

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 operational 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

