



A JOINT DECLARATION: "NO TRANSITION WITHOUT TRANSMISSION"

The five above-mentioned organisations support the effective and complete integration, in a single electricity market, of renewable energy from both large-scale and decentralised sources, which shall not be played out against each other in Europe and in its neighbouring regions. While we have diverging work focuses and represent different stakeholder groups, our initiatives share this common objective.

The generation and supply of renewable energy from large-scale and decentralised sources will allow Europe and its neighbours to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, to enhance security of energy supply and to provide affordable energy to consumers.

We recognise that this transition to a decarbonised energy future cannot be achieved without an improved and strengthened grid developed in accordance with the principles set out in the European Grid Declaration of 2011.

Therefore, **WE**, the undersigned organisations, declare that the following are **COMMON OBJECTIVES** and that we will contribute individually and jointly as appropriate to seek to deliver them:

Before 2020: Contribute to the development of appropriate regulatory, technical and supply chain frameworks to deliver an integrated grid network, built in line with nature conservation and social concerns. It shall bring large-scale renewable energy from areas of generation in Europe and in its neighbouring countries to load centres in an open European electricity market as well as secure the integration of decentralised renewable energies into the electricity grid.

Before 2030: Contribute to the delivery of the first phases of the Smart Grid and Supergrid to cost-effectively integrate large-scale and decentralised renewable energy from Europe and its neighbours in a single European electricity market.

Before 2050: Contribute to the delivery of a complete Smart Grid and Supergrid connecting a single European electricity market with neighbouring markets.

In order to achieve these objectives:

WE call on the European Union and Member States, to accelerate and release, as soon as possible and well before 2020, the legislative and policy framework that will enable the improvement and strengthening of the power grid in Europe and in its neighbouring regions to fully integrate large-scale and decentralised renewables.

Signed at Brussels on the 21st day of March 2012 by the following:

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"Dii" and "Medgrid" aim at developing a market for industrial scale renewable energy to be integrated into the interconnected EUMENA power system; the "Friends of the Supergrid" support the development of a pan-European Supergrid; the "Renewables Grid Initiative" brings together non-governmental-organizations and electricity grid operators to promote effective integration of 100% electricity produced from renewable energy sources and the "Climate Parliament" is a global network of MPs and MEPs from all mainstream political parties campaigning to increase public and private investment in renewable energy and supergrids.