

## **InteGrid, a 15M€ H2020 project on Low Carbon Energy, had its kick-off meeting in Lisbon (Portugal) on January 12<sup>th</sup> 2017.**

**EDP Distribuição leads the InteGrid project consortium, an H2020 project on Low Carbon Energy, financed by the European Commission, which aims at bridging the gap between citizens and technology in the Smart Grids arena.**

More than 50 people, representing 14 organisations, from 8 European countries met in Lisbon on the 12-13<sup>th</sup> of January to launch InteGrid. During the event, partners had the opportunity to come together and engage in the first steps of the project, presenting and discussing contributions, future plans and actions for the next 42 months.

**InteGrid's vision is to bridge the gap between citizens and technology/solution providers such as utilities, aggregators, manufacturers and all other agents providing energy services**, hence expanding from DSOs distribution and access services to active market facilitation and system optimisation services while ensuring sustainability, security and quality of supply. **InteGrid** will develop tools to enhance data exchange between market participants to the benefit of end-consumers and facilitate the market entry of new players and services.



Sebastien Mortier, Project Officer from the Innovation and Networks Executive Agency (INEA), joined the kick-off meeting, addressing in his message EC's expectations on the project and the procedures to ensure a successful project.

João Torres, EDP Distribuição's CEO and EDSO Chairman, stressed the importance of InteGrid's contribution to the challenges faced by the EU energy sector, and its relevance to support the European policy, providing concrete demonstrations results.

The consortium includes: DSOs from Portugal, Slovenia and Sweden (EDP Distribuição, Elektroljubljana and Ellevio); Industrial companies (Cybergrid, GE, SAP); Industrial Consumers (Águas de Portugal), a start-up expert in community engagement (SIM) and R&D institutions (INESC TEC, KTH, AIT, Comillas University, CNET and DNV-GL).

To follow all the news and recent developments of the project, please follow @integridproject on Twitter.

(\*)InteGrid: Demonstration of **Intelligent** grid technologies for renewables **Integration** and **Interactive** consumer participation enabling **Interoperable** market solutions and **Interconnected** stakeholder.



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