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Member of the European Parliament

Mr Livio Gallo
Chairman of EDSO for Smart Grids

are delighted to invite you to the seminar on

SMART GRIDS DEVELOPMENT IN EUROPE

Thursday, 12 January 2012
15:30 - 18:30 followed by a reception
Room JAN 6Q1

The aim of the seminar is to present the development of Smart Grids in Europe, bringing forward some successful examples of on-going Smart Grids projects, and to discuss how to accelerate development, demonstration and large scale deployment.

The Smart Grids development is a prerequisite for and will give a very strong contribution to the fulfilment of the EU energy targets – decreasing greenhouse gas emissions and increasing renewable energy and energy efficiency – towards 2020 and beyond. The Distribution System Operators have a key role to make this happen, by integrating the ever increasing amount of distributed, intermittent renewable energy sources into the grid, introducing smart meters to empower customers and developing the charging infrastructure to support the widespread diffusion of electric vehicles in Europe.

European Distribution System Operators for Smart Grids is an association with 27 members, leading Distribution System Operators in 16 EU countries, amounting to approx. 70 per cent of the points of electricity supply, cooperating to bring Smart Grids from vision to reality.

EDSO for Smart Grids is together with the European Commission, the Member States, the Smart Grids European Technology Platform and ENTSO-E constituting the European Electricity Grid Initiative (EEGI), a 9-year European RD&D programme to accelerate innovation and development of the electricity networks of the future in Europe, Smart Grids.

Translation will be made available in English, Italian, French and Spanish.

Should you need further information regarding the programme and the accreditation procedure, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Antonio Cancian at the following email address: antonio.cancian-office@europarl.europa.eu

DRAFT PROGRAMME

- 15.30 Welcome and introductions**
Antonio Cancian - Member of the European Parliament
Livio Gallo - Chairman of EDSO for Smart grids and CEO of Enel Distribuzione
- 15.45 Smart Grids as a corner stone of the Strategic Energy Technologies Plan**
Raffaele Liberali - Director for Energy, DG Research, European Commission
- 16.00 Smart grids drivers and challenges**
Michele Bellon - Vice Chairman of EDSO for Smart grids and CEO of ERDF
- 16.15 Introductions to three on-going Smart Grids projects**
- ADDRESS: *Miguel Sanchez* - Iberdrola
 - Green eMotion: *Jon Strömsather* - Enel Distribuzione
 - GRID4EU: *Pierre Mallet* - ERDF
- 16.45 Driving the development of Smart Grids – what is needed to accelerate development, demonstration and large scale deployment?**
Panel discussion with today's speakers
Joao Torres - CEO of Edp,
Jan Peters - Director for Asset Management at Enexis
- 18.15 Conclusions**
Livio Gallo - Chairman of EDSO for Smart grids and CEO of Enel Distribuzione
- 18.30 Reception/mingle**