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ETIP SNET presents Vision 2050, paving the way for the transition towards integrated low carbon European Energy Systems by 2050

The European Technology and Innovation Platform – Smart Networks for Energy Transition (ETIP SNET), headed by HEDNO Chairman and CEO, Mr. N. Chatziargyriou, presented yesterday in Brussels its vision for the development of energy systems in Europe by 2050, “Vision 2050”.

With “Vision 2050”, ETIP SNET formulates a clear strategy for a holistic approach of future energy systems, including electric power, natural gas, liquid fuels, heating and transportation and storage systems, focusing on smart and strong power networks.

“Vision 2050” is the vision for the transformation of the European energy system to a low carbon, safe, reliable, flexible, accessible and financially efficient system, servicing the society and paving the path for a circular economy fully detached from carbon by 2050, while at the same time maintaining and expanding its internationally leading role during the energy transition.

In the event for the official presentation of “Vision 2050”, Mr. Chatzargyriou, after warmly thanking the over 200 expert scientists that worked in this research, stated:

“Having as a driving force the intersectoral cooperation of the markets and digitalization, European citizens are the key protagonists in this transition towards integrated low carbon energy systems”.

EU Commissioner for Climate Action and Energy, Mr. Miguel Arias Canete, states in the prologue of the 50-page edition of “Vision 2050”:

“I am convinced that Vision 2050 shall be adopted by all stakeholders and shall encourage ETIP SNET to continue its efforts for research and development, contributing its specialized knowledge and scientific experience to make energy transition a reality.”



Apart from the Chairman of ETIP SNET, Mr. N. Chatzyargyriou, the following attended the presentation of "Vision 2050": Konstantin Staschus and Thierry Le Boucher, Mr. Christian Buchel, EDSO chairman, Mr. Haitze Siemens, who was recently assigned as the head of Unit C2 of DG Energy, as well as many other significant personalities from the European energy market.

ETIP SNET was set up following the initiative of the Directorate-General for Energy of the European Commission with the participation of all actors in the field of electricity (Transmission & Distribution Operators, Equipment & Telecommunication Companies, Research Centers and Universities, Consumers' Associations, Regulatory Authorities, Representatives of Member States etc), aiming at promoting the vision for the advanced Electric Networks of the Future. The platform is part of the wider EU Strategy on Energy and Technology (SET Plan - Strategic Energy Technology).

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