

RGI's best practice exchange

The project	<p>From 2012 onwards RGI has continuously collected and shared best practices connected to grid projects carried out by RGI partners and beyond. Characteristics of these best practices are that they help make grid development quicker, more socially acceptable, and increasingly environmentally sound. They also include considerations and field testing of the principles and ideas covered by both parts of the European Grid Declaration.</p>
Objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To foster the implementation of the principles outlined in the European Grid Declaration.2. To promote the sharing of and learning from innovative and laudable projects in the realm of grid planning and permitting processes across different stakeholder groups.3. To inspire innovative thinking and future action.
European Grid Report	<p>After a series of interviews and workshops, the "European Grid Report", reflecting challenges, good examples and lessons learned in grid development, was published in December 2012. It explores the current state of art in harmonising grid development with environmental protection principles and improving public participation in planning procedures. Planning and permitting procedures in seven European countries are presented while showcasing good experiences made by RGI partners.</p> <p>Given the constantly refined processes in grid projects, the work on best practices is updated regularly and in 2013 spawned a European Grid Report update. Both publications include information on challenges in grid development projects, lessons learned and in total a collection of over 100 different practical experiences.</p>
"Good Practice of the Year" award	<p>In 2014, RGI created the "Good Practice of the Year" award, which is given out annually by RGI and is honouring outstanding practices in grid development. The winning practices are chosen by a jury of experts and should be innovative and an improvement to the existing practices in its category. The three categories the "Good Practice of the Year" is awarded in are "Technology & Design", "Communication & Participation" and "Environmental Protection". The intention of the award is not only to further disseminate the many good practices out there, but also to inspire further innovative ideas and daring projects. Each year, European and non European grid operators, project developers, NGOs and public authorities are invited to send in their submissions and let their most original and successful practices shine. To date, winning practices include the creation of green corridors under electricity grid lines (by LIFE Elia-RTE), a stakeholder advisory council (by EirGrid) and the "Eagle Pylon" design by Bystrup.</p>

Publications

[European Grid Report:](#)

Detailed description of findings from the best practice project

[Update of the European Grid Report:](#)

Update of findings from the best practice project

[Beyond Public Opposition:](#)

Comprehensive overview of main findings from the best practice project

[Good Practice of the Year – Best cases from the 2014 competition:](#)

Brochure illustrating the top award contenders in 2014

[Good Practice of the Year – Best cases from the 2015 competition:](#)

Brochure illustrating the top award contenders in 2015

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