



CEDEC PRESENTATION

CEDEC, the European Federation of Local and Regional Energy Companies, represents the interests of more than 1500 local and regional energy companies serving 85 million electricity and natural gas customers & connections, with a total turnover of 120 billion € in ten European countries: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland.

These predominantly small and medium-sized local and regional energy companies have developed activities as electricity and heat generators, electricity, gas & heat distribution system operators (including metering & data management), and energy (services) suppliers. The wide range of services provided by local utility companies is reliable, sustainable and close to the customer.

CEDEC was founded in 1992 in Brussels and has been actively advocating the interests of its membership towards decision-makers and other stakeholders in European Union policy-making processes.

CEDEC's missions consist of:

1. Representing the interest of its affiliated local and regional companies' on European level, through a continuous dialogue with policymakers in the European institutions, and through active and constructive contribution to official working groups and Commission Fora.
2. Promoting exchange of knowledge and best-practices, relating to the abovementioned areas of activity, between its members and with national and international institutions concerned.
3. Delivering services to its members by monitoring and analysing legislative and regulatory initiatives and communicating on relevant topics.

For this purpose, CEDEC pursues the following activities:

- Informing its members on ongoing and upcoming policy initiatives on European level;
- Developing common positions on relevant policy issues;
- Representing the interests of its members towards European institutions and international and national organisations;
- Organising of internal and public meetings to promote the sharing of experience, knowledge and best practices;
- Coordinating of studies and research in order to look further into the analyses in legal, economic, technical and scientific matters.



CEDEC Working Groups

CEDEC members are represented through their national experts (from national associations and local utilities) in the working groups on different issues. The working groups usually meet in Brussels on a regular as well as ad-hoc basis depending on the actual policy priorities.

Energy and Climate

All topics regarding the broader energy-related climate policies of the European Union, such as renewable energy, energy efficiency, sustainable finance and sustainable mobility.

Digitalisation

EU policy initiatives related to the digitalisation of the energy sector, notably linked with the European energy transition, as well as the interlinkages with legislative measures on digital topics like data interoperability, cybersecurity, NIS Directive, PSI Directive and GDPR.

Smart Grids

EU policy initiatives related to smart grids, smart metering systems, roles and responsibilities of the Distribution System Operator (DSO) as energy market facilitator, including data management and data communication.

Network Codes

Development and implementation of the European Network Codes for Electricity relevant for Distribution System Operators (DSOs).

Gas

Strategic gas topics and EU policies relevant for local and regional gas companies and the gas DSOs, including the development and implementation of the European Network Codes for Gas relevant for Distribution System Operators (DSOs).

Heating and Cooling

EU policies regarding district heating and cooling, , such as the mainstreaming of renewables in the heating and cooling sector.

Grid Tariffs

Analyse the different grid tariff models and related regulatory systems across EU Member States, and develop policy recommendations for future-proof grid tariff models.

Trading

Legislative proposals affecting energy trading such as MIFID, REMIT, ETS, balancing issues, capacity mechanisms as well as general issues in wholesale markets.

Consumers

How to improve the functioning of the energy retail markets for all types of consumers and especially for the vulnerable consumers.



Members

- Alliance of the Producers of Ecological Energy - Bulgaria
- ELE - France
- Elinorr - Sweden
- FNCCR - France
- FNSICAE - France
- INTER-REGIES - Belgium
- Lokalkraft Sverige - Sweden
- Multidis - Switzerland
- Netbeheer Nederland - The Netherlands
- Samfunnsbedriftene - Norway
- Synergrid - Belgium
- Utilitalia - Italy
- Verband kommunaler Unternehmen Deutschland - Germany
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Secretary General: Gert De Block

Gert is a Belgian national and has been the Secretary General of CEDEC since 1996. After previous work experience as financial analyst and consultant on management information systems, he has been in the public energy sector on Belgian & European level since 1992. Gert holds a master degree in economic sciences and an MBA in financial sciences.