International Conference on Smart Grids and Green IT Systems

9 - 10 May, Aachen, Germany

The purpose of the 2nd International Conference on Smart Grids and Green IT Systems (SMARTGREENS) is to bring together researchers, designers, developers and practitioners interested in the advances and applications in the field of Smart Grids, Green Information and Communication Technologies, Sustainability, Energy Aware Systems and Technologies.

The conference will focus on Green Computing, the tradeoffs between energy efficiency and performance, and Smart Grid technology. It will address the following areas: Smart Grids, Energy-Aware Systems and Technologies, Sustainable Computing and Communications, and Smart Cities.

The presentation of papers related to the areas listed above will be the main activity of the conference. Moreover, special sessions, dedicated to case-studies and commercial presentations, as well as tutorials dedicated to technical/scientific topics are also envisaged.

Access the Smart Greens website for further details

Public consultation for Communication on energy technologies and innovation

The EC welcomes the opinion of relevant stakeholders

The European Commission has foreseen a Communication on energy technologies and innovation for the first half of 2013. It intends to give a European energy technology policy perspective in the follow-up to the Energy Roadmap 2050.

A public consultation has been opened to seek the opinion from all relevant stakeholders. Its objective is to receive feedback and ideas for a European energy technologies policy.

All stakeholders are invited to reply to this public consultation by answering an online questionnaire by 15 March 2013 at the latest.

Go to the public consultation site to submit your contribution
International Istanbul Smart Grid Congress and Exhibition

9-10 May, Istanbul, Turkey

The International Istanbul Smart Grid Congress and Exhibition will be organized by the Turkish Ministry of Industry, between 9-10 May 2013, and will take place at Istanbul Pendik Green Park Hotel and Convention Center.

The Congress and Exhibition will contribute to bring together all shareholders working with smart grid, smart meters and issues related to information security, software and hardware in a high order platform.

Approximately 2000 people will attend the congress; exhibition area will have 2500 square meters. Three Turkish Ministers will do the opening ceremony, Turkish high level bureaucrats, all sector high level and decision making executives and representatives will attend to the congress.

Visit the event’s website and check the e-brochure for further information

ENISA’s appropriate security measures for smart grids report

The report introduces a set of cyber security measures for smart grids

The European Network and Information Security Agency (ENISA) has recently published the new technical report on ‘Appropriate security measures for smart grids’. This document introduces a set of minimum security measures for the smart grid providers which might help in improving the minimum level of their cyber security services.

The proposed security measures are organised into three sophistication levels and ten domains.

Download the full report
Energa-Operator will install 310,000 meters

Another investment in smart grid development and the use of devices supplied by ADD Polska will result in future savings for energy consumers

The partners of ADD Polska will provide 310 thousand smart meters for measuring energy consumption, along with data reading infrastructure. On January 3, 2013 Energa Operator announced the results of the Call for Proposals which was won by companies: T-matic and ARCUS. The largest contract of this type in Poland will be carried out under a blanket agreement concerning the “Delivery and Launch of Metering Infrastructure for Energa-Operator S.A.” The document was drawn up in June 2011, and has already resulted in the delivery of the first 109 thousand devices.

The cooperation with Energa-Operator is possible thanks to the solutions developed by ADD Grup. T-Matic and ARCUS employ the globally renowned ADDAX systems. The technologies created by ADD Grup and implemented in Poland enable remote transfer of data from meters of individual customers and enterprises. This in turn will lead to significant savings for both energy consumers and operators.

The budget of the newest implementation amounts to PLN 96 million (Euro 23,3 milion). The project carried out by Energa-Operator is among the first undertakings of this type in Poland. The blanket agreement will be valid for another 7 years, and the delivery will be made within the next 12 months.

DG Connect survey to assess if they are in the right track

The consultation outcomes will help DG Connect improve its analysis and measurement

DG Connect has a vision: to make every European digital. To achieve that, it will support ICT research & innovation and deploy regulatory and policy tools to boost growth.

DG Connect is making a call for evidence. They need all stakeholders & interested parties to respond to a questionnaire by 15th March 2013. By doing so, stakeholders will help to check the evidence on which DG Connect base its priority actions in 2013 and beyond. SmartGrids stakeholders can provide their feedback on priority “Smart cities and sustainability: smart grids”

Check here the SmartGrids metrics and visit the survey site to contribute

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