Drivers for change and key priorities of the French electricity industry
Key priorities for the French electricity industry

- The French electricity industry aims to be at the forefront of the energy transition

- Our members are developing and implementing the solutions needed to foster renewable energy deployment, digitalisation and energy efficiency

- They are innovating in all segments of the value chain, from production to retail markets

- We believe electrification is key in the transition towards an efficient and decarbonised European economy
Setting the investment framework right

- A market-based approach is the most efficient way towards a decarbonised economy: the EU ETS should be the main instrument to achieve it.

- Renewable deployment and energy efficiency objectives are useful, but should remain sufficiently flexible to allow for the best choice of technologies.

- To make the energy transition happen, we need a stable investment framework:
  - A strengthened EU ETS signal
  - Appropriate rules for capacity mechanisms at European level
  - Calls for tender for specific renewable energy sources should remain possible
Demand-side response: allowing diversity (as long as it does not hamper the internal market)

- Demand-side response is and will be a growing source of flexibility for the electricity system.

- Various models (explicit, implicit...) for the valorisation of demand-side response can be implemented based on national circumstances: they should be allowed to coexist as long as they are compatible with the internal market.

- The French model has allowed for a significant development of demand-side response capacities: stability and non-retroactivity are crucial.
Harmonising for a reason

- Further regional cooperation is needed to allow for more cross-border trade

- It should build on existing network codes and structures so as to maximise efficiency and focus on immediate results

- «Quick» wins are possible without a full harmonisation of balancing models nor transfers of operationnal responsibility at European level
Opening new possibilities... without endangering the key principles of the electricity system

- The development of decentralised energy and active consumers is a key opportunity for the electricity sector to innovate.

- The European framework should ensure active consumers are not faced with any discrimination (be it positive or negative).

- Innovation can happen without endangering the key principles of the current European model: unbundling, competition and cost-reflective charges.