area of responsibility includes the establishing of a European Energy Union by connecting infrastructures and enforcing legislation to help drive down costs for citizens and businesses, improve energy security, mobilize additional investment in power grids, renewable energy installations and other energy infrastructure, and improve energy efficiency. Prior to that, he was the European Commissioner for Interinstitutional Relations and Administration (2010-2014). From 2004 to 2009, he was the Slovak Permanent Representative to the European Union.



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Myriam Dalli

Member of the European Parliament, ENVI & ITRE Committee

Miriam Dalli was elected to the European Parliament in May 2014. She has a Doctorate of Law at the University of Malta. She is also a Communications graduate and she obtained a Master in European Studies and an MBA. With over 15 years of experience in the Communications sector, Miriam Dalli established herself as one of the main television journalists in Malta. More recently, she was employed as Corporate Affairs Senior Executive by Vodafone Malta and prior to her election as an MEP held a post of Advisor with the Ministry of Energy.



Bo Frank

Mayor of Växjö, Vice-President of Energy Cities

Bo Frank is the Vice-President of Energy Cities since 2013 and Mayor in the City of Växjö since 1991. He has graduated from studies in political science, social science, ecology, economics and administration at the University of LUN/Växjö in 1979. He is a full time politician with various municipal assignments as chairman since 1982, member of the Swedish Parliament since 1991 and member of Board of the Swedish Association of Local Authorities. He is often invited as speaker at international conferences and workshops regarding environmental issues such as sustainable development and fossil fuel free Växjö.



Yves Zumwald

CEO, Swissgrid

Yves Zumwald is an electrical engineer who launched his long career in the energy industry in 1993 at Energie Ouest Suisse. After an assignment as National Electrical Design Manager at Orange Communications, he returned to EOS Holding in 2002 where he took on responsibility for grid usage and access. Following this, he headed the Infrastructure department as a member of the Executive Board at EOS Réseau from 2005. Yves Zumwald joined Swissgrid in January 2014 as a member of the Executive Board and Head of Grid. In March 2016 the Board of Directors has appointed him as CEO of Swissgrid.



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Jorges Vasconcelos
Co-founder of CEER

Jorge Vasconcelos is currently the Chairman of NEWES, New Energy Solutions and consultant to several international organizations and national authorities. He is Invited Professor at the Technical University of Lisbon and author and editor of several books and articles. He graduated in power systems from Porto University and got the Dr.-Ing. degree from the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg.

Jorge Vasconcelos was the first chairman of the Portuguese Energy Regulatory Authority, ERSE. He was founder and first chairman of the Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER) and he was founder and member of the Executive Committee of the Florence School of Regulation. Prior to the regulatory experience, he worked in industry and at several European universities..



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Christoph Mayer
Director, OFFIS

Dr. Christoph Mayer studied mathematics and physics at the University of Göttingen. Until 1995, he worked as research assistant at the Max-Planck-Institute for biophysical chemistry in Göttingen. 1995, he attained his doctorate in mathematics at the University of Bielefeld under Prof. Manfred Eigen and Prof. Andreas Dress. Since 2003, he leads as director the research and development division “Energy” at the computer science Institute OFFIS. Dr. Christoph Mayer concentrates - also as lecturer at the University Oldenburg - on Smart Energy and Green IT. Dr. Christoph Mayer is member of the “National Steering Committee of Smart Grid and Standardisation” of DKE (German Commission for electrical and electronic engineering, information technology), member of the academic project “Energy Systems of the Future” and board member of the dialogue circle “Smart Grids” within the ICT association Bitkom.



Tom Van Ierland
Head of Unit Strategy and Economic assessment, DG for Climate Action,
European Commission

Tom van Ierland joined the Commission in 2006. Within DG Climate Action he is currently deputy and acting head of unit A4, dealing with Strategy and Economic Assessment. He started his career at the Belgian Federal Planning Bureau in 1999 where he focused on emission trading. He was an advisor to the Belgian State Secretary for Energy, as well as member of cabinet of the Belgian Federal Minister for the Environment. He worked 2 years as consultant for Price Waterhouse Coopers. He has a broad experience both in the international negotiations on climate change as well as in the development of EU Climate Change policies. He holds academic degrees in Applied Economics, Environmental Economics and Computer Sciences from the University of Leuven and University College London.



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Josef Hasler

Chairman of the Board, N-ERGIE, Nürnberg (tbc)



Alicia Carrasco

Director European Government Affairs, Tesla Energy

Alicia Carrasco is the Director European Government Affairs for Tesla focusing on Energy issues. A European recognized thought leader on energy and sustainability. Previously to her different positions in regulatory affairs in the electricity sector, she worked as an Utilities Equity Analyst in the City of London, and as an European Electricity and Gas Analyst for Platts. Alicia holds a Master in Science in Environmental Economics and Sustainable Development from University College of London.



Monika Štajnarová

Team leader on energy issues, BEUC

Monika Štajnarová has worked at The European Consumer Organisation (BEUC) since 2010. Currently, Monika is leading BEUC's work in the energy area. During last years, she has been focusing mainly on consumer rights in electricity and gas markets, retail energy market design, energy efficiency and issues related to smart meter roll-out. In the past, Monika was also working on consumer rights in telecom markets. Prior to joining BEUC, Monika worked as a Project coordinator at the Czech Energy Agency and acquired a significant working experience in the energy policy in the Task Force for Energy Security and Nuclear Safety at the European Commission. Monika holds a M.Sc. degree in Economics and Business Administration.



Dr. Kátrín Schweren

Public Affairs Manager, Swisscom energy solutions

Kátrín Schweren is graduated from the Universities of Fribourg and Barcelona. She began her career in 1992 as political research assistant at the European Parliament. In 1995 she moved on to BEUC where she headed the economic department. Alongside working for the European Parliament and BEUC, Kátrín also studied for a PhD in Economics which she successfully completed in October 1999. Following this she moved on to Swisscom where she started in the Wholesale Regulatory Department before switching to the Group Regulatory Affairs department in 2000. From 2002 to 2006 Kátrín was chairman of the European Telecommunications Platform. In 2008 Kátrín became Swisscom's EU affairs delegate and now represents Swisscom's position to the EU institutions.



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Ronnie Belmans

Professor KUL, Director at Global Smart Grid Federation

Ronnie Belmans obtained a master degree in electrical engineering in 1979 and a PhD degree in 1984, both from KU Leuven. In 1989 he added a Special Doctorate from the KU Leuven and in 1993 a 'Habilitation', from the RWTH, Aachen, Germany. Currently, Ronnie Belmans is full professor at KU Leuven, teaching techno-economical aspects of power systems, electrical energy and regulatory affairs, among others. His research interests include smart grids, security of energy supply and the techno-economic aspects of the liberalization of the electricity market. He is also Vice president of the KU Leuven Energy Institute as well as cofounder and CEO of EnergyVille, a research collaboration in Genk specializing in energy in smart cities and buildings. Ronnie Belmans is also honorary chairman of the board of directors of ELIA, the Belgian transmission system operator.



Andreea Strachinescu

Head of Unit New energy technologies, innovation and clean coal (DG ENERGY)

Andreea Strachinescu works with the European Commission in the Directorate General for Energy as Head of Unit for new energy technologies, being responsible for the development of the policy and actions on non-nuclear energy research and innovation. Ms. Strachinescu studied mechanical engineering and business administration in Bucharest, Romania and she has a Master of Science in International Economics from H.E.C. Montreal, Canada. Prior to joining the European Commission, Ms. Strachinescu worked for public administration in Romania and Canada, in the field of economic development and international trade policies and actions.



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Peter Flosbach

CTO, DEW21 (Multi-utility), Dortmund

Peter Flosbach studied Mechanical Engineering at the Universities of Dortmund & Brisbane (Australia). In 1993 he started his career at VEW, a leading communal utility in Germany. From 2000 to 2004 he was responsible as manager for Corporate Development and M&A of RWE retail and trading companies. Since 2004 he was Vice President for Asset Service of gas grids, underground gas storages and Energy Efficiency.

Since 2015 he is Chief Technology Officer of DEW21 which is the Dortmund municipal company with retail, renewables and distribution business of power, gas, district heating and water.



Cyril Roger-Lacan

CEO, Tilia, France

Cyril Roger-Lacan is Tilia's co-founder, Chairman and general and director. He studied at the French Ecole Normale Supérieure and Ecole Nationale d'Administration and has developed for over 20 years both a project and company managerial experience, and a regulation and public policy experience, both in the fields of environment, energy and infrastructures. In Tilia he manages several local energy transition projects with local authorities, public institutions and energy producers and suppliers. He is a recognised expert about energy and environmental issues and has chaired one of the National Debate for Energy Transition working groups.



Paul Voss

Managing Director, Euroheat & Power – District heating

Paul Voss joined Euroheat & Power as Managing Director in late 2013 from Danfoss District Energy, a global leader in District Heating and Cooling (DHC) technology. As Head of Public and Industrial Affairs, he led the company's efforts to engage with policy-makers at global, EU, national and local level. Prior to that, he was responsible for relations with EU institutions in the fields of energy and environment policy at the European LPG Association. He has also worked for CLAN Public Affairs as a public policy analyst. He has studied in Canada, France and Belgium and holds a Masters degree in European Public Policy.



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Nikolaos Lymperopoulos

Project Manager, Fuel cells and Hydrogen

Dr. N. Lymberopoulos is a Project Manager at the Fuel Cells and Hydrogen Joint Undertaking (FCH JU). He is a Mechanical Engineer actively involved in the field of energy and the environment for more than 30 years. For the last 15 years he has been working on Hydrogen energy technologies, initially leading a section at the Greek national Centre for Renewable Energy Sources, and then as Director for Projects at the UNIDO International Centre for Hydrogen Energy Technologies in Istanbul that addressed Developing World Countries. In 2013 he joined the FCH JU putting his experience to good use in supporting European R&D in sustainable Hydrogen production and Energy Storage through Hydrogen.



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BREAK-OUT 2 *Efficiently linking local resources*



Dr. Rebecca Ford

Lower Carbon Futures Group, Environmental Change Institute University of Oxford

Dr Rebecca Ford is a researcher in Energy at the Environmental Change Institute, where she manages the Oxford Martin Programme on Integrating Renewable Energy, and leads the Living Lab initiative at the University that aims to support the University to reduce carbon emissions by 33% by 2020. Rebecca has a Masters degree and DPhil in Engineering from the University of Oxford, has worked as a post-doctoral researcher in the Business School at the University of Otago, New Zealand, and as Senior Research Fellow and Deputy Director of the Centre for Sustainability, an interdisciplinary research Centre at the University of Otago.



Carina Törnblom

Head of Unit Consumer strategy – DG Justice, European Commission

Carina Törnblom has worked at the European Commission's Directorate-General for Health and Consumers since 2000. She is a lawyer and currently Head of the Unit Consumer Strategy, Representation and International Relations. Carina has previously been responsible for Consumer and marketing law and the regulation for enforcement cooperation. Before she joined the Commission, she was a Deputy Director General in the Ministry of Finance in Sweden with the responsibility of consumer policy. Before that she was responsible for enforcement of the consumer policy in the Financial Sector (Financial Supervisory Authority) building on years of experience in enforcing consumer protection legislation in general (the Consumer Agency).



Patricia de Suzzoni

Chair of the Customer and retail markets Working Group, CEER.

Patricia de Suzzoni is Advisor to the President of CRE, the independent French energy regulatory authority. At the European level, she is chair of Customers and Retail Markets Working Group of the Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER). At the international level, she is co-chair of the Technology Change working group of the International Confederation of Energy Regulators. She previously held various managerial positions in the telecoms industry for 20 years. She holds two MScs, one from Ecole Polytechnique and one from Telecom ParisTech, and is an alumnus of INSEAD business school.



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Alessandro Cecchi

Head of Regulatory Affairs, IREN, Italy.

Alessandro Cecchi works as Head of Regulatory Affairs in IREN Group since May 2015. He earned his Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering from Genoa University, in addition to a Residential Master's Degree for one full-time year in Energy and Environmental Management from ENI Corporate University.

Mr. Cecchi started his professional career within ENI Group, moving to Sorgenia in 2002 to deal with Power and Environmental Markets Regulation and joining ERG Group in 2007 as Head of Planning and Regulatory Affairs within the power generation business unit.



Peter Hermans

CTO, Stedin, The Netherlands

Peter has a strong background in telecommunications: he worked for 23 years in the telecom sector in the Netherlands in several executive IT management positions in the fixed, mobile and internet business. He started in the Utility sector in 2007 where since then he is driving strategy and the initiation of business programs and roadmaps of the Dutch utility sector and Stedin, related to the energy, telecoms, smart meters & smart grids, and TSO-DSO data-management. He joined Stedin in 2010. Peter has participated in M490 activities of CENCENELEC/ETSI and is an active member of the EU Smart Grids TaskForce, and the TSO-DSO data-management platform. Peter Hermans holds a MSc degree on Telecommunications and a CMC degree on change management.



Emmanuel Julien

General Director, Sergies

Emmanuel Julien is engineer from the « Ecole des Mines » in Paris. He is president of the Board of Directors at the SEM SERGIES since 2010. Before that, he was General Director of SERGIES and Director of services of "Syndicat ENERGIES VIENNE". He also chairs the Club SEM Renewable Energy in the Federation of Local Public Enterprises (FedEpl) in PARIS, and since 2016 he is Chairman of the investment fund TERRA ENERGY, created by the New Region Aquitaine BORDEAUX.



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Pieter Ballon

Professor VUB, iMinds, Belgium

Prof Dr Pieter Ballon is Professor in Communication Sciences at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium. He is also Director Living Labs at iMinds, the Flemish research institute for ICT innovation, and head of the Business Research unit at iMinds - SMIT. He has published widely on business model innovation, living labs and smart cities. Since 2009, Pieter Ballon is the international Secretary of the European Network of Living Labs (ENoLL). He is also a founder of the Open and Agile Smart Cities (OASC) network.



Philippe Juvin

Member of the European Parliament, IMCO Committee

Philippe Juvin is a French politician and Member of the European Parliament elected in the 2009 European election. He is currently Mayor of La Garenne-Colombes, where he was first municipal councillor between 1983 and 2001 before being elected mayor that same year and easily re-elected in 2008. In the 2009 European elections, he was elected to the European Parliament. From June 2009 to January 2010, Philippe Juvin accumulated temporarily the functions of mayor, Member of the European Parliament, councillor and department head of a hospital.

Irina Vasiliu

Data protection Unit, DG Justice, EC

Irina Vasiliu is a Policy Officer in the Data Protection Unit of DG Justice and Consumers. In this capacity she negotiated the Data Protection Reform Package (General Data Protection Regulation and Data Protection Police Directive) in the Council Working Group and the European Parliament. Previously Irina worked as an administrator in the Secretariat of the Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs Committee (LIBE) of the European Parliament.



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Christian Arnold

Head of Project, EWE, Germany

Christian is Managing Director of ENERA, a multipartner cooperation focusing on the digital energy transformation which has been initiated by EWE AG. He holds university degrees in both civil engineering and business administration. He has gained over 10 years of work experience in the Utility, Telecom and Venture Capital Industry. He first came into contact with the energy market during his studies while researching on risk management in European electricity markets. Later, he joined leading international multi-utility and venture capital companies in Germany and the USA. In 2013, Christian joined EWE AG for building up one of the largest Energiewende – Demonstrator (energy transition demonstration project) in Europe which is named ENERA.



Dieter Verhaeghe

Legal Counsel, Privacy Commission, Belgium

Dieter Verhaeghe holds a master in law and a bachelor in criminology at the university of Leuven. He has practical experience with national and EU data protection and privacy law since 1998. He assisted the Belgian Data Protection Authority as legal advisor between 1997 and 2000. Between 2000 and 2004 he gained experience as company lawyer in the field of B2B financial services and telecom services. He joined the Belgian DPA again in 2004.



Donald Vanbeveren

Regulation & Strategy Director, Eandis, Belgium

Donald Vanbeveren is graduated in Engineering from Ghent University. He also holds an Executive Master of Business Administration from the Antwerp Management School and a Master in Executive Management from CEDEP in France. In 1983 he worked for General Electric as ICT Application/ Business analyst. From 1986 he joined Eandis executing several technical, financial and market functions. From 2011 till now, he is member of the Management Committee and Director Regulation and Strategy at Eandis.



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MODERATORS



Moderator: Akhobi Sitou
CEDEC Vice-President, CEO Seolis

Akhobi Sitou holds a Doctorate in public economic law and a specialized graduate diploma (DESS) from the University of Poitiers. After eight years working in local government as Head of Finance and Procurement, he joined the local business power distribution sector in 1995, where he successively held the posts of Head of the Legal Department and CFO in Sorégies before joining in 2004 Séolis as Deputy of the CEO and then CEO since 2005.



Moderator: André Jurjus
CEDEC Vice-President, Director Netbeheer Nederland

André Jurjus is Director of Netbeheer Nederland, the Association of electricity and gas Distribution and Transmission System Operators in the Netherlands, since 2010. From 2008 until 2010, he was Director of the Dutch Association for Competition in Energy (Nederlandse Vereniging voor Marktwerking in Energie). Before that, he was a manager associated with the Energy Market of the Ministry of Economic Affairs, where he worked on the liberalisation of the consumer market, the unbundling of the integrated Dutch energy companies, the creation of market coupling between the markets of Northwest Europe and the regulation of network companies.



Moderator: Sonja van Rensen
Co-Founder, EU Energy Post

Sonja van Rensen is senior editor and Brussels-based correspondent for Energy Post. An experienced climate, energy and environment journalist, she has written for publications such as European Energy Review, Nature Climate Change, Environmental Finance, Carbon Finance, Journal de l'Environnement, ENDS Europe and European Voice. She also hosts interviews and gives media training for Internet-based TV channel viEUws.eu. Prior to freelancing, Sonja was lead climate/carbon correspondent for EU environment policy news and analysis service at ENDS Europe for four years.



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Moderator: Gert De Block
Secretary General, CEDEC

Gert De Block is the Secretary General of CEDEC, since 1996 and has been active at the front row of the different stages in the development of the European energy and climate policies. After previous work experience in financial analysis and management information systems, he has been in the public energy sector at Belgian and European level since 1992. He is also the Secretary General of Inter-Regies, a Belgian federation of local public infrastructure companies in the energy distribution and cable-TV sector.



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Who is CEDEC?

CEDEC, the European federation of local and regional energy companies, represents the interests of electricity and natural gas companies at European level:

- More than 1500 companies, with local and regional (mainly public) shareholders
- Serving 85 million electricity and gas customers
- Realizing a total turnover of over 100 billion euros.

Active in every part of the value chain, striving for citizen's value

CEDEC member companies are active in local generation (including cogeneration, district heating and renewables), distribution network operation, metering system & data management, supply and energy efficiency services for electricity and natural gas.

Small and medium sized enterprises with local shareholders

Local energy companies are mostly small and medium sized: close to their local shareholders and close to the citizen, they are key actors in the regional economic development and contribute to the creation of local investments and local jobs.

Partners in the realization of climate objectives

Local energy companies constitute an important partner for the realization of European climate objectives, through investments in local sustainable electricity generation, efficient and smart grids, and innovative energy services.

Essential players in competitive energy markets

Local energy players in generation and supply are well-established and trusted partners in the regional and national markets. There can be no competition without competitors: large and small, private and public.

