

VA Lencznar, Think Smartgrids (France) elected Vice Chair of the GSGF



The Global Smart Grid Federation (GSGF) chose its vice chairperson, Valerie Anne Lencznar. The responsibility of the Vice Chair is to support the Chairman of GSGF, Mr Reji Kumar Pillai (who is also President of Indian Smart Grid Forum) in the implementation of the GSGF activities.

The board of the GSGF unanimously elected Valérie Anne Lencznar from Think Smartgrids, France as Vice Chairperson on Thursday July 11th 2019. Mrs. Lencznar is currently the Managing Director of Think Smartgrids, the professional association federating the french smart grids ecosystem.

Valérie Anne Lencznar is a communication (CELSA- Paris Sorbonne university) and Executive MBA (HEC) graduate. She has worked and led as a Communication Director in various public structures. She joined the Energy sector 20 years ago, as the Communication Director of the main nuclear power plant in Europe situated in the northern part of France, then she worked on the expansion of EDF group communication and brand in Poland, Hungary and continental countries.

From 2009 until 2015, she became general secretary of the Franco-Spanish joint venture Inelfe. Inelfe consisted in building underground electricity interconnection between Perpignan and Figueras, a world first, with a total budget of 700 million euros. Launched in 2015, this transmission line doubles the electric capacity between France and Spain and prefigured the setting up of smart grids transportation in Europe.

About the GSGF:

The Global Smart Grid Federation (GSGF) is a global stakeholder organization committed to creating smarter, cleaner electrical systems around the world. GSGF is comprised of national smart grid organizations from various countries (India, France, USA, Japan, Korea, Indonesia, Mexico, South Africa and Belgium). The GSGF brings together the intellectual capital of smart grid stakeholder organizations from around the world to:

- facilitate the collaboration of national and international Smart Grid nongovernmental organizations and governmental organizations from around the world to conduct and foster research in the application of Smart Grid technologies;
- support rapid implementation of Smart Grid technologies by establishing itself as the global center for competency on Smart Grid technologies and policy issues;
- foster the international exchange of ideas and best practices on energy issues, including reliability, efficiency, security, and climate change;
- create avenues for dialogue and cooperation between the public and private sectors in countries around the world on issues relating to the deployment of Smart Grid technologies.

These and other activities help member organizations initiate changes to their countries' electric systems to enhance security, increase flexibility, reduce emissions, and maintain affordability, reliability, and accessibility. The GSGF has a partnership with the International Smart Grids Action Network (ISGAN), an institution that depends on the International Energy Agency (IEA).

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About Think Smartgrids:

The French association Think Smartgrids federates and represents the French smart grid ecosystem, with a hundred members from the entire smart grids value chain: electronic engineering, utilities, automation, telecommunication equipment and information systems, business models, training, and regulation.

The association, composed of SMEs, Big groups, startups, schools, universities is dedicated to federating the French smart grid sector in France and developing international collaborations and its participation in exhibitions and events. Think smart grids is chaired by Olivier Grabette, member of RTE (France's TSO) board. Think Smartgrids is a member of the Global Smart Grid Federation.

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