

The European Utilities Telecom Council organises successful exhibition on ICT for energy efficiency at the European Parliament

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On February 24th, EUTC held a highly successful event at the European Parliament hosted by MEP Salvador Garriga Polledo around ICT for Energy Efficiency. The 100 participants to the cocktail, members of the Parliament, members of the European Commission, representatives of the states and regions, and other stakeholders in energy and ICT policies, were taken through an exhibition on how ICT is able to help energy efficiency.

Alejo Vidal Quadras, the Vice President of the European Parliament, offered some words of support to EUTC calling *"for energy regulators to create the conditions to encourage network operators to make the investment in communications services which will be the catalyst for the smartgrid whilst not being exposed to a high business risk"*.

The focus was put on 3 parts of the home: the garage, the kitchen, and the rooftop. In the garage, participants could see how ICTs were able to turn the electric car, a consumer of energy, into a mobile storage unit of power, able to deliver some energy within the house network at peak consumption times. In the kitchen, we explained the concepts of smart appliances and smart metering, the financial advantage for the customer and the benefits for the environment. On the rooftop were installed photovoltaic panels and visitors were introduced to distributed generation and the implementation of micro grids and community networks.

To link all this, a fourth display explained the communication challenges and technologies behind the implementation of smart networks.

EUTC would like to thank the 3 companies that supported the event, representing the different players: Iberdrola, for energy, Verizon for telecommunication, and Samares for distributed generation. All were able to address the audience with some key messages.

The presentations were followed by a dinner at the European Parliament, in presence of several MEPs, allowing members of EUTC to further discuss the scope of EUTC objectives.

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