Smart Grids Reality



Current Status Smart Grids in the Netherlands

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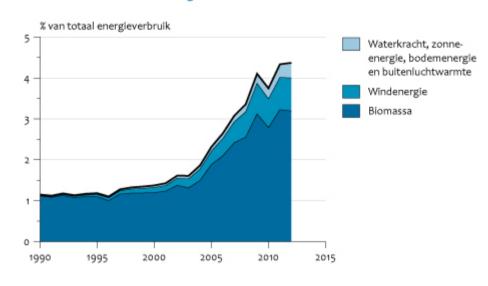
Smart Grids – Reality in NL (1)

- > Smart Grids R&D is based on 3 main drivers:
 - Congestion 'caused' by end-users
 - > PV, Heat pumps, CHP's, Electrical Vehicles
 - Optimal integration and use of renewable energy
 - PV and wind energy
 - Congestion caused by large (virtual) powerplants
 - > e.g. Eemshaven
 - > CHP's in large greenhouse area's

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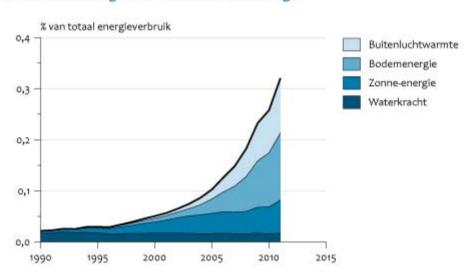
Smart Grids – Reality in NL (2)

Eindverbruik hernieuwbare energie naar bron



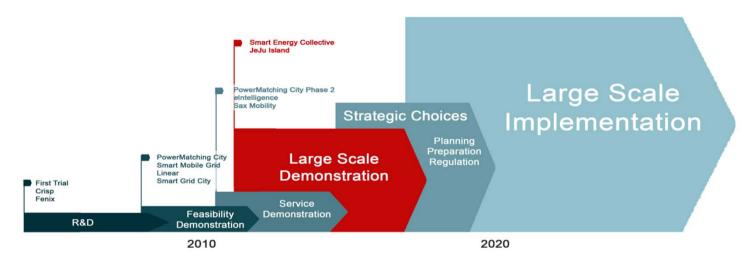
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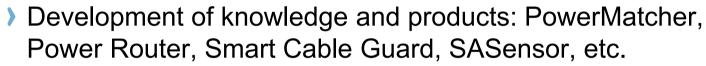
Eindverbruik overige bronnen hernieuwbare energie



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Smart Grids: status in NL







- First demonstration projects: Smart Storage, GROW-ders, PowerMatching City, etc.
- Large-scale pilots are starting: Smart City A'dam, Easy Street, Couperus, Smart Energy Collective, etc.

Technical feasibility studies

- In experiments and tests, all possible combinations of technology have been tested
- > This resulted in:
 - New technology and product development (hard & software)
 - Measurements & analysis on grid effects and stability
 - Development of demand-response technologies



Technical feasibility and exploration phase are ready!

Integrated projects

- Current running and developing projects focus on integration of:
 - Technologies from multiple vendors
 - Multi-vendor, freedom of choice
 - Customer participation (≠ consumer)
 - > As 'investor' in appliances, devices and services
 - New business models and revenue streams
 - Innovation only works when money (or savings) can be made
 - Regulatory frameworks as enabler and driver



Strategic choices

- As it is impossible to predict how the energy system of the future will look like, preparations are made on:
 - Standardisation
 - Flexible Power Alliance (flexiblepower.org)
 - Universal Smart Energy Framework (by SEC)
 - In EU/global standardisation
 - Costs reduction of Smart Grid deployment
 - Affordable LV/MV sensor/actuator technology
 - Reliable and affordable telecom-infrastructure for Utilities
 - Enabling new businesses / ESCO's
 - Provide DSO-grid related information
 - 'white-label' back-office processes

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