Demand-response in Europe

- We need it but how can we deliver for real?

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Energy transition, Transición energética, Energiewende, Transition énergétique...

40 GW within 12 hours (e.g. on June 2nd 2015)

(25 GW in 1 hr during the 2015 March 20th solar eclipse)
Variability in Generation requires Flexibility in Demand

- Presently, more than 200 GW of wind and solar installed capacity in Europe
- Need for timely new infrastructures AND flexible resources
Demand-response (DR) in grids and big data processing are key to achieving the Energy transition. Variability in generation requires flexibility in demand.
CALLS for the Commission to swiftly present its communication [...] recognising the importance of promoting flexible demand response.

Emphasises the urgent need for new, modernised, smart and flexible energy infrastructure, especially smart grids, to allow for a more flexible back-up and balancing power capacity, including [...] demand response.
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The Commission will prepare an ambitious legislative proposal to redesign the electricity market [...] this will enable full participation of consumers in the market notably through demand response.

All forms of generation, storage and demand response will compete on a level-playing field across all timeframes [in a European-wide market].
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All stakeholders (be it EU institutions, governments, TSOs, manufacturers, consumers) are recognising the importance of DR and asking for its timely deployment.

The Commission Study

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The French case

• After a 5-year market reform, DR is able to compete 
directly on a level playing field with other market players 
in all existing market structures.

• Technical barriers to aggregation have been removed 
(aggregation of consumers whatever their suppliers, their 
connection grids, their size...).

• SEDC has ranked France as the 1st country regarding 
the integration of DR in markets.

• Market signals are improving and competition is 
increasing in the French market (e.g. 10 DR operators 
are competing in France).

... but still a long way to go !!
How to really deliver DR?

- European framework for DR
- Full market integration of DR
- Well designed DR products
- Right data for the right needs
- TSO/DSO coordination
Energy Efficiency Directive - Art 15.8

Member States shall ensure that national energy regulatory authorities **encourage demand side resources**, such as demand response, to participate alongside supply in wholesale and retail markets.

Member States shall ensure that **transmission system operators and distribution system operators**, in meeting requirements for balancing and ancillary services, **treat demand response providers, including aggregators**, in a non-discriminatory manner, on the basis of their technical capabilities.
Within the current discussion on the Energy Union do we need a more ambitious EU framework for DR? (Network code? Stronger requirements towards Member States...?)
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1. Regulatory barriers

- Need to introduce a real level playing field between DR operators (e.g. aggregators) and suppliers
- DR operators should be able to act without any dependence on suppliers (free access to consumers, be able to value DR as a resource alongside supply on electricity markets)
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2. Technical barriers

- Need to allow aggregation (e.g. IT systems)
- Technical requirements should facilitate aggregation (adapted method for control of DR, suppression of barriers to aggregation regarding the volume of DR, the connection point, the supplier...
Full market integration of DR

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2. Market evolution & integration
   - An in-depth market evolution + the commitment of public authorities, ACER & NRAs, ENTSO-E, TSOs and DSOs across Europe are required
Data management

Collection and use of data from TSOs and DSOs need to rely on 5 principles:

- **Confidentiality** of data for consumers and between competitors
- **Transparency** for the consumers
- **Competition between market parties must be preserved**
- **Respect of each party’s role & duties**: data must be collected and accessed based on needs and adequate geographical scale (e.g. TSO should be able to have access to DSO’s data in order to fulfill their duty in terms of system security and market operations)
- **Economic efficiency**
TSO/DSO coordination is crucial

- Data access for a secure operation of power system and grids: **TSOs and DSOs need to be able to have access to all data necessary to perform their core mission.**

- Market integration: **TSOs and DSOs should facilitate the integration of DR in markets:**
  - TSOs and DSOs need to ensure that all DR resources are able to participate in all markets as much as possible.
  - **From a TSO perspective:** defining market rules that allow the participation of DR resources + controlling DR activations of aggregated loads.
  - **From a DSO perspective:** allowing aggregation.
Conclusion: some personal suggestions

- **Create a single European DSO body**, bound to neutrality (if not unbundled), as the DSO voice to contribute in establishing European rules.

- **Put in place some European ‘legislation’**:  
  - high level guidelines for general harmonized principles  
  - some mandatory details (e.g. Flows of data and cash between aggregators / suppliers / consumers)

- **Give ACER new mandatory tasks** on retail markets with powers to overrule NRA’s: the energy market can be regulated only if considered as **wholesale + retail**.
Thank you for your attention!