

Grid+Storage

EASE part of consortium supporting the European Commission in defining an integrated R&D strategy in smart grids and energy storage

Complementing the activities performed so far by the European Electricity Grid Initiative (EEGI), EASE, together with the leader of the consortium TECHNOFI and its partners EDSO, ENTSO-E, RSE and VITO have been selected by the European Commission to support DG Energy and the member states in defining a European R&D roadmap integrating energy storage into grid research and innovation activities, both at electricity transmission and distribution levels.

To ensure that all technology development needs and market uptake measures required to fully develop opportunities for Energy Storage are addressed, EASE and its members and their expansive expertise will actively contribute to the project.

During two years, the following activities will be implemented by the partners:

- Extensive public consultations to gather the views of all the stakeholders potentially impacted by or involved in research and innovation activities in these areas;
- Detailed project reviews and analyses at international level to identify best practices and knowledge gaps;
- Knowledge sharing activities in order to better appraise the yearly progress of projects having a European Added Value.

These activities will allow EASE and its partners to deliver at the end of 2016 a ten-year integrated Research and Innovation Roadmap and the related short-term Implementation Plans, in support of a more secure single European electricity market.

The project will be presented in details at the [upcoming Innogrid2020+ event](#) to be held in Brussels on the 31st of March 2015.

More information about the tender: http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/energy/tenders/index_en.htm

More information about the consortium partners:

- **EDSO for Smart Grids** gathers leading European distribution system operators (DSOs) for electricity, cooperating to bring smart grids from vision to reality and is focused on guiding EU RD&D, policy and member state regulation to support this development. More info at www.edsoforsmartgrids.eu.
- **ENTSO-E, the European Network of Transmission System Operators**, is the legally mandated body representing 41 electricity transmission system operators (TSOs) from 34 countries across Europe. More info at www.entsoe.eu.
- **RSE, Ricerca sul Sistema Energetico**, develops research in electro-energy, with particular focus to the strategic national projects of general public interest. More info at www.rse-web.it.
- **TECHNOFI** is an independent innovation management consulting firm which supports companies, research organizations, public bodies and professional associations throughout Europe in developing their innovation strategy, with a dedicated expertise addressing low carbon electricity, sustainable buildings and sustainable manufacturing processes. More info at www.symple.eu.
- **VITO** is a leading European independent research and consultancy centre in the areas of cleantech and sustainable development, elaborating solutions for the large societal challenges of today. More info at <https://vito.be/en>.

About EASE:

The European Association for Storage of Energy (EASE) is the voice of the energy storage community, actively promoting the use of energy storage in Europe and worldwide. It actively supports the deployment of energy storage as an indispensable instrument within the framework of the European energy and climate policy to deliver services to, and improve the flexibility of, the European energy system. EASE seeks to build a European platform for sharing and disseminating energy storage-related information and supports the transition towards a sustainable, flexible and stable energy system in Europe.

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