

# The SET-Plan of the European Commission and the role requested of Regulators in supporting technology innovation

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- 2020 targets: the three 20%
- 2050 target: developed countries should cut their GHG emissions by 80% by 2050 - G8 in Aquila
- Today's EU primary energy supply: 80% dependent on fossil fuels (coal, oil, gas, the main sources of CO2 emission)
- A critical challenge: from 80% dependency on fossil fuels to 80% reduction in GHG emissions in 40 years!
  - A reinvention of our energy system
  - A need to move to a low carbon economy not easy, cheap or swift
  - Technology and the efficient use of the resources are essential for this transition

# **EU's response : the SET Plan**

- The SET-Plan, adopted in November 2007, is the <u>technology pillar</u> of the EU's energy and climate change policy
- Objective is to accelerate the development of low carbon technologies leading to their market take-up
- Vision of a Europe with world leadership in a diverse portfolio of clean, efficient and low carbon technology – as a motor for growth and jobs
- Set in a global context



### **SET-Plan measures**

#### Joint strategic planning:

- Steering Group
- Information system: SETIS
- Annual SET Plan summits
- Effective implementation:
  - European Industrial Initiatives
  - European Energy Research Alliance
  - Trans-European Energy Networks and Systems of the Future – transition planning
- Increase in resources: both financial and human
- Reinforce International Cooperation

### **Investment has to increase**

- Need for a step change in investment
- → From 3b€ to 8b€ per year (public and private)
  - → = an additional investment of 50b€ over the next 10
     years
- IEA World Energy Outlook 2009: additional 10.5 trillion \$ over baseline up to 2030

Translates into huge global market opportunity



# **Basic Principles of EIIs**

- Led by industry
- Boost research and innovation
- Accelerate deployment of technology
- Deliver progress beyond business-as-usual
- Define & realise clear targets (quantified objective)
- Contribute to political goals (energy & climate change)



# **European Industrial Initiatives**

#### Six new European Industrial Initiatives:

- European Wind Initiative
- Solar Europe Initiative
- Bio-energy Europe Initiative
- European Electricity Grid Initiative (EEGI)
- European CO2 capture, transport and storage initiative
- Sustainable fission initiative (Gen IV)
- Illustrative examples:
  - Fuel cells and hydrogen (JTI on-going)
  - Fusion (ITER on-going)

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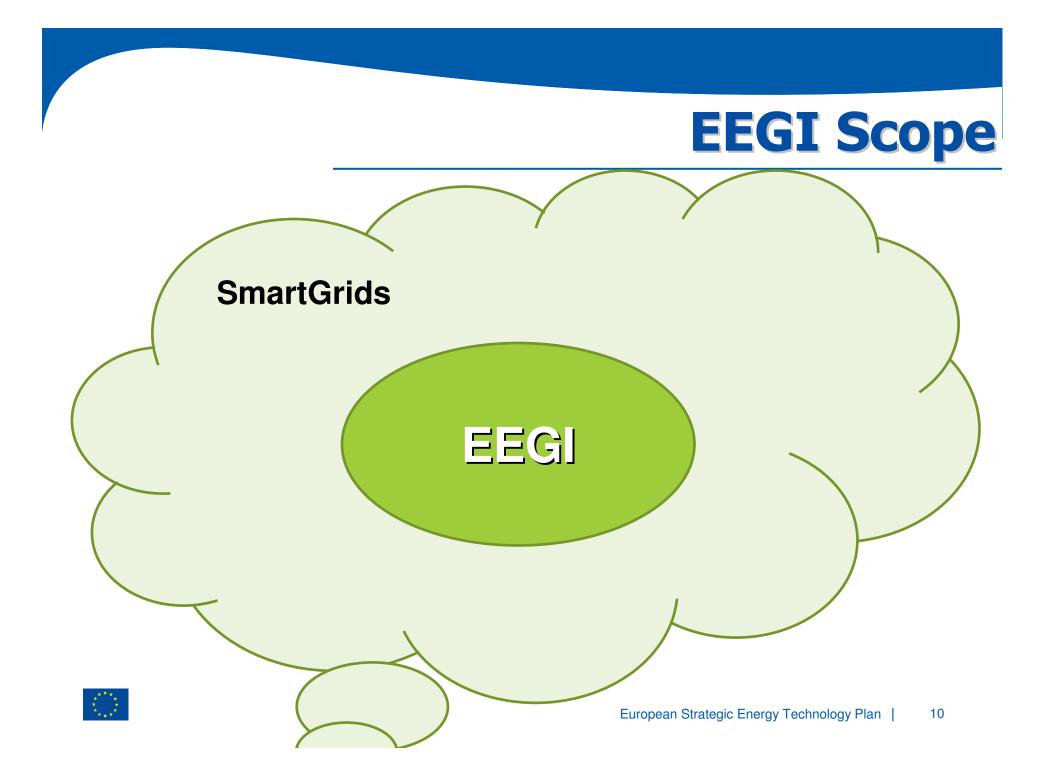
# **Optimisation of electricity system is a public interest**

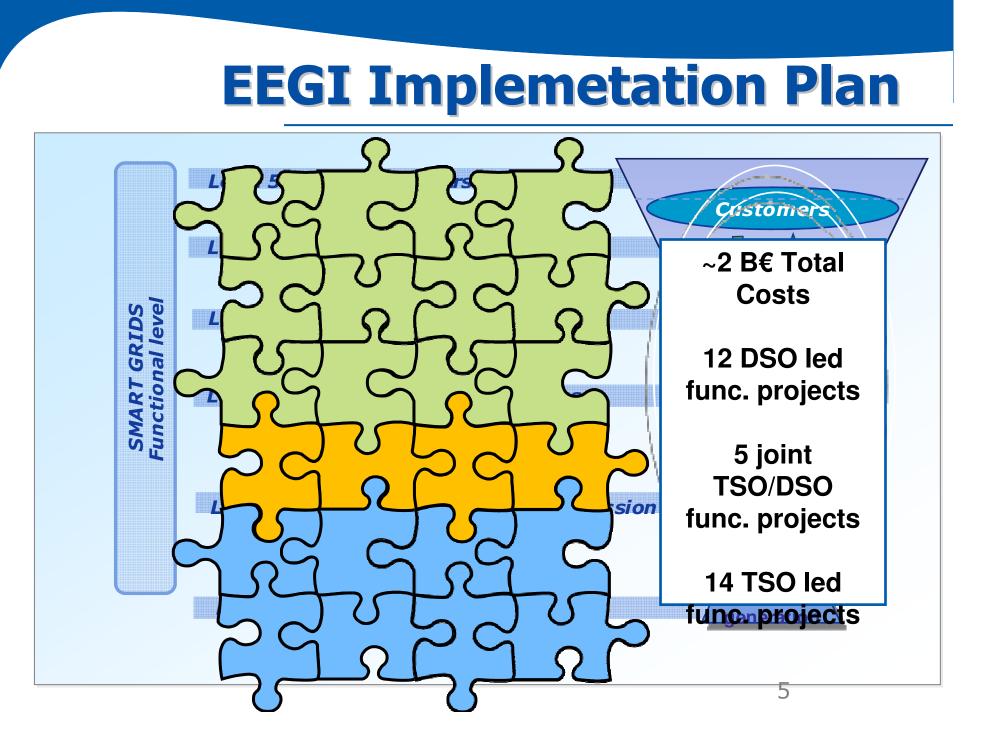
- The optimisation of the EU electricity system and networks - in terms of reliability, robustness, efficiency and costs – is clearly in the interest of all European citizens and industries.
- However, in the current environment, there is no actor / body which is effectively driving the sound technical evolution of the system.



# **EEGI Specificities**

- Focus on System Integration, not on tech. dev.
- Objective: demonstrate and quantify the value of SmartGrids solutions before large scale deployment
- Covers a subject characterised by
  - Many legitimate but conflicting interests.
  - Severe coordination and market failures.
- Led by Network Operators (regulated companies)
  - Strategy, Contents & Planning: TSOs / DSOs, in consultation with all interested parties.
  - Implementation (projects): TSOs / DSOs, generators, equipment manufacturers, retailers, research providers, etc
- Difficult Financing Arrangements
- Ineffective without solid knowledge sharing

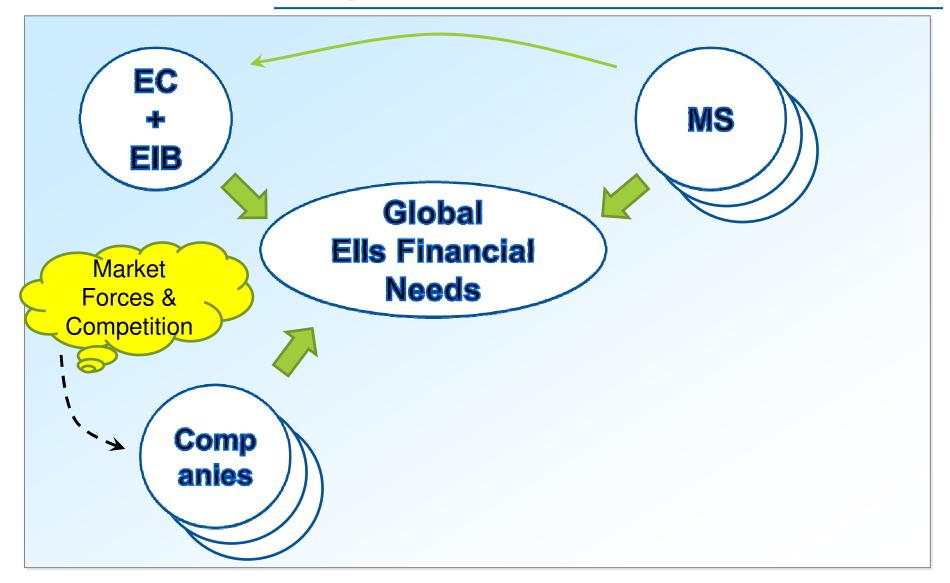




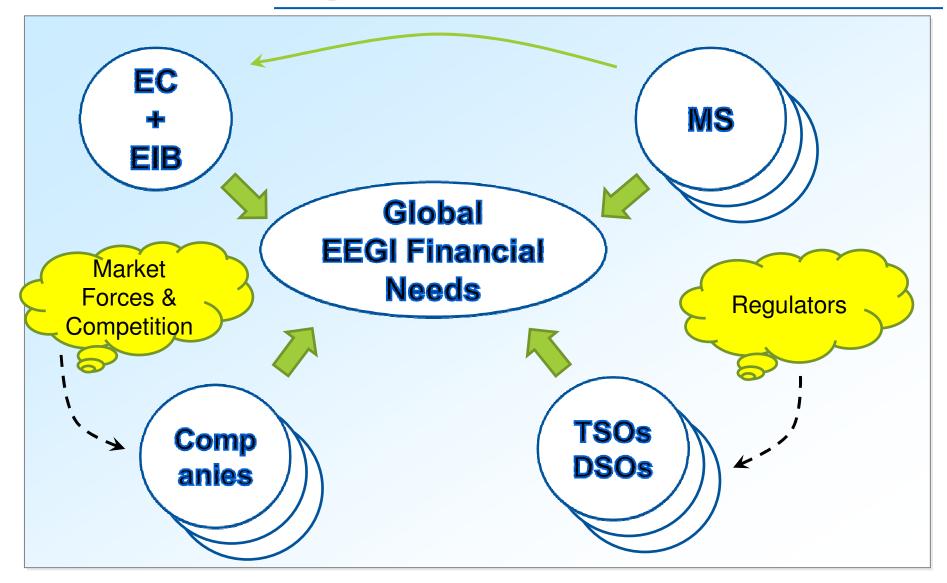
# Validating the EEGI Contents

- The "Florence" process.
  - \* "Florence 1". Florence 15 May 2009
  - Florence 2". Florence 14 Oct 2009
  - Informal meeting. Brussels 16 Dec 2009
  - Florence 3". Brussels 18 Mar 2010
- The ENTSO-E open consultation
  - Open between 11 Jan and 23 Feb 2010.
- The SmartGrids TP consultation
  - Workshop. 10 Mar 2010 with Generators, Equipment Suppliers, Research Providers, ICT industry, Demand & Metering, Presumers.
- The MS consultation.
  - Workshop with SET Plan Sherpas. 11 Feb 2010.
  - Workshops. Wind & Solar EII and Green Car PPP

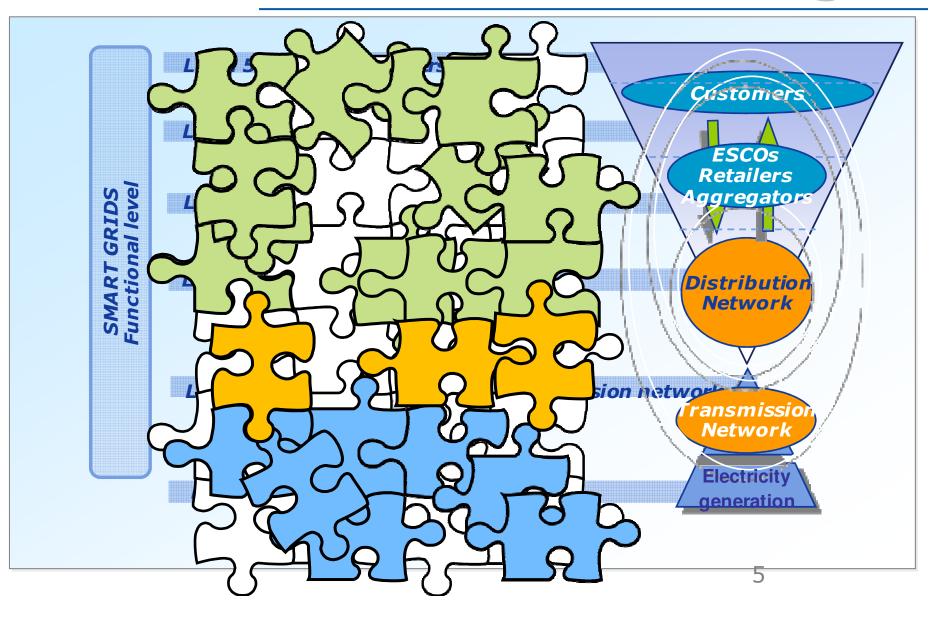
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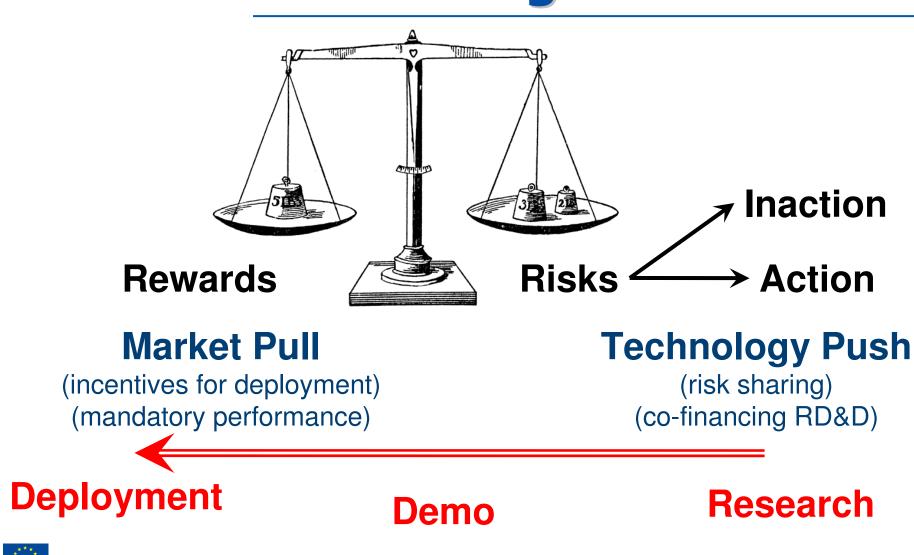
## **Addressing EEGI Financial Needs**



### **The Coordination Challenge**



# **Incentivising Innovation**



# The Role of Regulators

- Provide inputs to the scope, contents, KPI & governance of the EEGI and to the Smart Grids Task Force
- Define regulatory regimes that incentivise network operators (TSOs & DSOs) involvement in R&D&I. (Article 37.8 of DIRECTIVE 2009/72/EC)
- Incentivise a coordinated approach and knowledge sharing in TSO/DSO led R&D&I projects. (Partially Article 8.3(a) of REGULATION(EC) 714/2009)
- Remove regulatory barriers to the execution of large demo projects.
- Participate in the governance of the EEGI.







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