

A new president for the Smartgrids France Réseaux Electriques Intelligents association

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The professional association “Réseaux Electriques Intelligents – Smartgrids France” association, whose task is to develop the sector of intelligent electrical networks in France, Europe and worldwide, has renewed its management committee.

Dominique Maillard, who has been Chairman and leader of the smartgrids since its beginning, is also the former president of the board of directors of RTE (French electricity transport network). Having fulfilled his mandate at the head of RTE, Dominique Maillard wished to be replaced by a leader who is still working and thus announced his retirement at the end of the association’s board meeting. Vice Chairman, Philippe Monloubou, also Chairman of the ERDF board of directors was appointed as the association’s Chairman. Olivier Grabette, RTE’s Director of Economy, markets and innovation was voted Vice Chairman.

Antoine de Fleurieu, Treasurer (and representative of Gimelec) and Valérie-Anne Lencznar, Managing Director, maintain their responsibilities.

The creation of the professional association “Réseaux Electriques Intelligents – Smartgrids France” is the concrete implementation of one of the 10 actions in the “Intelligent Electrical Networks” roadmap for a New Industrial France presented by Dominique Maillard, to the French President on May 7th 2014.

With the aim of creating a “French team” of smartgrids, this association’s task is to help the sector to become one of the leaders on the global market which is estimated at around 30 billion Euros. With its support, the association estimates that in 2020, this industry will represent 25,000 jobs in France and a turnover of 6 billion Euros, with 50 percent resulting from export.

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About REI Smartgrids France

The association is composed of members from the business world, universities, institutions and stakeholders in the electricity industry. Among others, Alstom, Schneider, EDF, the CEA, Mines ParisTech, SAGEMCOM, Gimelec, Cofely Ineo, Siemens, Atos, ABB, Cap Gemini, Cahors, Itron, Michaud,... as well as the skill sectors involved in the REIs. The association's members commit to promoting French REI know-how while respecting competition law. They are characterised by an industrial, research or training activity in France in connection with intelligent electrical networks.

In particular, the association is in charge of:

- Organising events to promote REI know-how and representing its members in France and abroad;
- Carrying out an inventory of the REI/SmartGrids sector and its show-rooms in France, and promoting their achievements abroad in particular;
- Creating a catalogue of existing training courses, and facilitating the creation of new ones;
- Communicating on the topics and stakes of the REI/SmartGrids sector in France, Europe and elsewhere in the world.
- Representing its members to public authorities and European and International bodies;
- Supporting the development of its members – small and medium sized businesses;

About Philippe Monloubou

Philippe Monloubou was born in 1955; he graduated as an engineer from the ESTP School of Engineering and also graduated from the IAE Business School in Rennes. He began working in the EDF Distribution channels in 1979, and is familiar with the issues of local development as, while holding varied positions in the Charentes, Corsica, Ile de France, Rhône and Savoie regions, he was also President of Rhône Pluriel Initiatives, an association of public and private economic partners supporting the creation or takeover of companies. He also has international experience, having participated in the development of EDF in Argentina and South America. From 2011 to 2014, he was French Sales Director for the EDF Group, managing relations with the 27 million private customers, companies and organisations. On January 23rd, 2014, he was appointed Chairman of the ERDF Board of Management.

ERDF's big challenge is the deployment of 35 million "Linky" intelligent electricity meters in France, between the end of 2015 and 2021, enabling consumers to participate actively in their electricity consumption, while also facilitating the identification of any breakdowns.

About Olivier Grabette

Olivier Grabette is a graduate of the Supaéro School of Engineering. Over the past 25 years he has held numerous positions in electricity transport networks, starting out in engineering in France and elsewhere around the world. In 2012, he created the research, development and innovation branch of RTE which was RTE's official break off point from the EDF group in terms of Research & Development. Olivier Grabette is currently in charge RTE's economics for markets and innovation. He has been on the RTE board of executives since January 2014.

The association's management committee

L'ÉQUIPE



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