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Turning vision into action

For almost 100 years, electricity has been at the heart of our everyday life. Today, it is an essential part of modern society. It powers our homes, our businesses and our communities. Yet, despite the many benefits that electricity has delivered, its full potential remains largely untapped, accounting for only 20% of end use energy consumption in Europe.

The realisation of electricity's potential as a transformative force in tackling decarbonisation has driven the electricity sector across Europe to step up and meet the challenge of climate change. Eurelectric is paving the way by articulating a clear vision for a carbon neutral energy future, powered by clean and renewable technologies.

The 2018 “Decarbonisation Pathways” study shows the need for deeper electrification (up to 60%) to meet the Paris Agreement objectives. To that end, it is necessary to create an energy system powered by clean electricity, supported by a best in class DSO operating model and underpinned by an efficient investment framework. Equally, consumer behaviour will need to change to enable a shift towards a decarbonised economy, with the citizen at its heart.

This Presidency team will focus on turning this vision into action. We will work with our members to identify how to deliver widespread electrification and enable the development of critical infrastructure for the transition. In parallel, we will work on gaining insights into the needs of customers and society. To achieve these objectives, the Presidency team has defined the following three priorities:

Lead a timely transition to a carbon-neutral future, with electrification as the key driver

- **Bring evidence** to policy-makers that electrification offers the most cost-effective pathway to decarbonising a significant part of our society;
- **Create and develop** electrification roadmaps, taking into consideration the different starting points of each country and region;
- **Promote** the key role of smart and resilient electricity infrastructure in achieving the energy transition and especially in supporting DSOs to fulfill their role as crucial enablers of the transition;
- **Identify and develop** strong synergies with other sectors, such as transport, heating and industry.

Deliver the decarbonised electricity system of the future

- **Work** with policy makers to deliver market-based investment frameworks and market design, facilitating cost efficiency, stability and predictability;
- **Deliver** a resilient energy system reflecting the true costs and benefits of increased flexibility, with a stronger role for data and digitalisation;
- **Monitor progress** of the energy transition and clarify difficulties along the way;
- **Drive innovation** towards carbon neutral technologies in all sectors of the energy system.

Increase societal acceptance and involvement of citizens in the energy transition

- **Strive** for a fair, efficient and just transition for all customers, whereby the costs of the energy transition – and their impact on the final electricity price – are made transparent and shared fairly amongst all;
 - **Cooperate** with policy makers to put in place inclusive measures that ensure broad social acceptance of the energy transition, taking into account its distributional effects;
 - **Show** our customers how energy suppliers' corporate social responsibility contributes to delivering the energy transition;
 - **Identify new ways** to engage our customers in leading low-carbon lifestyles, helping them fulfill their individual responsibility and increasing their awareness of the benefits of the transition.
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In line with its mission, Eurelectric seeks to contribute to the competitiveness of the electricity industry, to provide effective representation for the industry in public affairs, and to promote the role of electricity both in the advancement of society and in helping provide solutions to the challenges of sustainable development.

Eurelectric's formal opinions, policy positions and reports are formulated in Working Groups, composed of experts from the electricity industry, supervised by five Committees. This "structure of expertise" ensures that Eurelectric's published documents are based on high-quality input with up-to-date information.

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