

Gerhard Seyrling re-elected as President of T&D Europe in key year for EU energy policy

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After a successful presidency, the national associations members of T&D Europe¹ have re-elected Gerhard Seyrling as President for a further three years' term. Gerhard Seyrling is General Manager of General Electric (GE)'s worldwide Grid Automation Business.

The election took place at the annual T&D Europe General Assembly gathered in Paris on 17 March. At the meeting, Gerhard Seyrling thanked the T&D Europe members for their trust. He highlighted the progress of the past years in developing the association as well as achieving more visibility and recognition of the T&D manufacturing industry in the EU. Since its launch in 2008, T&D Europe has become an important player providing positions and expertise on all electrical power grid issues.

The association has grown to 12 national associations members with the recent addition of Norway joining in 2016. T&D Europe has also welcomed five corporate members representing the leading electric transmission and distribution equipment manufacturers in Europe.

Gerhard Seyrling noted the importance of the current developments in European energy policy in a very complex political environment: "The Clean Energy package represents an opportunity for the Energy Transition in Europe. With the right regulatory incentives, efficient, resilient and smarter power grids can be deployed to make a low carbon economy a reality in Europe by 2050". Innovative grid technology is instrumental in achieving the EU energy union goals: strengthening interconnections and making use of digital technologies will allow a larger amount of renewable energy into the grid. In addition, the free flow of energy data will unlock new perspectives for an energy-efficient management of decentralised power systems and ensure the development of new economic models required by the markets.

Reflecting on the increasingly complex political environment, disrupted by populist trends and economic instability, Gerhard Seyrling concluded that T&D Europe manufacturers remain committed to working in close partnership with the EU policy makers to support clean energy, innovation and jobs in Europe.

A photo of Mr. Seyrling can be found [here](#).

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