

# currENT

## Enabling Network Technology throughout Europe

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Launch of Europe's key industry association  
representing innovative grid technology  
companies

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# currENT Launch Event

**Date:** Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 1pm CEST

**Format:** 1 hour webinar, followed by press conference (30')

## Agenda:

### I. Introduction by Chair (*Susanne Nies*) and two Vice Chairs

(*Frederic Vassort, Ampacimon, and John Fitzgerald, Supernode*)

Why we need another association, and what we suggest to policy makers (15')

### II. Optimised power networks as key enabler for the European Green Deal

Comments on the recommendations received by currENT

- ~ Key note – Luxembourg Energy Minister: **Claude Turmes** (8')
- ~ Key note – Deputy Director-General, European Commission: **Klaus Dieter Borchardt** *tbc*
- ~ Key note – Director for Copenhagen School for Energy Infrastructure, **Tooraj Jamasb** (7')
- ~ Key note – Member of European Parliament: **Maria da Graça Carvalho** (7')

Questions and Answers: Moderated by **Siobhan Hall** (EU Energy Policy Editor, Platts)

# What is currENT?

currENT is the key industry association representing innovative grid technology companies operating in Europe.

**Our members are taking Europe's power network to the next level** – developing and supplying innovative technologies that optimise and maximise use of the existing grid.

## Our vision

Our Vision is a European power network that is the recognised world leader in enabling decarbonisation through the efficient use of modern grid technology.

## Why is this important?

Increasing the use of the existing grid is **more cost-effective and less disruptive** to communities and the environment than traditional solutions.

# Our Objectives

currENT member companies are driven by a common goal – **to speed up the green energy transition.**

We want to see Renewables take up massively, climate change mitigated successfully, while security of supply is kept high and costs kept low. We see power networks at the core of, and as the basis for, a successful energy transition.

We achieve our common goal through the following actions:

1. **Generate awareness** – of new grid enhancing technologies, the opportunities and challenges, and increasing awareness of the benefits of new technology. We wish to bring new game changing solutions to the table.
2. **Move policy** – we contribute to future-proof regulatory frameworks that speed up the adoption of alternative proven solutions for the benefit of all Europeans.
3. **Enhance technology** – we introduce, and where needed, trial new technologies; learning from each other through European benchmarking.
4. **Engage** – in acting collectively through our association we stand up for the principles of transparency and stakeholder interaction.

# Our Members

Our members develop and supply innovative technologies that optimise and maximise the use of the existing power network, to:

- Enable the integration of an increasing share of renewables
- Enhance the mitigation of climate change in line with COP 21 and the European Green Deal
- Help TSOs, DSOs and governments meet their European and national energy and climate objectives, without compromising on security of supply or affordable customer bills
- Help TSOs and governments provide fast-to-deploy solutions when the detailed needs of the medium term future are difficult to anticipate. In doing so they avoid stranded investments that customers ultimately shoulder through their bills.

## Foundation Members ...

