

PRESS RELEASE

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Up and running: T&D Europe¹ welcomes new European Smart Networks Innovation Platform's activities launch

On 14 December, the new European Technology and Innovation Platform Smart Networks for Energy Transition (ETIP SNET) announced in a [press release](#) the launch of its activities through the creation of six experts Working Groups.

Created as part of Europe's Strategic Energy Technology Plan (SET Plan), ETIP SNET's mission is to guide research, development and innovation to support Europe's energy transition with innovation for the transmission and distribution systems. These systems are at the core of the market transformation towards clean, secure and affordable energy generation, transport and distribution.

The newly created platform gathers experts from industry, research, system operators and regulators as well as the European Commission. As technology provider of the electric grid, T&D Europe industry sector is represented in ETIP SNET Governing Board.

T&D Europe welcomes the launch of ETIP SNET activities. In particular, we appreciate the focussed approach to innovation in electricity systems -complementing other ETIPs' work centred on specific parts of the energy system. The strong commitment of the Commission in terms of funding through INVENSYS4EU and the wide stakeholder involvement are also essential elements for a fruitful result.

Dr. Jochen Kreusel, T&D Europe Vice-President and member of ETIP SNET Governing Board reacted to the launch of the Platform's activities: "As technology providers, we are fully committed to make ETIP SNET a success in order to maintain Europe's leading position in electricity systems and related technologies, but also in getting innovative solutions deployed. In this regard, we particularly welcome the launch of the Working Group 5 "Innovation implementation in the business environment" that has the potential to deliver ambitious and concrete results to the market".

For more information on ETIP SNET: www.etip-snet.eu

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