



# **Rural Intelligent GRID**

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### **RIGRID – Rural Intelligent GRID**



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Planning of energetic infrastructures needs active participation of the population in order to increase the transparency and acceptance of the new investments. RIGRID VR-based interactive design tool enables optimal planning of RES, storage and grid structure. **RIGRID** from vision:

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### **Project Outline: Results and Exploitation**



#### **Results**

Design and control tool for AC microgrids delivering:

- optimal corridors for MV/LV lines, positions and sizes for DGS, RES, BESS, MV/LV transformers
- estimation of RES and non-RES generation
- Technology evaluation of power and heat grid parameters incl. loads and consumption
  - optimization for minimized energy imports/ power loss/ energy generation mix/ operational costs or for maximized profits

Market Financial analysis for power plant and BESS investments considering energy costs and economic benefits (incl. feed-in incentives & coupled storage)

Adoption 3D virtual reality tool for visualizing local system configurations, improving communication and enabling acceptance testing with stakeholders

### **Partners for Further Development**

- (Net zero) microgrid operators and planners
- Planners of energy infrastructure
- Researcher community around multi-criterial planning and acceptance of energy infrastructure
- Software designers employing virtual reality
- Software providers for microgrid planning and operation (including Energy Management and Control Systems)
- Local energy communities with active participation of small electric producers, consumers and prosumers
- Experts for mechanisms and regulations for microgrids offering services to ESO/DSO

## **1. Interactive Energy and Infrastructure Design Tool**



#### **RIGRID Result**

RIGRID VR-tool is a modular application for technical and socio-economic planning and operation of new emerging energy infrastructures in rural areas. Technical solutions of microgrid structures can be visualized using Virtual Reality tool. Thus several scenarios can be tested to find optimal placement of PV, wind, storage, lines, cables. Active participation of citizens in the planning process increases the acceptance of new infrastructure and accelerates investment.

#### **Partners for Further Development and Uptake**

- Rural regions/ municipalities
- Energy clusters/ cooperatives
- Engineering/ design offices
- RES investors/ Energy system operators

#### Impression



#### Mapping

Innovation layer: Technology, Adaptation

Level:

6-7

#### **More Information**

<u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DQKcRqpyKk8</u> https://www.researchgate.net/publication/325988031 **Multi-Criteria Planning Tool for a Net Zero Energy Village** 

## 2. Energy Management and Control System



#### **RIGRID Result**

EMACS remotely monitors and controls system components such us RES, storage, controllable loads and protection devices to reliably operate the microgrid. It exchanges data between PLC controllers and server router via a UMTS cellular network using communication protocols ModBus, IEC61850 GOOSE, OPC, DLMS, IEC60870-5-104, IEC61850 GOOSE and MMS. Visualization of work status, measurements and control information takes place in graphic tool of EMACS web server. Tested and demonstrated in Punsk/ Poland.

#### **Partners for Further Development and Uptake**

- PV parks, wind parks, microgrid owners/ operators
- Energy clusters/ cooperatives
- Components providers, e.g. storage, PV.

#### Impression



Mapping	
Innovation layer:	Technology, Market
Level:	7-9

#### https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DQKcRqpyKk8

**More Information** 

## 3. Multi-criterial planning of Net Zero Energy System



#### **RIGRID Result**

Multi-energy systems (MES) can be planned as NZES. The district system (electric, thermal and transportation) is analyzed and modelled considering building's typology, weather conditions, etc. RES based power plants, heat pumps, storage are selected (according technology) and optimally sized to cover all the energy demanded by the system. Economic tool evaluates total investment (TI) required, net present value (NPV), internal rate of return (IRR) and levelized unit energy costs (LUEC) to choose suitable business model.

#### Impression



#### **Partners for Further Development and Uptake**

- Scientist, researchers, technology developers
- Municipalities, Energy clusters/ cooperatives

Mapping	
Innovation layer:	Technology
Level:	4

#### **More Information**

https://www.researchgate.net/publication/325988031\_Multi-Criteria\_Planning\_Tool\_for\_a\_Net\_Zero\_Energy\_Village

## [Example Project Name]: Topics for Exchange



### **HELP US WITH...**

(OPEN QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS)

- Further experience with local markets
- Scenarios for reactive power procurement
- End-user engagement research and experiences
- Piloting experience
- Exploitation enhancement across the ERA-Net family
- 'Flexibility market' business models from different countries

### WE OFFER EXPERIENCE IN...

(AREAS OF EXPERTISE & EXPERIENCE TO SHARE)

- Developing a market framework for automatized regional trading
- Implementing a cascade from clearing algorithm to device control
- Deploying HW/SW tools in two (very) different European Countries
- Understanding and developing a regulatory framework to enable congestion management and local balancing

### [Examle Project Name]: Further Information and Contact



### FURTHER INFORMATION

- Short profile on the ERA-Net SES Website
- Detailed profile on the expera project database, accessible for registered members
- Project website: <u>www.example-project.eu</u>

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