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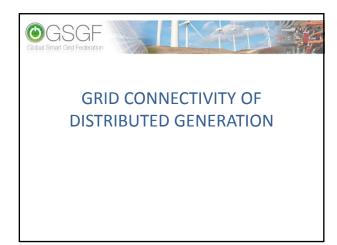
### **GSGF Work Groups 2015**



- 3 areas of research and collaboration
  - Smart Grids System flexibility
    Leader; Laurent Schmitt, Smart Grid France
  - Energy storage in the power grid
     Leader; Hiroshi Kuniyoshi, Japan Smart Community Alliance
  - Cyber Security

Leader; Subodh Belgi, Indian Smart Grid Federation

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### A GENERATION PARADIGM SHIFT



- Historically:
  - Centralized generation
  - Fossil fuel, nuclear, large hydropower
- Current situation:
  - More dynamic
  - More distributed
  - More renewable generation (wind, solar PV, biomass,..)



- →But some aspects remain unchanged!
  - $-\,$  Need for balancing supply & demand
  - High reliability standards

## DEFINING DISTRIBUTED GENERATION



- Generation of electricity from many decentralized, smaller than conventional, energy sources
- Connected to distribution grids
- Often based on renewable sources
  - wind, solar, biomass,...
- Possibly based on conventional methods
- Diesel, natural gas,...





### **SCOPE & OBJECTIVE**



- Connectivity of distributed generation to distribution grids
- Overview of global trends
- Country-specific assessment (Denmark, Ireland, Japan, Canada, Korea, Australia, USA)
- Focus on technological, economic and policy/regulation aspects
- Discussion of national trends, challenges, workin-progress, success stories

### **GENERAL CONCLUSIONS**



- Many national differences in:
  - Generation mix (due to economic/geographical properties)
  - Distribution system structure
  - Energy policy
- BUT global trends:
  - More distributed generation
  - More renewable generation
  - Increased electricity demand
  - Objectives related to sustainability

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### **TECHNOLOGICAL FINDINGS**



- Challenges:
  - Power quality
  - Voltage and frequency management
  - Increased loads and lack of grid capacity
  - Standardization and interoperability
- Measures are being taken:
  - Public funding of R&D pilots
  - Grid reinforcement
  - active demand/distributed storage

**POLICY & REGULATORY FINDINGS** 



- Challenges:
  - Regulatory instability
  - Regulatory complexity
  - Lack of standardization and interoperability
  - Unclear roles and responsibilities
  - More emphasis on cost-efficiency and competitiveness than on innovation
- Regulatory measures:
  - Incentive schemes for smart grid investments and "green" solutions
  - Feed-in tariffs, tax benefits, subsidies, accelerated depreciation,...

### **ECONOMIC FINDINGS**

STATUS UPDATE



- DG stimulates economic progress
- DG affects government spending and revenues
- DG positively impacts reliability of the power system
- DG lowers international dependency, thus increases security of supply

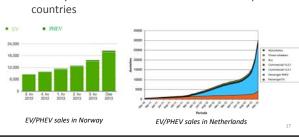
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### **GRID USER INTERACTIONS AND INTERFACES**

Electrification of passenger vehicles

• Strong increase in EV sales in countries with strong incentives schemes - Norway & the Netherlands discussed as example countries



### STATUS UPDATE



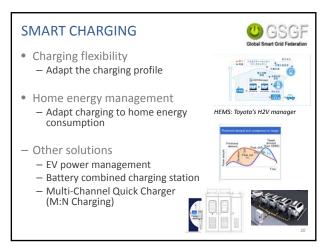
- More and more charging stations are being built
  - Quick chargers
  - e.g. Estonia:

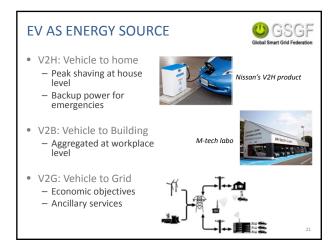
163 DC quick charging stations, 60 km range



Quick charger locations in Europe and the USA

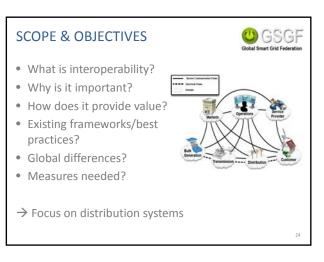






# Need for promotion for the spread of EV/PHEV Incentives are important Lessons can be learnt from Norway & Netherlands Charging stations needed Need for sustainable promotion measures Need for standardization of interface with grid EV/PHEV technologies are available Proven technologies through demo programs Importance of policy support mechanisms





### **INFLUENCE ON MARKETS**



- Reduced investment uncertainty
- Limited lock-in effects
- Fewer first-mover advantages
- Faster market growth
- Increased value creation for consumers
- → Crucial for development of new products & services!

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### **AREAS OF INTEREST**



- Distribution grid management
- Network communication
- Metering infrastructure
- Cyber/system security
- Market design
- Regulatory frameworks
- Interoperability from a manufacturer's point of view



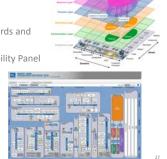
GLOBAL EFFORTS





- National Institute of Standards and Technology
- The Smart Grid Interoperability Panel
- IEEE Smart Grid Standards

• ...



### **CONCLUSIONS**



## BUT room for improvement: need for further harmonization!

- Standards
  - IEC 61850 still has no unique definition
  - Mapping identified at least 530 different smart grid standards
  - Time consuming and lack of experts
  - Attention needed regarding:
    - Upgradability
    - Independent testing for compliance

### **CONCLUSIONS**



- Regulation
  - Many global differences
  - Unclear roles & responsibilities
  - Follow-up needed on new services (demand response, renewables curtailment,..)
- Cyber/system security
  - Increased use of ICT/data processing
  - Emerging security threats
  - "Security by design"
  - Digital protection imact assessment/best practices

### RECOMMENDATIONS



- GSGF workshops and webinars on interoperability and standards
- Follow-up studies
- Knowledge-sharing among GSGF members on:
  - Market regulation
  - Cyber/system security

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# G20 Energy Efficiency Action Plan (Australia 2014)



- Voluntary collaboration on energy efficiency
- New work
  - Improving vehicle efficiency & emissions performance
  - Networked devices: standby losses
  - Enhancing capital flow towards energy efficiency investments
- Accelerating existing international work
  - Improving metrics and performance for buildings
  - Making industrial processes more energy efficient
  - Sharing high-efficiency, low-emissions technologies



