



SmartGrids France at the forefront of European Utility Week in

Vienna on November 3 to 5, 2015

The SmartGrids France association was created in April 2015 to develop the sector in France and to promote it in Europe and internationally. The association will be participating in European Utility Week taking place in November in Vienna to raise the profile of businesses in this sector and their expertise, focusing on live trials by demonstrators. SmartGrids France will be alongside Business France in the France section (Hall A).

The SmartGrids France professional association was created through one of ten initiatives set out in the "Smart Grids" roadmap presented by the French President in mid-2014. As the **"Team France" of Smart Grids**, this association offers support to players in the sector, with the aim by 2020 for the sector to represent 25,000 direct jobs in France, to generate €6 billion in turnover, half of which from export, and to become one of the industry leaders in a global market estimated at €30 billion per year.

To promote its expertise in Vienna, the association will be offering:

- a presentation of its smart grid demonstrators and their initial results;
- a tour of French expertise for foreign delegations that wish to come discover these demonstrators;
- a methodology to promote the socio-economic aspect of smart grids, a world first;
- an overview of the current flexibility of French power grids thanks to the existing smart grid features.

The association is a member of the Global Smart Grid Federation, helping it to exchange with its peers on a global level. Delegations from Japan and Taiwan have already discovered the main French demonstrators.

France is the leading country in terms of smart grid investment in Europe. Over 100 smart grid projects are currently taking place across France as well as numerous export projects.

French expertise in this field is recognized internationally. French network operators, especially RTE and ERDF, currently export their skills by supporting foreign operators in deploying smart grid technology in their networks. The investments and the dynamics of the offer make the French power network one of the world's most available and reliable.

About SmartGrids France:

The association is chaired by Philippe Monloubou, Chairman of ERDF's Management Board. The Vice-Chairman is Olivier Grabette, deputy CEO of RTE. The association is composed of global members from the world of business, academia, institutions and players in the electricity sector. These members include Alstom, Schneider, EDF, French Atomic Energy Commission (CEA), Mines ParisTech, SAGEMCOM, ABB, Gimelec, Cofely Ineo, Siemens, Atos, Cap Gemini, and SMEs such as Cahors, Seifel, Michaud, etc.

The association is primarily responsible for:

- *Organizing, in France and abroad, events to promote smart grid expertise and represent its members;*
- *Supporting the development of its SME and mid-size company members;*
- *Ensuring the representation of its members with public authorities and European and international organizations;*
- *Taking stock of the smart grid sector and its show rooms in France, particularly by promoting its achievements abroad;*
- *Creating a catalog of existing training and promoting the creation of new training;*
- *Communicating on topics and issues concerning smart grids in France, Europe and internationally.*

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Associate Members:

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