



Challenges in Power Distribution in Germany

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Agenda

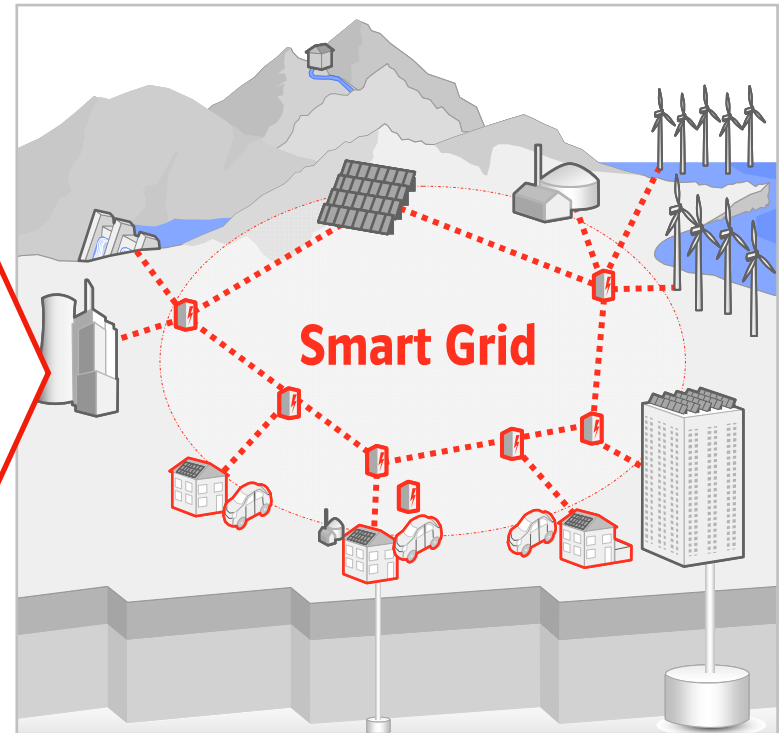
- **Background and challenges**
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Frankfurt – the historical place for power grids

1891: Start with 3 phase power transmission Lauffen - Frankfurt



Today: development of Smart Grid



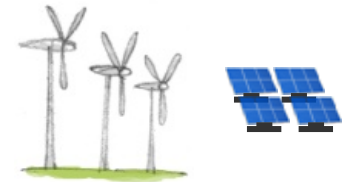
Continuous innovation

120 years of continuous innovation – now once more a major step is necessary

Grids need to change to meet key challenges

European & German climate targets call for change in the energy system

- 20% reduction of CO₂- emissions
- 35% share of power production from renewables (20 % Europe)
- 20% increase in energy efficiency



Changes in electricity consumption initiated by new smart applications

- Smart Meter
- E-mobility / vehicle-to-grid
- Customer participation



Necessity to maintain balance in magic triangle in energy policy

- ① Security of supply
- ② Economic efficiency
- ③ Sustainability



Answers to challenges are core elements of CIRED activities and this conference

The German power industry – structure and key figures

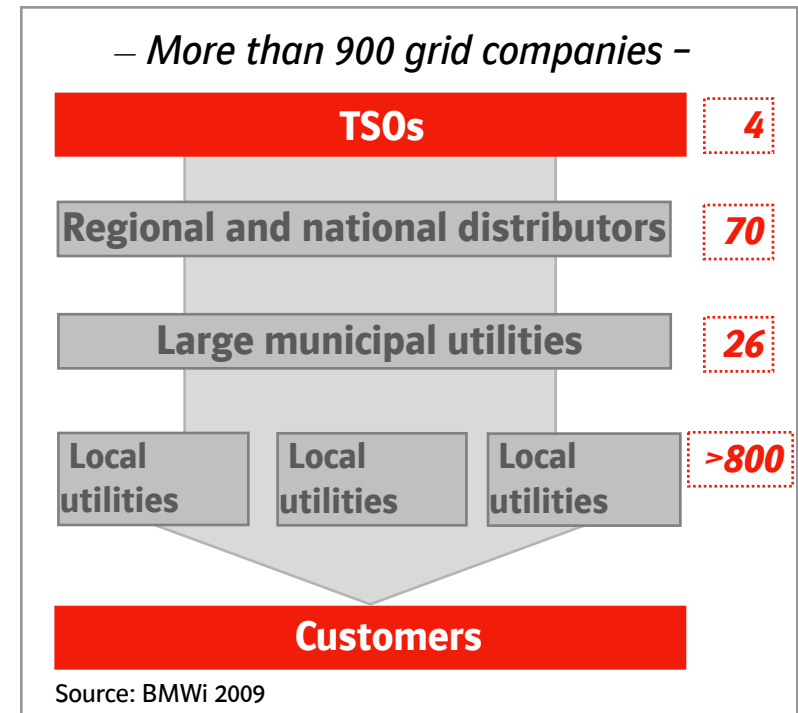
Highly diversified structure ¹⁾

- Ca. 1050 market players in sales and 300 in generation (> 1 MW)
- Private, public or mixed ownership
- Competitive market structure for generation and sales
- Grid is un-bundled and regulated due to natural-monopoly status

Key figures 2009 ²⁾

- Consumption fin. customers: 580 TWh
- Power production: 600 TWh
of which renewables (EEG³⁾): 70 TWh

1) Source: BDEW; 2)* Source: BMWI; 3) EEG: Renewable Energy Act



Ambitious goals for renewables – challenges for transmission and distribution grids

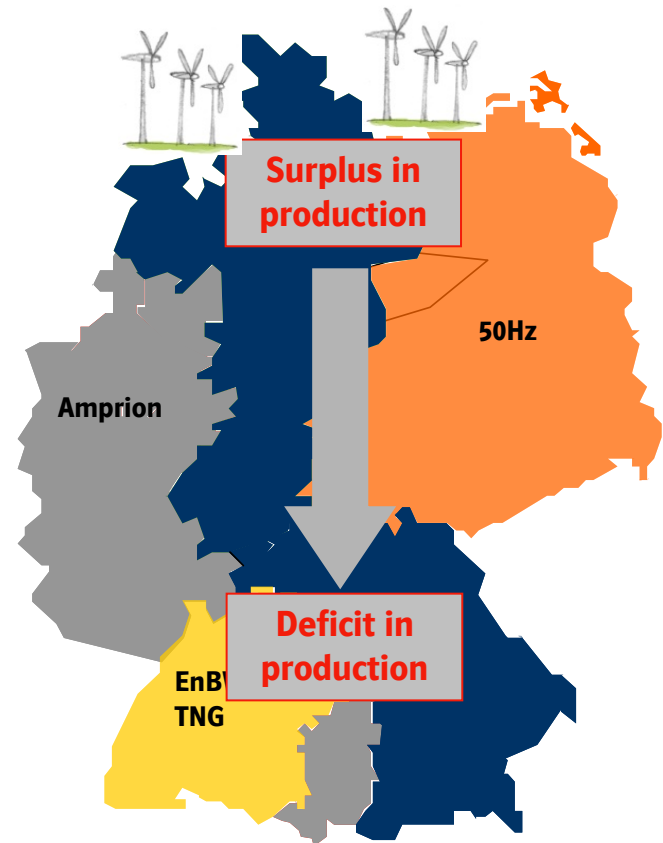
Massive growth of renewables – Challenges for Transmission

Political goals for renewables in Germany

- Ambitious goals in power generation:
2020 → 35%; 2030 → 50%; 2050 → 80%
- Wind in the North to play a key role
→ Additional transmission North-South

Challenges for TSOs:

- Need for new build of 3600 km of EHV-lines identified (DENA II- study, 2010)
- But: out of necessary 850 km identified in 2005 (DENA I) only 100 km built so far
- Meanwhile: necessity to interfere in power production to maintain system stability (e.g. redispatch)

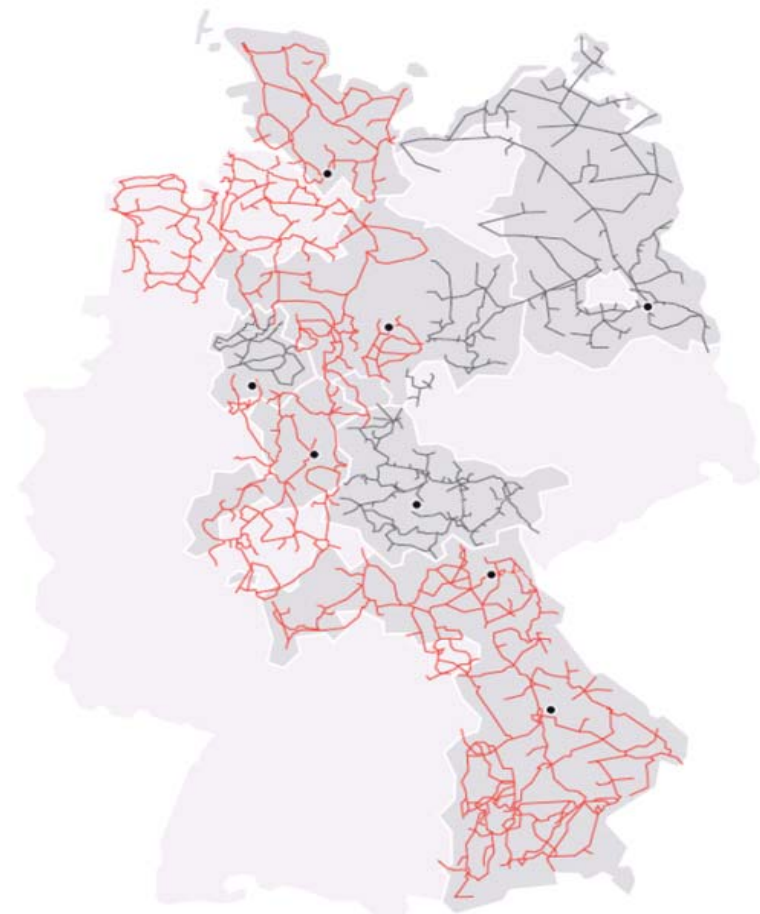


New forms of co-operation between DSOs and TSOs necessary

E.ON distribution activity in Germany

Area E.ON Netz (110 kV)	140,000 km ²
Area 7 Regional DSOs (≤ 110 kV)	143,000 km ²
Length of lines	455,000 km
Renewable production	
- Installed capacity	13,000 MW
- No. of installations	155,000
No. of employees in grid business	ca. 10,000

- HV-grid (E.ON Netz)
- HV grid (other E.ON DSOs)
- Distribution area of E.ON-DSOs



Also E.ON distribution business in Nordic countries and Central Europe East

Quality of supply will be introduced in grid fee regulation in Germany in 2012

Background

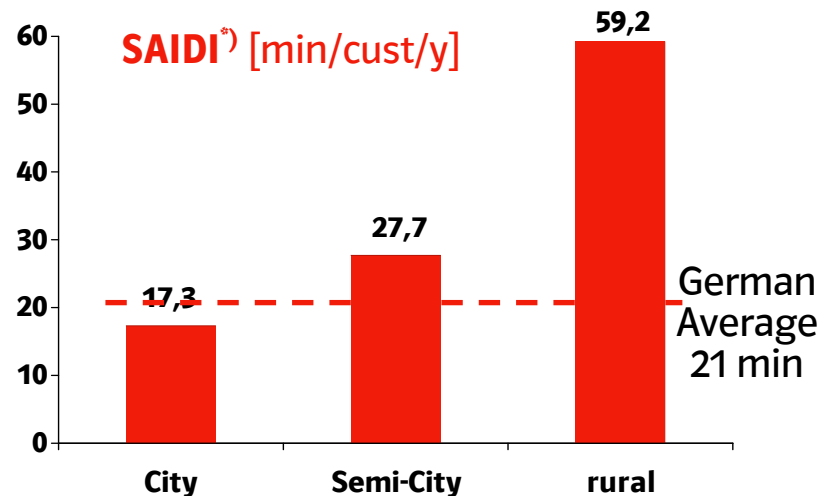
- Legal framework requires introduction of quality of supply in grid fee regulation
- Implementation of a quality element for grid reliability now planned from 2012 on

Status

- Interruption Duration Index will be used to reflect quality of supply in LV and MV
- Bonus malus system on regulated income
- New methodology must adequately reflect the customer/ load density of a distribution area

*SAIDI (System Average Interruption Duration Index)

Durations of interruptions correlate with structure of the distribution area



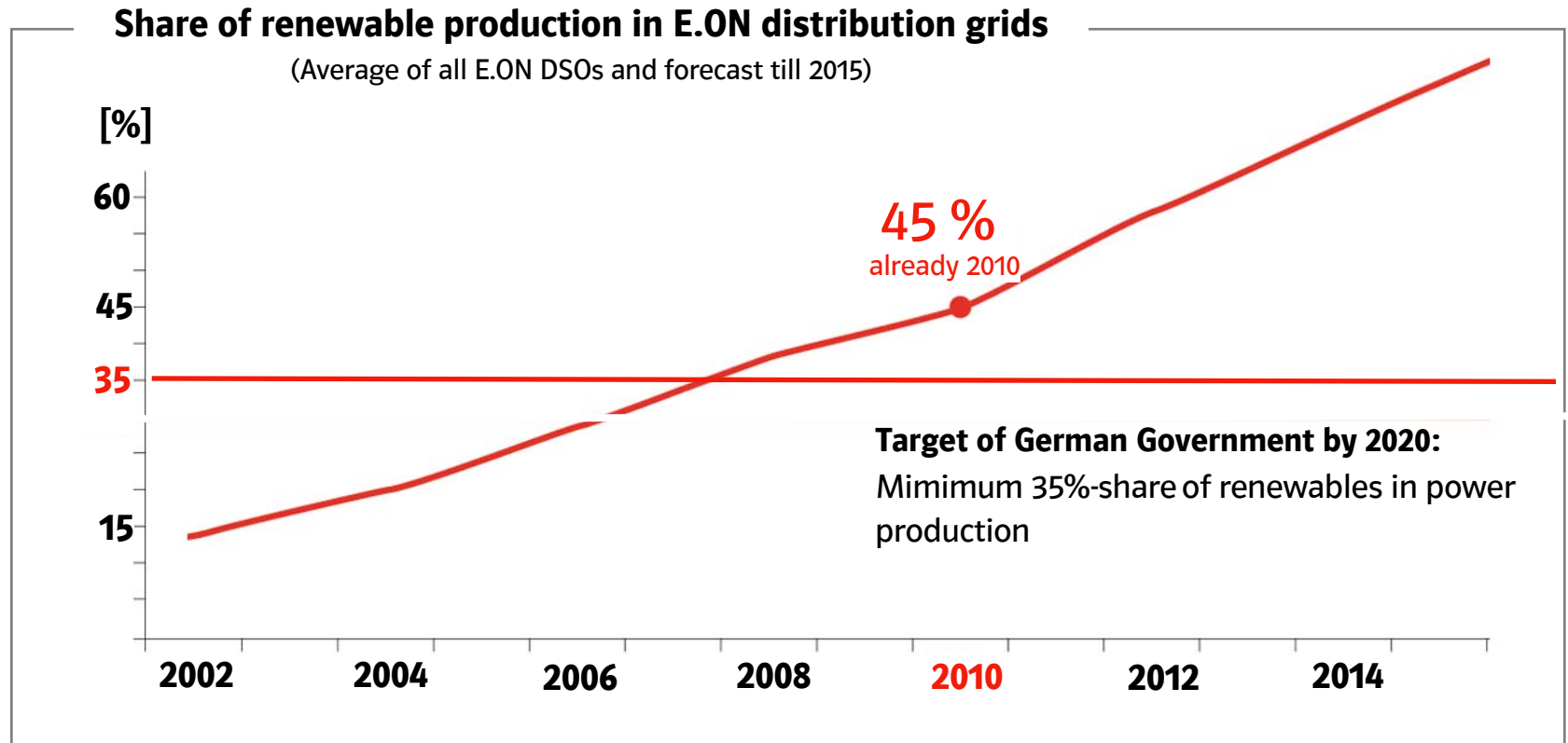
(Source: VDN and FGH, German Statistical Bureau, 2007)
 (rural: ≤100 Inhabitants/km²; Semi-city ≤500 Inh./km²; City: >500 Inh./km²)

Germany has a good position in quality of supply also when compared to European neighbours. New methodology should be adequate to keep quality standard.

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Integration of renewables is a key challenge for DSOs



Distribution grids are the enabler for achievement of climate targets – particular challenge for E.ON DSOs in rural areas

Example 1: Integration of large scale on-shore wind in Northern Germany

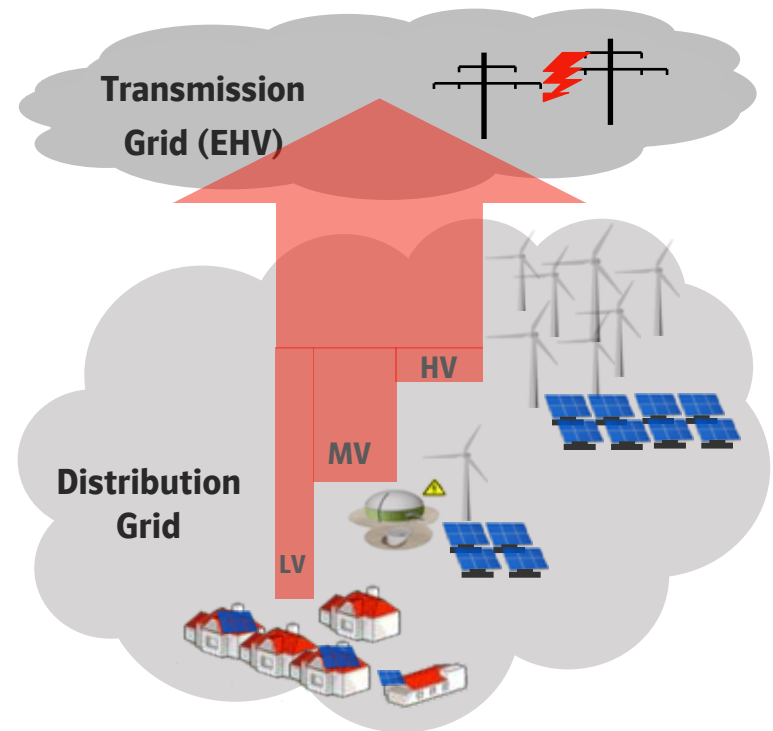
Feed-in from Wind, PV and Biomass is increasingly exceeding local demand

Change of flows in distribution grids

- Past: one directional flow (distribution grids for supply task only)
- Today and future: bi-directional flows

New task sharing between TSOs and DSOs

- DSO has to balance generation and demand at regional level
- TSO must absorb excess of generation and ensure transmission to centers of demand
- ➔ Necessity to build new sub-stations and transmission lines



Key figures E.ON Edis

- Load: ca 2,400 MW
- Inst. capacity RES: 3,950 MW

DSOs and TSOs are developing new forms of collaboration in operation and planning

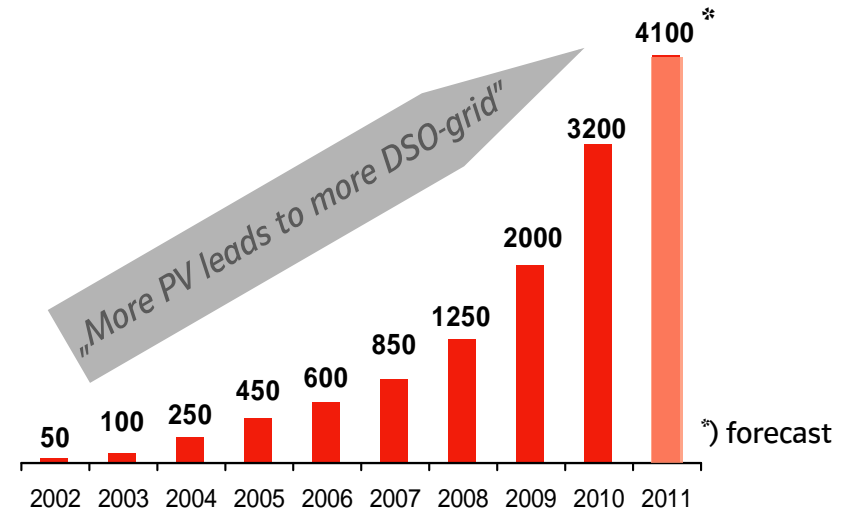
Example 2: Integration of decentralized PV in Bavaria

Bavaria: 40% of German PV-Capacity

With high installed capacity in limited area PV is becoming increasingly relevant for system stability

- ➔ Necessity to improve compatibility of PV installations with the grid:
 - Complement regulatory framework and technical rules
 - Implement participation of PV in
 - Voltage regulation
 - Reactive power management
 - Capping of peaks in feed-in
 - Optimized management of decentral storage with technical solutions

E.ON Bayern (EBY) - massive increase in installed PV capacity

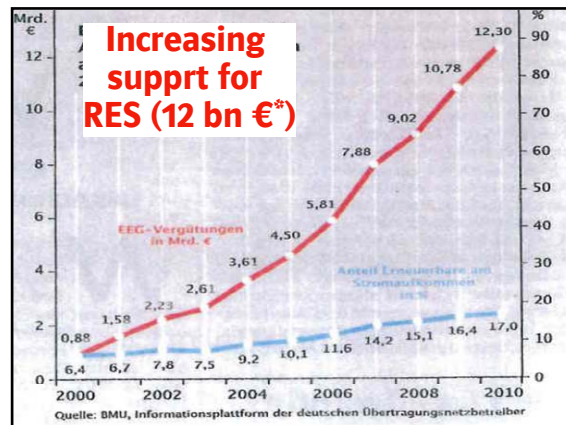


Key figures

- Installed PV capacity : > 3,200 MW (direct)
- Annual peak consumption: ca. 6,000 MW
- Number of PV installations: 160 tsd.

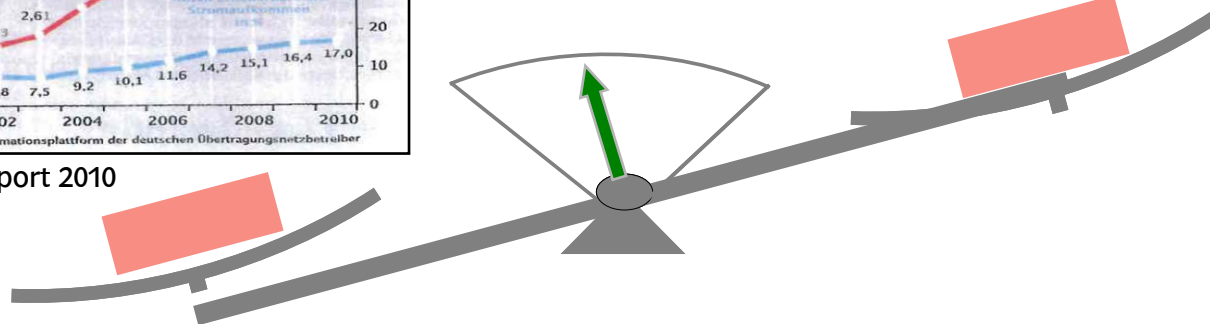
High installed PV capacity is a challenge for distribution → Smart Grid solutions

Balance between support for renewables and regulation of return on investments for DSOs necessary



*) EEG support 2010

Focus of regulation on cost reduction



Urgent need to improve the regulatory framework^{*)}:

- ➔ Secure adequate remuneration for new investments
- ➔ Incentivise innovation in grids (positive examples in some countries)
- ➔ Implement clear roles and rules for smart meter/ smart grid deployment

^{*)}: see also Eurelectric Study "Regulation for Smart Grids, February 2011 »

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EU communication for deployment of Smart Grids is a good starting point to address challenges

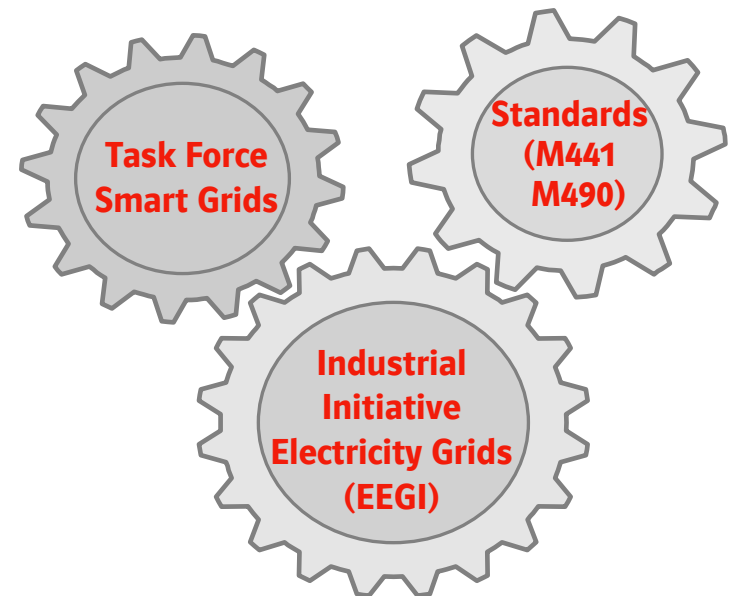
“Smart Grids: From innovation to deployment”

Communication of EU Commission April 2011

Activities of the European Commission

Proposed Actions to address key issues

1. Developing Smart Grid **standards**
2. Addressing **data privacy & security** issues
3. Developing **regulatory incentives** for Smart Grids
4. Guaranteeing competitive Smart Grids **services to customers**
5. Continuing **support for innovation** and its rapid application



Recommendation: Implement Market Design with appropriate role for DSOs and create a modern regulatory regime (incentives for investment in distribution grid)

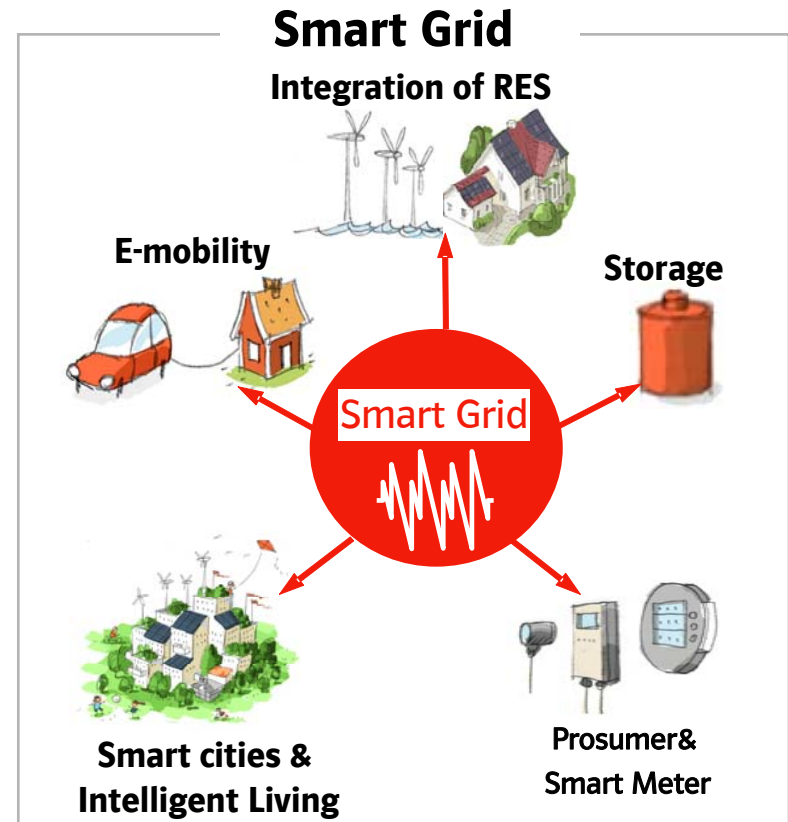
Smart Grids - addressing the challenges in distribution

Challenges

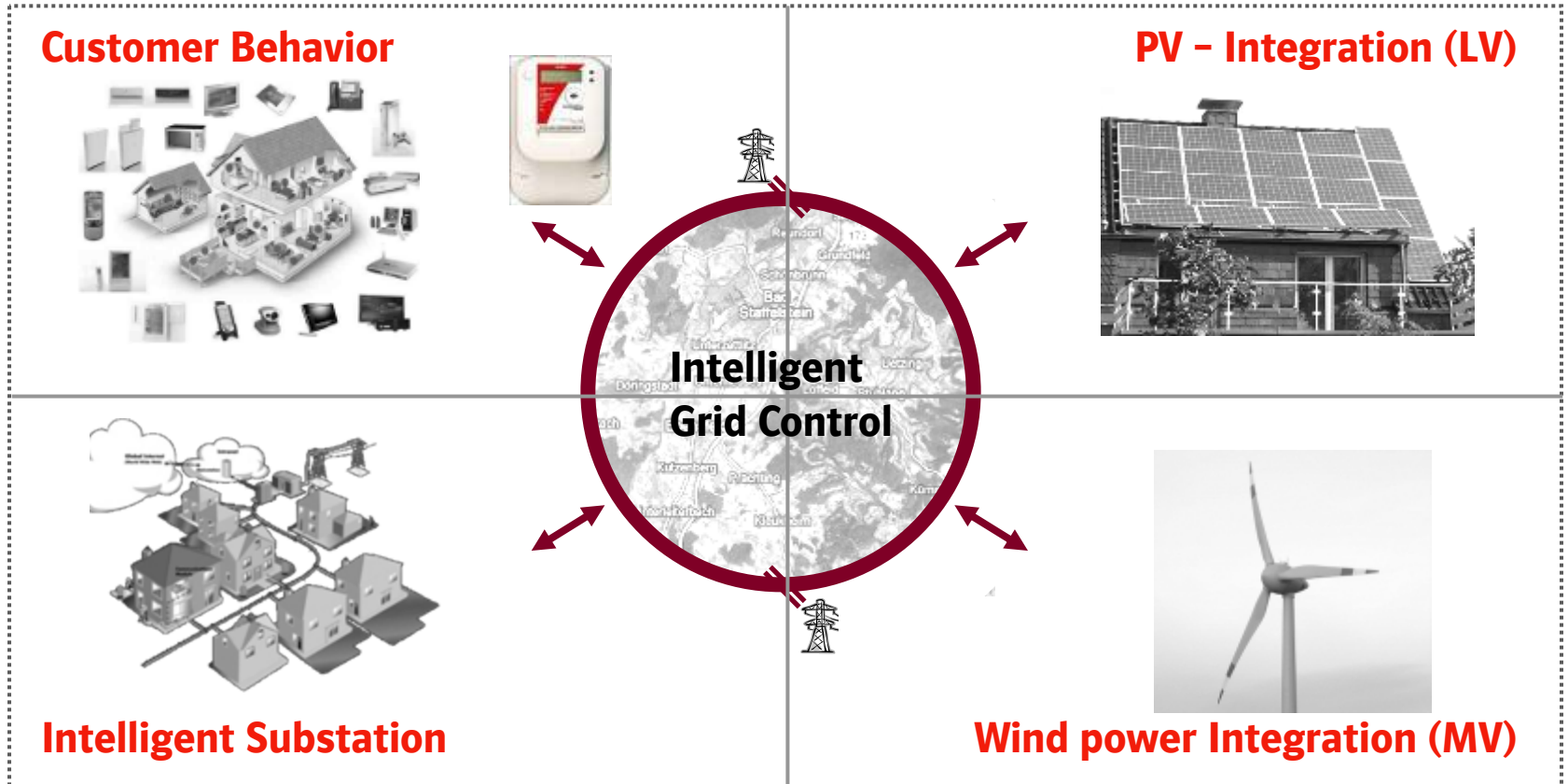
- Efficient integration of RES, decentral generation and storage, e-mobility
 - Offering the platform for new applications for customers/ prosumers
- whilst**
- Maintaining grid stability, quality and security of supply

Tasks

- Link of flows of energy and information
- Implementation of communication technology and data interfaces
- Development and standardisation of new equipment
- Deployment of data management and security



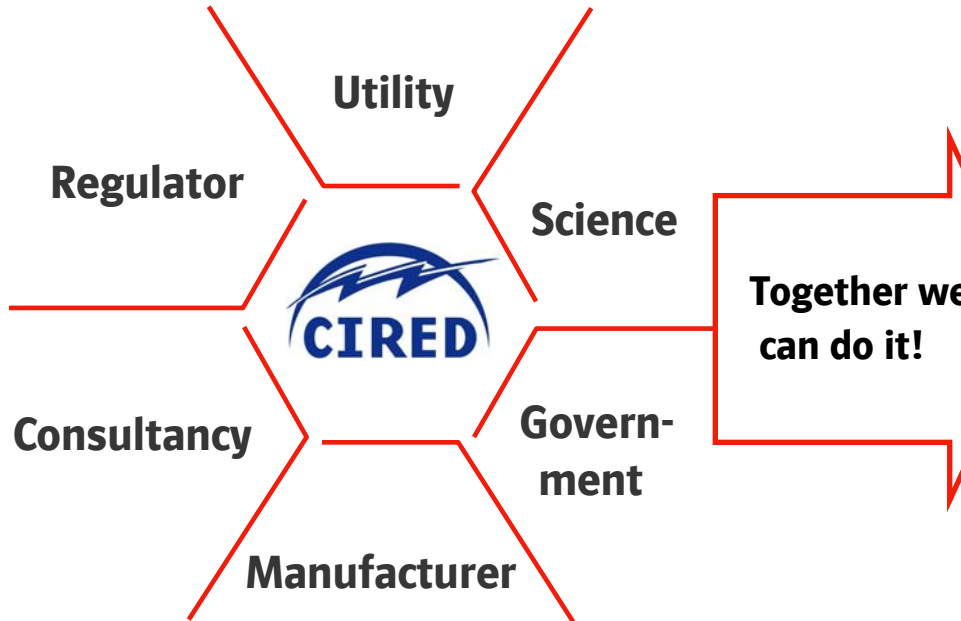
E.ON pilot projects for Smart Grids – Intelligent Grid Control



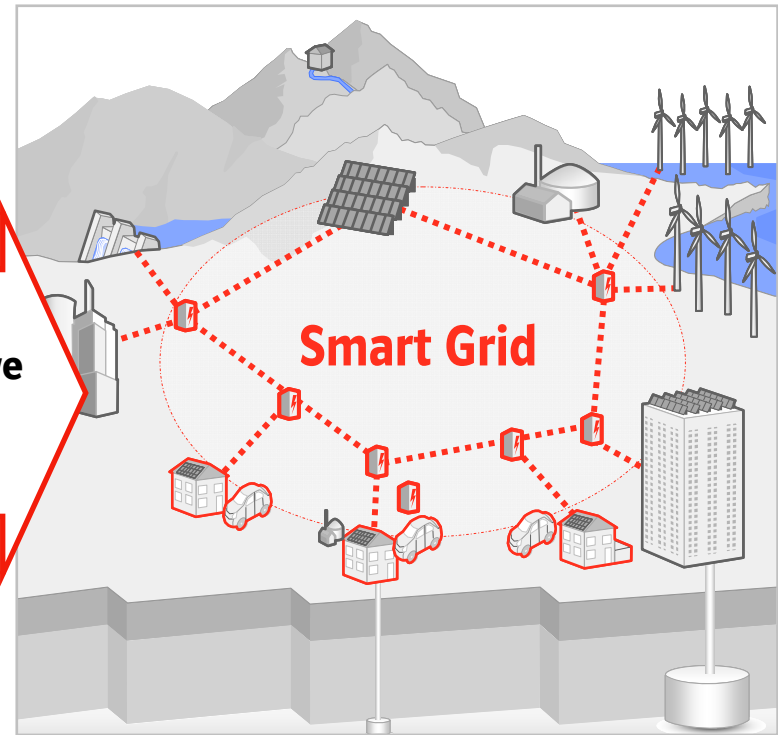
Pilot projects by DSOs create the basic knowledge for smart technology innovation

Frankfurt 2011 – a step forward

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Development of Smart Grid



CIRED: All competencies are joined together to pave the way ahead

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