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EASE Vice-President elected Vice Chairman of EU Research Platform for Smart Networks

The European Technology and Innovation Platform for Smart Networks for the Energy Transition (ETIP SNET) nominated Mr Thierry Le Boucher, EASE Vice President, EDF, as one of its two Vice Chairmen on 11 July 2016.

Mr Konstantin Staschus, ENTSO-E Secretary-General, was elected as Chairman with a one year mandate. Mr Nikos Hatziargyriou, Member of the Board of EDSO for Smart Grids, was elected as the other Vice Chairman.

The mission of the platform is to guide research, development and innovation (RD&I) activities to support Europe's energy transition. The ETIP SNET gathers actors from electricity, energy storage and ICT but also heating, transport and gas elected today

ETIPs have been created in the framework of the new Integrated Roadmap of the Strategic Energy Technology Plan (the SET Plan) – Europe's energy RD&I master plan. The ETIP SNET merges and replaces the European Electricity Grid Initiative (EEGI) and the European Technology Platform (ETP) SMARTGRIDS.

“This nomination is a great honour for EASE and for me. Existing and future storage technologies will be one of the pillars of smart grids for an ever more decarbonised and competitive energy mix. It is of paramount importance for Europe to lead the way in the RD&D and implementation activities in this field,” said Mr Le Boucher.

The ETIP SNET will set-out a vision for research and innovation for smart networks, energy storage and integrated systems and engage stakeholders in this vision. It will also identify innovation barriers, notably related to regulation and financing.

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 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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