

### **Voltage Quality Monitoring**

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## **Factors influencing Voltage quality**

- Networks structure and operation
- Faults on network and customer facilities
- Connection criteria
- Product standards
- Usage of energy within installations
- Increasing penetration of Renewable Dispersed
  Generation and Electric Vehicles



Voltage Quality in distribution networks is a shared responsibility between TSOs, DSOs, equipment manufacturers and connected end-users/producers

**Ensuring Voltage Quality at reasonable cost requires:** 

- imposing appropriate emission and immunity limits for customer equipment and/or installations
- improving and strengthening the network

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**Cooperation between System Operators and Industry** 

To increase customers knowledge and awareness of:

- Voltage Quality levels
- Immunization Techniques of equipment and processes



### Voltage quality monitoring

- To assess indicative Voltage Quality levels
- To estimate trends



appropriate resources have to be foreseen for System Operators for proper monitoring schemes

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### Role of Standardization in VQ monitoring

- To define the measurement techniques
- To define the requirements of the whole measurement chain
- To define the minimum number of instruments to be used and the duration of the monitoring to ensure statistical relevance
- To harmonise the output format in order to ensure a uniform data interpretation across Europe



### **Improving the Voltage Quality**

- To find the best compromise in mitigating voltage disturbances on equipment and/or network, taking into account who are the beneficiaries and the payers
- To take into account the new scenario with increased penetration of DG, EV
- To develop coherent connection requirements and product standards



#### **Conclusions**

- Voltage Quality monitoring is useful to asses levels and understand relationships with influencing factors
- A continuous dialogue among DSOs and to some extent with CEER/national regulators – is necessary to foster cooperation on voltage quality measurement programmes. The resulting data can be used in the standardisation process as well as in national regulation
- The participation of Regulators in EN50160 development and this Workshop demonstrates that this dialogue is feasible and effective



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