

## Deliverable 9.8: Debrief summaries of at least 10 presentations of BESTGRID

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## **1. Background**

Dissemination of the experiences made and the lessons learned was a vital component of the BESTGRID project. One of the project's objectives was to spread the lessons learned widely across Europe and to establish an intensive exchange of best practices. Therefore, the project consortium addressed key stakeholders - other grid operators and non-governmental organisations, environmental and planning authorities, policy makers and regulators at both EU and member state level – for updates about the pilot projects and to engage in an exchange of best practices in grid development.

In order to ensure that all relevant stakeholders of grid development in Europe were aware of BESTGRID and its pilot projects and to increase engagement of relevant stakeholders the consortium, and in particular RGI, continuously presented experiences gained at conferences and major workshops. Moreover, the consortium engaged in bilateral meetings with key stakeholders on both member state and EU level. These meetings aimed to present the results of the BESTGRID project and to encourage the implementation of the lessons learned in other EU member states. This document contains a short debrief of the presentations held in this respect by end of October 2015. For more information about the bilateral meetings, please see document D.9.9 Debrief bilateral meetings with stakeholders.

## **2. Presentations**

During the first months of BESTGRID, presentations focused mainly on an introduction of the project, its objectives, partners and intended activities. In the second half of BESTGRID, first results have already been included in presentations. All presentations are available upon request.

### **1. Conference German Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN)**

**Title of presentation:** Grid Development and Nature Conservation. Best Practice Examples from Europe

**Speaker:** Theresa Schneider, Senior Project Manager at RGI

**Date/ place:** 15 May 2013 in Berlin

**Participants:** German “environmental community”, including NGOs and environmental authorities, grid developers, consultancy firms, environmental planners, political stakeholders, academia

**Link to presentation:**

[http://www.bfn.de/fileadmin/MDB/documents/themen/erneuerbarenergien/Tgng\\_netze2013/presentationen/11\\_Theresa\\_Schneider\\_RGI\\_Netzausbau\\_und\\_Naturschutz\\_-\\_Best\\_Practice\\_Beispiele\\_aus\\_Europa.pdf](http://www.bfn.de/fileadmin/MDB/documents/themen/erneuerbarenergien/Tgng_netze2013/presentationen/11_Theresa_Schneider_RGI_Netzausbau_und_Naturschutz_-_Best_Practice_Beispiele_aus_Europa.pdf)

### **2. Stakeholder Workshop on Commission Guidance for Streamlining**

#### **Environmental Assessments**

**Title of presentation:** Willingness, ability and capacity. RGI position on Guidance for Streamlining Environmental Assessments of PCIs

**Speaker:** Theresa Schneider, Senior Project Manager at RGI

**Date/ place:** 03 May 2013 in Brussels

**Participants:** NGOs, interest groups, European institutions (EC, EIB, EP), project developers

### **3. Presentation of Commission Guidance for Streamlining Environmental Assessments**

**Title of presentation:** Combining NGOs' and TSOs' perspectives. Recommendations for efficient environmental assessment procedures to ensure sustainable grid development in the EU

**Speaker:** Antina Sander, Deputy Executive Director at RGI

**Date/ place:** 24 July 2013 in Brussels

**Participants:** Members states' representatives, in particular from energy ministries

**Link to presentation:**

[http://ec.europa.eu/energy/infrastructure/doc/assessment/20130724\\_ngo\\_tso.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/energy/infrastructure/doc/assessment/20130724_ngo_tso.pdf)

#### **4. Workshop Foundation for Environmental and Energy Law**

**Title of presentation:** The new TEN-E Regulation: Useful Tool in Increasing Efficiency and Acceptance for Grid Development Projects?

**Speaker:** Theresa Schneider, Senior Project Manager at RGI

**Date/ place:** 10 July 2013 in Würzburg, Germany

**Participants:** German experts on energy law, in particular from academia, political institutions and authorities

**Link to event summary:** <http://www.stiftung-umweltenergierecht.de/forschung/veranstaltungen/fokus-umweltenergierecht/rueckblick-fokusveranstaltung-ten-e-verordnung.html>

#### **5. Steering Committee for Public Acceptance Campaign for Power Grids**

**Title of presentation:** Public Acceptance of Grid Infrastructure Projects

**Speaker:** Theresa Schneider, Senior Project Manager at RGI

**Date/ place:** 8 October 2013 in Brussels

**Participants:** Consortium realising mandate by the European Commission (Roland Berger Strategy Consultants, Bio Intelligence Service and Arctik PR) and Steering Committee members (grid operators, environmental NGOs, other associations)

#### **6. RGI's 3<sup>rd</sup> European Grid Conference**

**Title of presentation:** BESTGRID – from theory to practice

**Speaker:** Antina Sander, Deputy Executive Director at RGI

**Date/ place:** 4 December 2013 in Brussels

**Participants:** Grid operators, environmental NGOs, policy makers, academia, interest groups, media

**Link to presentation:** <http://renewables->

[grid.eu/fileadmin/user\\_upload/Files\\_RGI/Sander\\_BESTGRID\\_3rd\\_European\\_Grid\\_Conference.pdf](http://grid.eu/fileadmin/user_upload/Files_RGI/Sander_BESTGRID_3rd_European_Grid_Conference.pdf)

## **7. RE-AMP webinar**

**Title of presentation:** BESTGRID

**Speaker:** Theresa Schneider, Senior Project Manager at RGI

**Date/ place:** 11 December 2014 in Berlin/Midwestern states USA (webinar)

**Participants:** nonprofits and foundation partners that work in the RE-AMP states (Iowa, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin), more information:

<http://www.reamp.org/re-amp-members/>

## **8. Workshop “Forecasting, Balancing and Scheduling of Renewable Energy” of the Indo-German Energy Forum**

**Title of presentation:** Policy and regulatory frameworks for German and European grid planning

**Speaker:** Theresa Schneider, Senior Project Manager at RGI

**Date/place:** 06 May 2014 in Delhi, India

**Participants:** ~150 participants from Indian energy industry, including grid operators

**Link to workshop summary:** <http://energyforum.in/event-show/events/workshop-on-forecasting-balancing-and-scheduling-of-renewable-energy-in-india.html>

## **9. 3<sup>rd</sup> Plenary Meeting of Concerted Action on the Renewable Energy Sources Directive (CA-RES)**

**Title of presentation:** Public acceptance of electricity infrastructure

**Speaker:** Antonella Battaglini, CEO of RGI

**Date/place:** 20 November 2014 in Budapest

**Participants:** members of CA-RES

## **10. 50Hertz event Mittendrin (24.09.2014)**

**Title of presentation:** Introducing the Renewables Grid Initiative

**Speaker:** Antina Sander, Deputy Executive Director at RGI

**Date/place:** 24 September 2014 in Berlin

**Participants:** 50Hertz employees

## **11. Event "Innovative solutions through citizen participation" from State Ministry Baden-Württemberg Brussels (8.10.)**

**Title of presentation:** Public participation in cross-border electricity infrastructure projects - EU guidelines and good practice examples

**Speaker:** Theresa Schneider, Senior Project Manager at RGI

**Date/place:** 8 October 2014 in Brussels

**Participants:** ~50; people involved in public participation initiatives, authorities and governments dealing with participation

**Link to workshop documentation:** [https://beteiligungportal.baden-wuerttemberg.de/fileadmin/redaktion/beteiligungportal/Europa-Netzwerk\\_2014/brussels\\_summary\\_workshop\\_2014-10-08.pdf](https://beteiligungportal.baden-wuerttemberg.de/fileadmin/redaktion/beteiligungportal/Europa-Netzwerk_2014/brussels_summary_workshop_2014-10-08.pdf)

## **12. European Business Summit**

**Title of presentation:** The future of the power sector in Europe - perspectives for society, politics and industry

**Speaker:** Antonella Battaglini, CEO of RGI

**Date/place:** 6 May 2015 in Brussels

**Participants:** 2300 participants in general at event (~90 at session); mainly industry representatives and political decision-makers

## **13. 6th annual European Power Summit 2015**

**Title of presentation:** Smart Grids?

**Speaker:** Antonella Battaglini, CEO of RGI

**Date/place:** 28 April 2015 in London

**Participants:** 200; representatives of different branches of power industry

**14. ABB Schwetzingener Energiedialog**

**Title of presentation:** Integration of 100% of Renewable Energy

**Speaker:** Antonella Battaglini, CEO of RGI

**Date/place:** 4 March 2015 in Schwetzingen, Germany

**Participants:** 200; mostly German representatives of power industry, civil society and politics

**15. Green Week, organised by European Commission, EG Environment**

**Title of presentation:** Nature conservation work of the Renewables Grid Initiative

**Speaker:** Antonella Battaglini, CEO of RGI

**Date/place:** 4 June 2015 in Brussels

**Participants:** ~150; European civil society and political decision-makers

**16. Wissenschaftsdialog Bundesnetzagentur**

**Title of presentation:** “Die europäische Perspektive – zwischen europäischen Entscheidern und lokalen Protesten” (The European perspective – between European decision-makers and local protests)

**Speaker:** Theresa Schneider, Senior Project Manager at RGI

**Date/place:** 18 September 2015 in Bonn

**Participants:** ~80 German researchers with different backgrounds, including engineering, social sciences and economics

**Link to event documentation:**

[http://www.netzausbau.de/SharedDocs/Termine/DE/Veranstaltungen/2015/150917\\_Wissenschaftsdialog.html](http://www.netzausbau.de/SharedDocs/Termine/DE/Veranstaltungen/2015/150917_Wissenschaftsdialog.html)

**Link to presentation:**

[http://www.netzausbau.de/SharedDocs/Downloads/DE/Veranstaltungen/2015/Wissenschaftsdialog/Vortrag\\_Schneider.pdf?\\_\\_blob=publicationFile](http://www.netzausbau.de/SharedDocs/Downloads/DE/Veranstaltungen/2015/Wissenschaftsdialog/Vortrag_Schneider.pdf?__blob=publicationFile)

**17. Parliamentary Assembly of the Union for the Mediterranean**

**Title of presentation:** Improving access to sustainable energy

**Speaker:** Antina Sander, Deputy Executive Director at RGI

**Date/place:** 19 October in Vienna

**Participants:** ~30 parliamentarians and staff from EU and Mediterranean states

**18. International Institute for Industrial Environmental Economics conference,  
Lund, Sweden**

**Title of presentation:** Improving local acceptance for grid development and speeding up permitting procedures: some practical tools and experiences

**Speaker:** Antina Sander, Deputy Executive Director at RGI

**Date/place:** 26 August 2015 in Lund, Sweden

**Participants:** 150 participants in general at event (~30 at session); alumni and current students of Lund University

**19. INMR Congress**

**Title of presentation:** Improving access to sustainable energy

**Speaker:** Antina Sander, Deputy Executive Director at RGI

**Date/place:** 20 October 2015 in Munich

**Participants:** 500 participants in general at event (~60 at session); industry and civil society representatives

**20. ENTSO-E BESTGRID meeting**

**Title of presentation:** What can decision-makers do to support power grid development for a low-carbon energy system?

**Speaker:** Theresa Schneider, Senior Project Manager at RGI

**Date/place:** 16 September 2015, Brussels

**Participants:** ~20 ENTSO-E and TSO representatives



## **21. CMG Conference**

**Title of presentation:** Electricity grids in transition – Adapting to the needs of renewables... and people!

**Speaker:** Antina Sander, Deputy Executive Director at RGI

**Date/place:** 25 March 2015 in Dublin

**Participants:** ~40

## **3. Analysis**

- The project and its result was of particular interest for grid operators not involved in BESTGRID. Some were informed regularly through Advisory Board meetings, others attended the public workshops. Additional bilateral meetings were mostly not necessary.
- Interest in presentations was higher towards the end of the project when findings and lessons learned were already available.
- It was easier to steer the interest of people if presentation of BESTGRID could be combined with current topics on the political agenda, such as the implementation of the TEN-E legislation or the review of the 10% interconnection target.
- Feedback survey showed that bilateral talks rank among the three most important means for people to receive information about BESTGRID. However, presentations at workshops or international conferences were not evaluated as important.