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SMART METERING: THE MARCOGAZ VISION

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Abstract

Smart metering system is a hot issue today in Europe.

A policy concerning energy is under development in Europe.

The main objectives of interest to gas industry and consumers are:

- energy efficiency and hence the consequential reduction of CO₂;
- competition for energy commercialization;
- distribution cost control;
- consumer protection and pricing transparency;
- improvements in customer service.

Marcogaz Members representing more than 100 million installed domestic gas meter in Europe owned by Distribution System Operators and Meters Operators and Facogaz Members representing more than 90% of the gas meters manufactured in Europe are participating in the European debate considering the introduction of the gas smart metering system.

The Marcogaz/Facogaz position paper considers the possible additional functionalities to the gas meter, the definitions, the benefits and the technical considerations.

This document is a reference for the European Standardisation Bodies to develop standards under the Mandate M/441, so that the free circulation of gas meters in Europe will not be prohibited.