



# **From Local Trials towards a European Knowledge Community**

## **ERA-NET SMART GRIDS PLUS SUPPORT TEAM BULLETIN #1**

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## The ERA-Net Smart Grids Plus Support Team

**The ERA-Net SG+ Support Team has been installed by the ERA-Net Smart Grids Plus Initiative to provide a package of supportive measures to ERA-Net SG+ funded projects and the ERA-Net SG+ Initiative itself.**

The Support Team works under a contract with the Austrian Ministry for Transport, Innovation and Technology (bmvit), the coordinating entity of the ERA-Net SG+ Initiative. Members of the Support Team are

- B.A.U.M. Consult GmbH München / Berlin, Germany  
(lead of the Support Team, responsible Ludwig Karg, CEO)
- Ricerca sul Sistema Energetico - RSE S.p.A., Italy
- CLIC Innovation Ltd, Finland.

## Support Team Services

As an ERA-Net SG+ funded project, you can expect the following services from the Support Team:

- You will be a member of the **ERA-Net SG+ Knowledge Community** which will link you with a network of other ERA-Net SG+ projects, as well as with experts and key projects in the field of smart grids from all over Europe. You will have access to a large national and international knowledge base, including a set of “living documents” - a compilation of the current state of knowledge in the field of smart grids, continuously updated by experts in the field.
- At the same time as you develop your knowledge and contacts in the ERA-Net SG+ Knowledge Community, we support your **learning and experience transfer** activities within the network. To that end you will have access to expera, the internet-based platform of the Knowledge Community.
- To increase visibility of your projects and your results, we will provide coaching for your **project communication**. At the ERA-Net SG+ kick-off meeting on **June 15 and 16, 2016**, you will attend a support workshop on communication and get access to a communication toolbox for ERA-Net Smart Grids Plus projects which we will update regularly. **Please save the date!**
- On a regular base during the lifetime of your project, we will follow-up with you to identify, describe and link the characteristics of your project within the broader landscape of **ERA-Net SG+ (“project profiling”)**. This will be done together with our transnational monitoring of the projects (“project evaluation”). This project profiling and evaluation activity will start in late 2016 and we will provide guidelines beforehand in one of the next messages from the Support Team. To say it upfront: It is neither the intention nor the task of the Support Team to assess the quality of your work or to force you into changing your project. However, we will certainly give you hints if we feel that your lives could be easier or your activities more effective.

## EXPERA | The Knowledge Sharing Platform of ERA-Net SG+

**expera is the central service point for you as well as the web portal of the entire ERA-Net Smart Grids Plus Knowledge Community.** The platform will link you with all our services, the project repository, the knowledge base with the Living Documents, the events calendar and the list of experts. In the ERA-Net SG+ Knowledge Community, you will meet other projects, representatives of industry, research, other institutions as well as people from the governance and policy fields. The overall goal is installing a European-wide network of professionals in the field.



We invite every member of ERA-Net Smart Grids Plus funded projects to become an expert member of this knowledge sharing platform. We will inform you, once the platform is officially launched. As soon as it has been launched, please register at <http://www.smartgridsplus.eu> or <http://www.eranet-smartgridsplus.eu/knowledge-community/expera/>.

### Join the Thematic Working Groups!

ERA-Net Smart Grids Plus project members are highly welcome to participate in Thematic Working Groups (TWG). TWGs will meet at least once a year to discuss current questions and developments in the field of smart grids. Thematic Working Groups exist for the following topics:

- System Architecture and Modelling
- Storage and Cross Energy Carrier Synergies
- Regulatory and Market Development
- Consumer and Citizen Involvement
- Interoperability and Standardisation

TWGs allow for exchanging experience and learning from each other. Results usually feed into the knowledge base (e. g. the Living Documents) and are intended to make their way to policy, governance or standardisation bodies.

Please check you project applications: if you followed the request of the ERA-Net SG+ call, you should have set aside a budget for your participation in the above-mentioned activities, which includes the attendance at our Thematic Working Groups.

Please stay tuned for one of the next Bulletins from the Support Team, which will explain the Thematic Working Groups in detail. The **next meeting of the TWGs** will be held **on June 16 and 17, 2016**, following the project kick-off meeting. More information will be available soon at <http://www.eranet-smartgridsplus.eu/news-events>.

## General information on ERA-Net Smart Grids Plus

ERA-Net Smart Grids Plus is an initiative of 21 European countries and regions. The vision for smart grids in Europe is to create an electric power system that integrates renewable energies and enables flexible consumer and production technologies. This can help to shape an electricity grid with a high security of supply, coupled with low greenhouse gas emissions, at an affordable price. Our aim is to support the development of the technologies, market designs and customer adoptions that are necessary to reach this goal.

The initiative is providing a hub for the collaboration of European member-states. It supports the coordination of funding partners, enabling joint funding of RDD projects. Beyond that ERA-Net SG+ builds up a knowledge community, involving key demo projects and experts from all over Europe, to organise the learning between projects and programs from the local level up to the European level.

## 2nd Joint Call for Transnational RDD Projects on Smart Grids

The ERA-Net Smart Grids Plus initiative is currently preparing a second joint call for RDD projects on smart grids. **This call is expected to be launched in April 2016.** Further information will be announced shortly on our website [www.eranet-smartgridsplus.eu](http://www.eranet-smartgridsplus.eu).

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### ERA-Net SG+ funding partners



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