

How can funding programmes support grid operators in the energy transition?

Webinar, 22 November 2018, 3pm - 4.30pm

Autumn has arrived and with it RGI's best practice sharing season is starting again: We have teamed up with ENTSO-E to bring you a webinar that highlights the benefits and pitfalls of funding programmes established to aid the smooth implementation of grid projects needed for the energy transition.

EirGrid will present their 'Community Fund' and 'DS3 System Services' approaches, both of which have sustainable funding programmes at their core that are aimed at sensibly speeding up essential grid projects. The first distributes project funds to communities affected by the siting of overhead power lines, the latter offers financial incentives for conventional and renewable generation to provide flexible services to the system helping EirGrid to securely operate the grid while achieving Ireland's renewable targets.

We will also hear from public acceptance expert Prof. Patrick Devine-Wright, who has evaluated the 'Community Fund' programme and come up with suggestions on how to further improve it.

Agenda

Practice 1: Community fund

- (Valerie Hedin:) What is EirGrid's community fund programme?
- (Patrick Devine-Wright:) Presentation of the evaluation process by the University of Exeter:
 - What are most important findings?
 - What are most relevant recommendations?
- (Valerie Hedin:) EirGrid on how they plan to incorporate the University of Exeter's findings and how they foresee the future of their community fund programme
- Q&A: opportunity to ask questions and find out more about practice 1

Practice 2: DS3 System Services

- (Robin McCormick:) What is EirGrid's 'DS3 System Services' programme?
 - What are the main components?
 - What are first feedback results from contract partners? What are lessons learned that are relevant for others who might plan similar approaches?
 - Is this a long-term programme that EirGrid deems successful and will roll out further?
- Q&A: opportunity to ask questions and find out more about practice 2