

## Press Release

### The Think Smartgrids association signs a partnership agreement with the India Smart Grid Forum in New Delhi.

This March 10, 2018, on the occasion of the bilateral economic event between France and India organized within the framework of the President of the French Republic's official visit, a partnership agreement signed between Philippe Monloubou, President of Think Smartgrids, Chairman of the Board of Enedis, and Reji Kumar Pillai, President of the India Smart Grid Forum.



This partnership follows on from the Indian event "India Smart Grid Week" which took place from March 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> in New Delhi, and the 1<sup>st</sup> India - France Smart Grid Workshop organized on this occasion, with the thematic: "Smart Grids for Smart Cities". This workshop was organized around two round tables: the "French Expertise" and the "Implementations in India". It enabled the members of the association such as Saft and EDF, to present their achievements to the Indian electricity distributors there.

Think Smartgrids which brings together the key players of the smart grids ecosystem in France, has signed a partnership with the ISGF (India Smart Grid Forum), its counterpart in India, an agreement formalized during the France-India economic session organized during the official visit of the President of the French Republic, Emmanuel Macron, on this March 10, 2018 in Delhi.

As the world's third-largest energy consumer, India is committed to the development of renewable energies, in particular targeting installed solar power of 100 GW by 2022, which offers great opportunities for the smart grids market. Indeed, "variable" renewable energies (wind and solar), which could represent 20% of its electricity mix in 2030, will require modernization of the electricity grid.

The aim of this agreement is to establish a framework for a mutual cooperation between the ISGF and Think Smartgrids in the field of smart grids with two main focuses. For instance, workshops will be held for Think Smartgrids members to meet Indian decision-makers and electricity distribution companies.

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These meetings will enable the actors to understand the local market conditions and to implement successful collaborations. It will focus on the development of smart grids, working for the smart city, in which both parties are committed to mobilizing their members.

Think Smartgrids and the ISGF also want to set up student exchanges between French and Indian universities devoted to smart grids. This exchange program will aim to develop the knowledge of the smart grid needs in each country by involving universities in this process.

Since its creation in April 2015, this is the third international partnership signed by the Think Smartgrids Association.

#### About Think Smartgrids:

The French Think Smartgrids association is made up of 100 members from the world of business, academia, competitiveness clusters, stakeholders of the electricity sector and SMEs. It benefits from two observing members: the Regulation Energy Commission and the French State, through the Directorate for Enterprises and the Directorate-General for Energy and Climate.

Chaired by Ph.Monloubou, CEO of Enedis, the main French DSO, the association aims to connect and develop the smartgrids' French sector; promote it abroad and bring the voices of its members to the key stakeholders.

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India Smart Grid Forum

#### About the India Smart Grid Forum:

India Smart Grid Forum (ISGF) is a Public Private Partnership initiative of Ministry of Power (MoP), Government of India for accelerated development of smart grid technologies in the Indian power sector. The mandate of ISGF is to advise government on policies and programs for the promotion of Smart Grids in India, work with national and international agencies in developing standards and to help utilities, regulators and the Industry in technology selection, training and capacity building.

ISGF work closely with government institutions such as CEA, CPRI, CERC, NSGM and NCIIPC; ministries such as MNRE, DoT, MoUD, MoHI, and other stakeholders like state governments, electric utilities and electricity regulatory commissions. With 200+ members comprised of ministries, utilities, technology providers, academia and research, ISGF has evolved as a Think-Tank of global repute on Smart Grids and Smart Cities.

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