

BESTGRID - from theory to practice

3rd European Grid Conference

**BEST
GRID**



Co-funded by the Intelligent Energy Europe
Programme of the European Union

Brussels, December 04, 2013

How it all began – the European Grid Declaration

**BEST
GRID**



EUROPEAN GRID DECLARATION

On Electricity Network Development and
Nature Conservation in Europe

Renewables
Grid Initiative



Renewables
Grid Initiative

EUROPEAN GRID DECLARATION

On Transparency and Public Participation

The following Declaration is an extension of the „European Grid Declaration on Electricity Network Development and Nature Conservation in Europe“, signed on 10 November 2011.

What is a Declaration?

**BEST
GRID**



First, it's ink on paper.

Then, it's what you do with it.

BESTGRID – learning about the implementation of good practice principles



NGOs



nature's
voice

+ multiple NGO
subcontracts



TSOs



nationalgrid



Academia



International Institute for
Applied Systems Analysis
www.iiasa.ac.at



Renewables Grid Initiative

1. Improve local public acceptance for grids by applying best practices in participation and transparency in pilot projects
2. Speed up permitting procedures while respecting or surpassing environmental protection standards in pilot projects
3. Support implementation of best practices in future electricity grid “Projects of Common Interest”

1. Improve local public acceptance for grids by applying best practices

- Early, comprehensive and collaborative planning of activities
- National NGOs give feedback
 - on action plans to engage stakeholders
 - on stakeholder mapping
- Development of comprehensive, easy-to-read information material
- Early information events, dialogue elements
- “Special” feature on different pilots, e.g.
 - NGOs interview stakeholders on concerns and needs
 - NGO moderated events
 - Launch events and information markets prior to official application
 - On-site EMF measurements



2. Speed up permitting procedures while respecting environmental protection standards

- Early advise on nature environment issues by local NGO partner
- Local NGOs contribute to “nature environment” stakeholder mapping
- Early roundtables with authorities and environmental stakeholders
- “Special” feature on different projects, e.g.
 - Joint authority, NGO, TSO site visit
 - Local NGO to join internal TSO jour fixes
 - NGO give input on strategic corridor management
 - Special consideration of coastal areas



3. Support implementation of best practices in future “Projects of Common Interest”

- Workshops to investigate transferability of identified best practices
- NGO guidebooks on “How to...?”
- Dedicated NGO training sessions in Central/Eastern Europe
- Test of best practice exchange tools
- Dissemination via workshops, website, flyer, newsletter....



We are only starting – so stay tuned

**BEST
GRID**

Follow us on www.bestgrid.eu

BESTGRID

Project ▾ Pilot projects ▾ Events ▾ Publications ▾ Press ▾ Contact

Search

Why grids?

Modernising and expanding the European electricity grid is an imperative building block to enable the transition of Europe's energy system from fossil fuel dependence towards renewable energy.

News

Project BESTGRID has started: European Union supports four pilot projects

Four pilot projects for grid expansion will be developed and implemented within the coming 30 months. During the projects, new approaches to increase public acceptance and to speed up permitting procedures, while respecting or surpassing standards for environmental protection, will be tested and evaluated. [Read ↗](#)

Apr 01,13

Upcoming Events

The first public event will take place in 2014. Information will follow.

Newsletter

Please register for our newsletter here.

**The first BESTGRID workshop will take place in
May 2014**

Thanks a lot for your attention!



Co-funded by the Intelligent Energy Europe
Programme of the European Union

**BEST
GRID**