# CEER webinar on DSO development plans and network planning

Friday 23 October 10:00 – 12:15





- Welcome address
- Current practices Distribution Network Development Plans (D-NDPs)
  - ERSE case study
  - Elenia case study
- Development plans according to the Clean Energy Package (CEP)
- Panel discussion on challenges and advantages of D-NDPs according to the CEP
- Q&A session
- Closing remarks



## Distribution Network Planning Approval Process in Portugal



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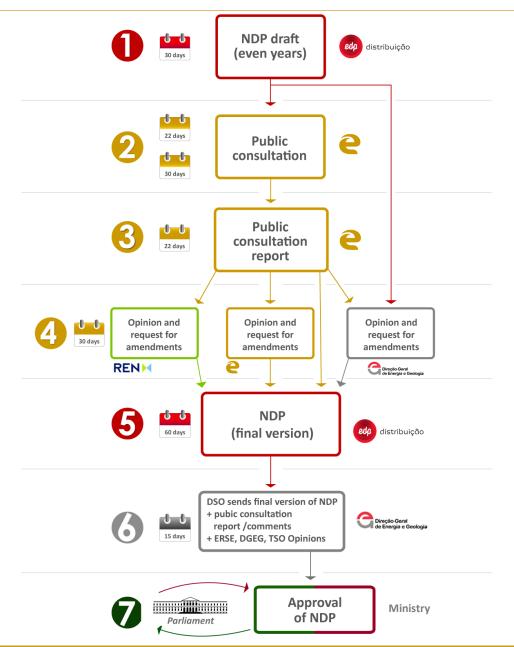


#### <u>Article 40.º-A of DL (Law-Decree)</u> 76/2019, 3 June 2019, recast of the DL 172/2006

- The electricity HV and MV distribution networks operator must prepare, every two years, in even years, a five-year development and investment plan for its networks, based on the technical characterization of the current and planned network and supply and demand,
- Since 2014, this approval process has been applied for 4 times for the electricity HV and MV distribution networks (one network operator)<sup>1</sup>
- Similar process is done, during even years, for the natural gas distribution networks (11 network operators plans) and, during odd years, for the electricity transmission network and the natural gas transmission network, storage facility and LNG terminal planning.

#### The HV and MV DSO Planning Approval Process







#### Explanation of slide 3

- 1. Under the terms of Article 40.º-A of Decree-Law no. 76/2019, of 3 June, HV and MV DSO shall submit to ERSE a draft National Distribution Plan (NDPlan), until April 30. The DSO shall submit it also to Transmission System Operator (TSO) and to Directorate-General for Geology and Energy (DGEG) (Ministry), in order for these parties to prepare their own Opinion.
- 2. Upon receiving the draft NDPlan, ERSE prepare in 22 working days the launch of the public consultation, to be held during a period of 30 working days.
- 3. Following the public consultation end, in the next 22 working days, ERSE elaborates a report summarizing all comments received during public consultation, attaching contributions received from each stakeholders. ERSE send this report to the DSO, the TSO and DGEG.
- 4. During the subsequent 30 working days, ERSE elaborates and issues its considered Opinion having attention to the stakeholders contributions during the Public Consultation. ERSE may determine necessary changes to draft NDPlan, in order to meet network needs, as well as to meet any requests mentioned during public consultation.
- 5. Upon receiving the considered Opinions from ERSE, TSO and DGEG, the DSO has 60 working days to amend draft NDPlan and submit the final draft NDPlan to DGEG
- 6. DGEG submits the final NDPlan, together with the 3 Opinions and the Public Consultation Report and comments received to the Ministry
- 7. Final approval from the Ministry (after receiving Opinion from the Portuguese Parliament).

#### ERSE has a central role in this approval process:

- 1. Organises the public consultation
- 2. Publishes the stakeholders received contributions and a Public Consultation Report with a summary of the received contributions
- 3. Issues a considered Opinion to the draft NDPlan



#### **Public Consultation**

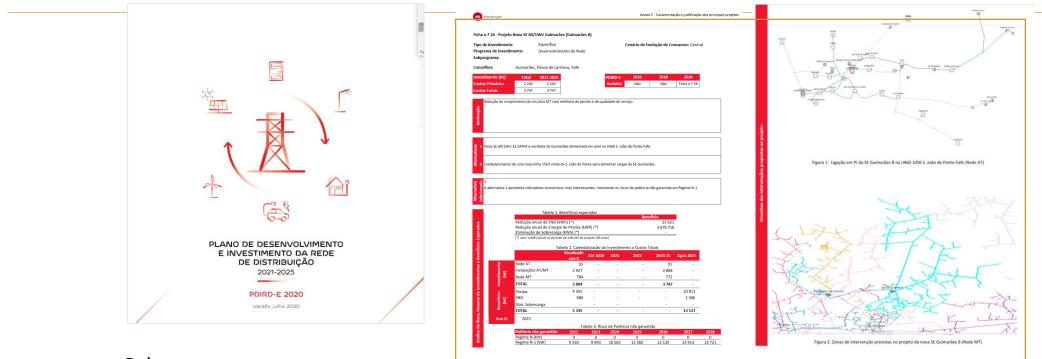
- Stakeholders opinions are of paramount importance in this planning approval process.
- National legislation (DL 76/2019) reinforce this importance by setting a **30 working day Public Consultation** allowing stakeholders to analyse the draft NDPlan, identify any network need not covered in draft NDPlan, and submit comments and recommendations
- When issuing its Opinion, ERSE takes into consideration all the received comments during the Public Consultation, in order to improve the draft NDPlan recommending amendments to initial draft.
- ERSE has recently concluded its <u>91<sup>st</sup> Public Consultation</u> to draft NDPlan 2021-2025. We are now finishing our Opinion to be published.

#### **ERSE Tariffs Council and Advisory Council**

- The **Opinions from ERSE Advisory Council and ERSE Tariffs Council** to the Public Consultation are also important pieces during the preparation of the ERSE Opinion. These councils are composed by representatives of the different society sectors (government, generators and consumer associations, suppliers, network operators (transmission and distribution network operators).
- This interaction with both Councils has been crucial in the last decade, allowing **a more balanced ERSE Opinion** with regard to consumers'/networks users' and network operators' interests, resulting in a more robust Opinion and a better approved NDPlan.

#### The 2020 draft National Distribution Plan as an example



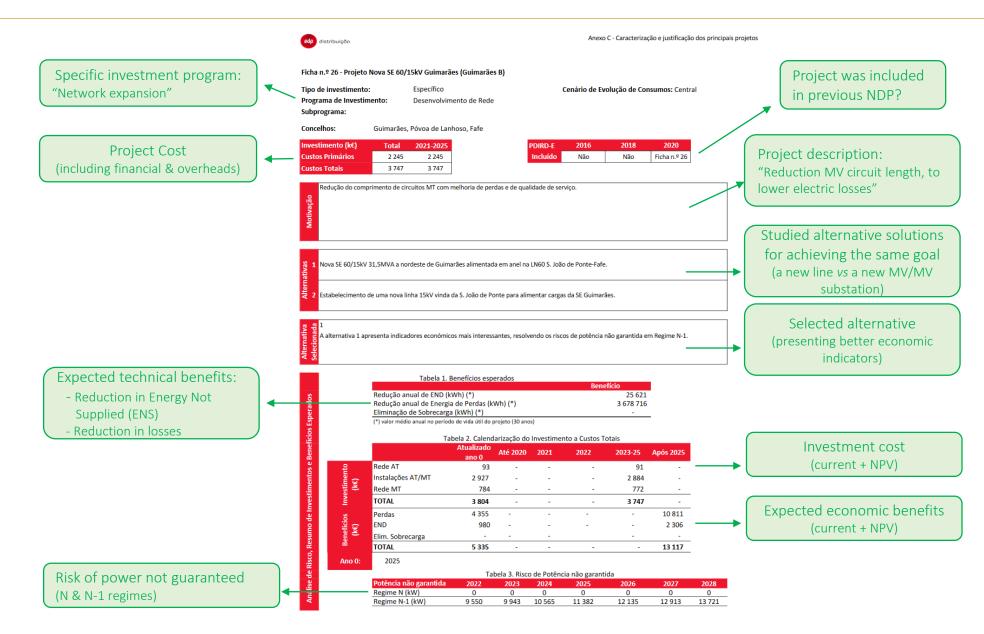


#### **Relevant content**

- Planning security standards and criteria
- Evolution of electricity consumption + network characterisation + capacity for new generation connection
- Objectives and planning strategy (Energy transition and network expansion; Network active control and new services; Network resilience)
- Main strategic vectors (Security of supply; Quality of supply; Network efficiency; Operational efficiency; Access to new services)
- Renewal / refurbishments of existing network assets
- Network resilience (Moving existing overhead lines to underground cables; Vegetation management; ICT & Cybersecurity)
- Smart grids
- Risk analysis
- Investment costs and network tariffs impact assessment (a little more than 1000 M€ on investments during 5 five years)
- 11 Annexes

#### Investment project characterisation (new HV/MV substation)





### Challenges for the future





- The HV and MV distribution network in Portugal mainland is a national concession operated by one network operator that presents the referred NDPlan
- The LV distribution network is divided into 278 municipal concessions with their specific investments not being considered at the current NDPlan approval process
- However, as the supply points of MV distribution network are the interconnection points between MV and LV networks, we can assume that a major aspect of the LV planning is already included during the preparation of the MV network development at the NDPlan
- In addition, as the HV and MV network operator is responsible for data collection and treatment from all the "smart" and "traditional" meters in HV, MV and LV networks, this facilitates the inclusion in the NDPlan of the strategic investment topic of smart grids, optimised distribution grid dispatch and local flexible markets
- A first challenge for Portugal resulting from the Directive (EU) 2019/944 is to assure **a better integration of the HV and MV network with the LV network development planning** allowing to assume that the **NDPlan** represents **an integrated distribution networks development and investment plan**, recasting the national law in line with these recent European legislative developments.
- Coordination between the HV and MV network operator and the other LV only networks must be emphasized and the existing specific aspects must be also considered.



#### Article 32 (3) of Directive (EU) 2019/944, 14 June 2019 states that:

- The development of a distribution system shall be based on a transparent network development plan that the distribution system operator shall publish at least every two years and shall submit to the regulatory authority.
- The network development plan shall provide transparency on the medium and long-term flexibility services needed, and shall set out the planned investments for the next five-to-ten years, with particular emphasis on the main distribution infrastructure which is required in order to connect new generation capacity and new loads, including recharging points for electric vehicles.
- The network development plan shall also include the use of demand response, energy efficiency, energy storage facilities or other resources that the distribution system operator is to use as an alternative to system expansion
- Major consequences to the distribution network are expected from the challenges resulting from the impact that technological developments, related to decarbonisation, digitalisation and decentralisation, will impose on available electrical distributed resources (*e.g.*: PV and other RES generation, self-generation, storage, electric vehicles, ...).
- Being deeply innovative, only a real open-minded approach will allow to **convert these new challenges into new opportunities** for distribution networks planning.
- This is one of the reasons justifying this CEER webinar on DSO development plans and network planning







# Thank you!

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# ELENIA

## Current practice of D-NDPs: Elenia Case Study

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## **Elenia's Networks Business and Service Business**



REVENUE 2019 291.5 M€ / 4.0 M€ MARKET SHARE 12%	EMPLOYEES 119 / 189 CUSTOMERS 430,000

#### SUSTAINABILITY AND QUALITY

- Asset Management Systems ISO 55001 and PAS 55
- Occupational Health and Safety Management System ISO 45001: 2018
- Environmental Management System ISO 14001: 2015
- Information security management ISO/IEC 27001: 2013

#### MISSION

Electrifying life

#### VISION

Most responsible reformer of energy services and markets

#### VALUES

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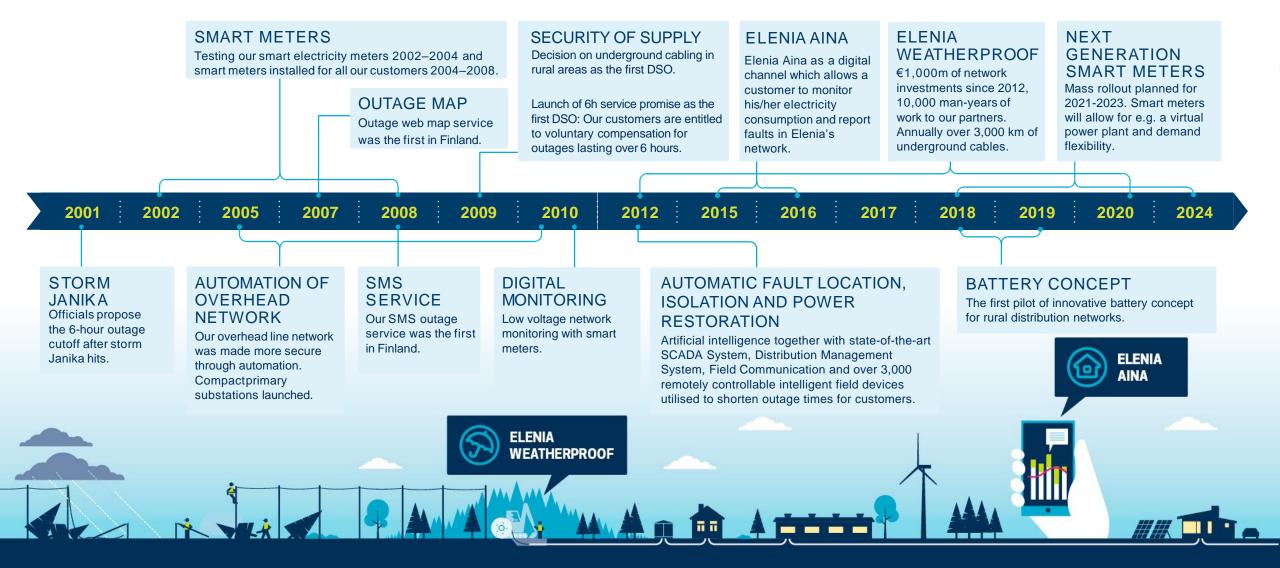
Close to the customer Accountable partner Achieving together Courage to renew



Elenia's areas of operation
 Elenia's headquarters

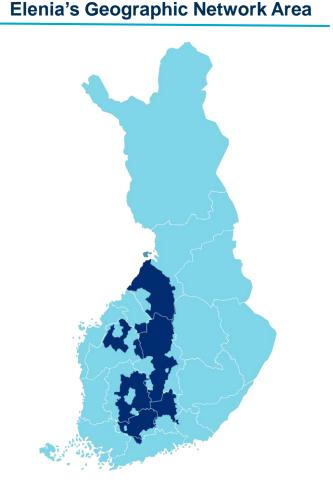
## Elenia at the forefront of innovation

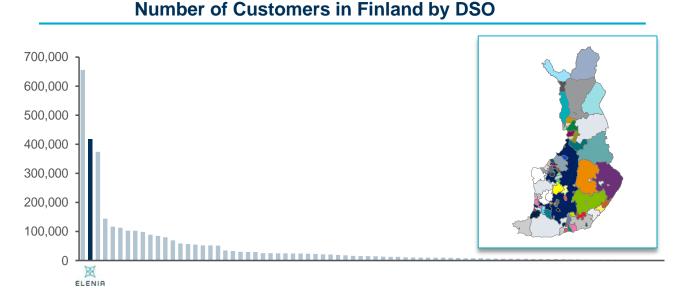




## **Fragmented DSO market in Finland**







- Sparsely populated country: 5.5 million inhabitants and over 338,000 km<sup>2</sup>
- 77 Distribution System Operators (DSOs) in total in Finland
- The same regulatory methods applied for all the DSOs
- Largest five DSOs have a combined market share of approximately 50%
- Elenia is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest DSO in Finland
- The Electricity Market Act (EMA) established in 1995
- The Energy Authority is an entirely independent regulator

## Network Development Plans focus on the security of supply measures



## Requirements defined by the Electricity Market Act in 2013:

Power outages caused by storms or snow loads shall not exceed 6 hours in zoned areas and 36 hours in other areas, as follows

of customers by the end of 2019 **50%** 

of customers by the end of 2023 **75%** 

# of customers by the end of 2028

DSOs need to define the measures on how to achieve the security of supply requirements in the NDP which needs to be updated and delivered to the Energy Authority every 2<sup>nd</sup> year

## Elenia's NDP – Content



- The Energy Authority defines the requirements for the NDP content
- Elenia's NDP can be summarized as follows:
  - 1. Strategic approach in network development
    - a) Network design criteria and measures to fulfill the security of supply requirements
    - b) Capabilities for the execution of network development
    - c) Co-operation with other infrastructure operators
    - d) Operational model and capabilities for outage management and major power disruptions
    - e) Specific measures regarding critical customer premises for the society
    - f) Exceptions to security of supply targets due to local circumstances
  - 2. Long-term plan
  - 3. Current situation and achieved performance
  - 4. Detailed plan for the current and following year
  - 5. Measures taken in the last two years

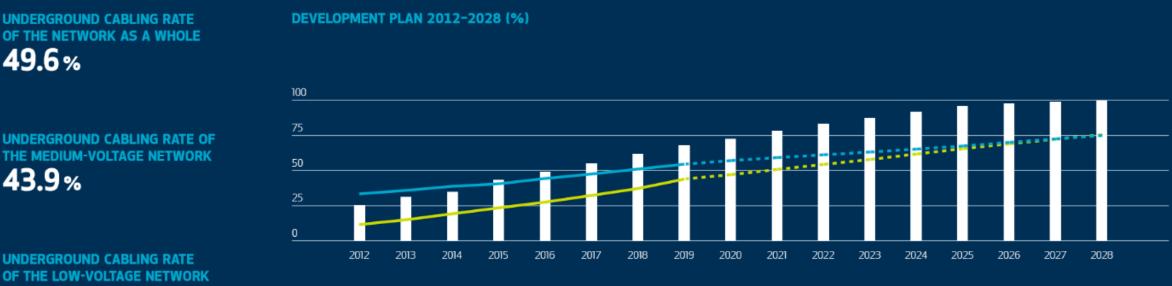
Appendices – 24 pcs of Elenia's operational documents



## Elenia's NDP – Strategic approach



- DSOs can freely choose the network development strategy to meet the EMA's requirements
- In Elenia's long-term NDP 75% cabling rate by 2028 is the backbone for the security of supply
- Network automation together with sophisticated ICT systems is the additional enabler to improve operational performance and outage time reduction
- Operational processes and preparedness capabilities for major power disruptions are continuously improved together with external contractor partners



OF THE LOW-VOLTAGE NETWORK 54.3%

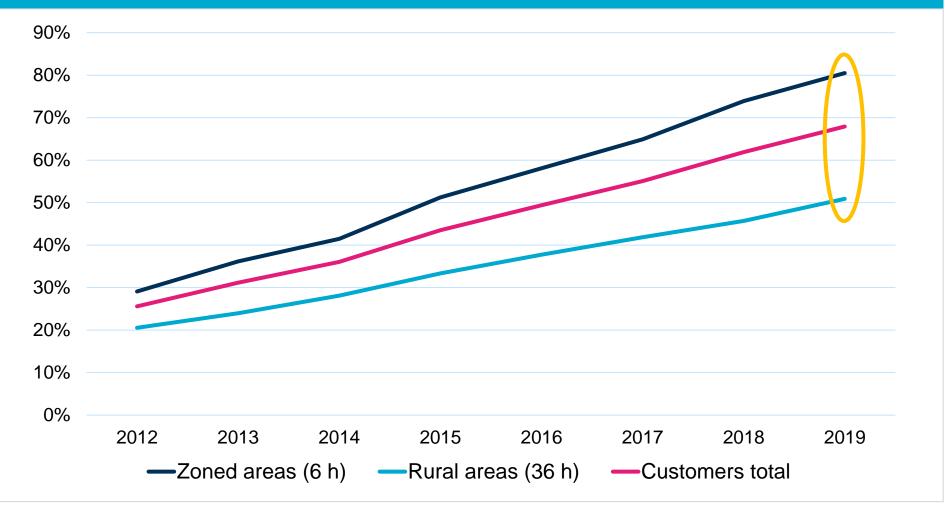
49.6%

43.9%

## Elenia's NDP – Performance vs. EMA's requirements



#### Fulfilment of the EMA's security of supply requirements



- DSOs report the performance vs. targets in the NDP
- In zoned areas 80.5% of Elenia's customers fulfilled the 6 hour quality demands in 2019
- In rural areas
  50.9% of Elenia's customers fulfilled the 36 hour quality demands in 2019

## **Elenia's NDP – Experiences and benefits**

- Security of supply is the primary focus of the NDPs today
- NDP drives for professional and transparent asset management and long-term network development
  - Systematic approach covering e.g. investments, maintenance, outage management and resource capabilities
  - Strategic choices for network development and actual measures
  - Analysis of performance and actions taken to ensure progress
  - Justification and transparency for customers and stakeholders
  - Identification of critical customer premises in network
    development to ensure well-functioning society
- The level of granularity is correct and not too detailed
  - Holistic approach instead of project/area specific approach
  - Achieved vs. targeted KPIs to ensure performance





## Future expectations – Finnish & European perspective 🐹 ELENIA

- Requirement for cost-efficient network development and evaluation of alternative solutions for the security of supply
- Stakeholder engagement and consultation of all relevant system users and the relevant TSO (Fingrid Oyj)
  - Details of the network development and the consultation procedure should be kept as lean as possible
- Connection of new generation capacity and new loads, including charging points for electric vehicles
- Transparency on the flexibility services needed
- Use of demand response, energy efficiency, energy storages or other resources as an alternative to system expansion

Recommendations on the use of flexibility in distribution networks, Eurelectric recommendations on Article 32 of the Electricity Directive – April 2020: <u>https://www.eurelectric.org/media/4410/recommendations-on-the-use-of-flexibility-in-distribution-networks\_proof-h-86B1B173.pdf</u>



Elenia's innovative battery concept with Fortum:

- In normal situation (99% of time), Fortum offers the battery to the FCR-N market
- In an unexpected failure of supplying network, the battery charge is available for the island operation of Elenia's 20 kV distribution network branch line
- Automatic transition to island operation and automatic synchronization when the supplying network is restored

### Close to the Customer



### Courage to Renew

### Accountable Partner

### Achieving Together

## Elenia – Electrifying Life

# Development plans according to the Clean Energy Package

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## An updated framework for DSOs

- DSOs to use Flexibility integrating renewables and new loads requires innovative solutions and an appropriate regulatory framework.
- Neutral role of DSO specific rules for DSO involvement in storage, EV infrastructure, data management and other activities.
- Systematic and wider distribution network development plan specific rules on the process, content, cooperation with TSOs, role of NRAs
- EU DSO entity and cooperation with TSOs establish a EU DSO entity with specific tasks and cooperation with TSOs in network operation and development.





# DSO network development plan (art. 32(3) – 32(4) Directive 2019/944)

#### What?

- ✓ To provide transparency on the medium and long-term flexibility services needed
- ✓ Set out the **planned investments for the next five-to-ten years**
- Emphasize on the main distribution infrastructure which is required in order to connect new generation capacity and new loads, including recharging points for electric vehicles.
- Include the use of demand response, energy efficiency, energy storage facilities or other resources that the distribution system operator is to use as an alternative to system expansion.
- possibility to exempt DSOs serving less than 100,000 connected customers or small isolated systems



# DSO network development plan (art. 32(3) – 32(4) Directive 2019/944)

**Process** 

#### ✓At least every two years

Transparent – consultation of relevant system users and TSOs. Results of the publication to be published along with the network development plan

#### ✓ Submission to the NRA

#### Role of the NRA

✓To receive and assess the results of the consultation and the network development plan.

✓ Can request amendments to the plan



# DSO/TSO cooperation in network operation and development

✓ **TSOs to be consulted** by DSO on the distribution network development plan (art 32(4))

- ✓ DSOs and TSOs to cooperate with each other in planning and operating their networks (art 57 Reg 2019/943).
- → this includes exchange of all necessary information and data on the performance of generation assets and demand side response, the daily operation of their networks and the long-term planning of network investments

**DSO/TSO Cooperation needed to:** 

- ✓ ensure the cost-efficient, secure and reliable development and operation of their networks
- ✓ achieve coordinated access to resources such as distributed generation, energy storage or demand response that may support particular needs of both the DSO and the TSO



# EU DSO Entity – Completion of the institutional framework of the IEM

#### The EU DSO Entity is set in the Electricity Regulation (art. 52 to 55)

- ✓ Clarifies the structure of the EU DSO entity (membership, governance, Board, Strategic Advisory Group)
- ✓ Sets the objectives
  - Promote the completion and functioning of the internal market in electricity.
  - Promote an optimal management and a coordinated operation of distribution and transmission systems.
- Defines the tasks which will be further specified in the statutes and constituting general assembly, in particular for network development:
  - promoting operation and planning of distribution networks in coordination with the operation and planning of transmission networks;
  - EU DSO to cooperate with the ENTSO-E and adopt best practices on the coordinated operation and planning of transmission and distribution systems



# Thank you

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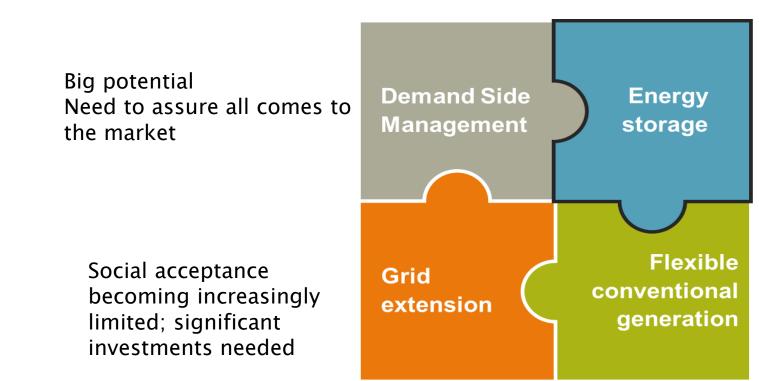
## Introduction to EASE





## Challenges of operating the power system

#### Planning the future distribution network



Many available technologies, value for host of different applications and locations.

Concerns about the environmental impacts and sustainability



## Planning the future distribution network

#### Multi-Service Business Cases



- Multiple stakeholders, non-regulated and regulated entity develop, own, operate and maintain the storage asset
- The regulated entity dispatches the storage asset for infrastructure services – its primary goal is ensuring a safe and reliable electricity system. The device is not to be used for market services by the entity
- A market player will be responsible for providing and monetising market-based value streams, e.g. arbitrage, frequency regulation, etc.
- Agreements in place clearly identified when, how, and by whom storage services will be provided.

Source: Maximising Social Welfare of Energy Storage Facilities through Multi-Service Business Cases, 2019

This maximises the facility's social welfare by fully deploying all services storage can deliver



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#### **Closing remarks**

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## Thank you for your attention!



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