

PRESS RELEASE

Jean-Christophe Clément, new Smart Grids project manager for the Côte d'Azur region at the Capenergies Competitiveness Cluster



6 April 2016 – The Capenergies Competitiveness Cluster has appointed Jean-Christophe Clément as Project Manager. He will take over responsibility for coordinating projects in the Alpes Maritimes region for FLEXGRID – winner of the national call for projects for wide-scale deployment of smart grids, backed by the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur Region. Jean-Christophe will also work with Université Côte d'Azur on the Smart Campus Nice Sophia Antipolis project – a smart campus that will act as an innovative hub, with an experimental smart grid deployed by major players from the worlds of academia and industry. Jean-Christophe Clément has been seconded to Capenergies from the Nice Côte d'Azur Chamber of Commerce and Industry, funded by the cluster in accordance with

the partnership agreement signed in January 2016. Under the agreement, the two organisations are looking to work together to help promote the development of smart grids across the Côte d'Azur region.

Jean-Christophe Clément has an engineering degree from Arts & Métiers ParisTech and, in 2006, took additional specialist qualifications in sustainable development and energy management. He joined the French Environment and Energy Management Agency's (ADEME) International Expert Unit on Energy Management in 2007 as international project developer and manager, before going on to found his own energy management consulting firm. He joined the Nice Côte d'Azur CCI in 2010 as an energy expert and project manager, with a view to fostering a community around new energy solutions for the energy transition in the Côte d'Azur region and to helping firms in the region's energy sector grow their business and create new jobs. His notable achievements in this role included designing and implementing the Côte d'Azur Smart Grids Charter, the Smart Grids Club, and Eco'énergies, focusing on guaranteed energy results and third-party investment. As Capenergies project manager, he is continuing his efforts to grow the smart grids sector in Côte d'Azur.

About the Capenergies Competitiveness Cluster

The Capenergies Competitiveness Cluster, which focuses on the production of low-carbon energy, has more than 1,400 partners and 540 members, including businesses, research and training organisations, and financial backers. The cluster supports innovative projects in three key, market-oriented areas:

- Energy efficiency and rational energy use
- Meeting the energy needs of island systems and remote areas
- Increasing low-carbon energy as a percentage of the energy mix

The cluster fosters networking and helps its members play a leading role in the energy transition across the areas in which it works: PACA, Corsica, Principality of Monaco, Guadeloupe and Reunion.

To date, Capenergies has certified 570 innovative projects and funded an additional 334 projects, with a total budget in excess of €1 billion.

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