

# Energy Transition towards a Cellular Smart Grid

## Community – Grid Edge – Flexibility & Power Quality

- Empowering Energy Citizens
- Building Regulated Smart Community Energy
- Enabling the higher-levels of Stable Renewable Energy (RE) Penetration needed
- Enabling local small-scale Inertia-rich Flexible Plant
- Developing, from Small-scale, Cellular Smart Grid Systems
- Providing Structured Test Beds for Smart Energy Systems
- Increasing Skills Pool for Smart Energy Engineering & Business

Smart Cell by SMART Cell – Making the Grid easier to manage  
Through Smart Community Local energy Balancing  
And Community-based Grid Support Systems



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# The Struggle Ahead

- **Climate change:** Eliminate Greenhouse Gases
- **Security of supply** concerns: economic and political dependency on imported fuels

...a major pillar of Europe's energy policy is  
*to increase the contribution of low-carbon and locally or regionally available fuels* i.e. **Community & Distributed Clean Energy Generation.**

**STRICT OBLIGATION TO ACHIEVE NEAR-ZERO CARBON ENERGY BY 2050**

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Can Communities create the Secret  
Ingredients to Tip the Balance in  
favor of Success?



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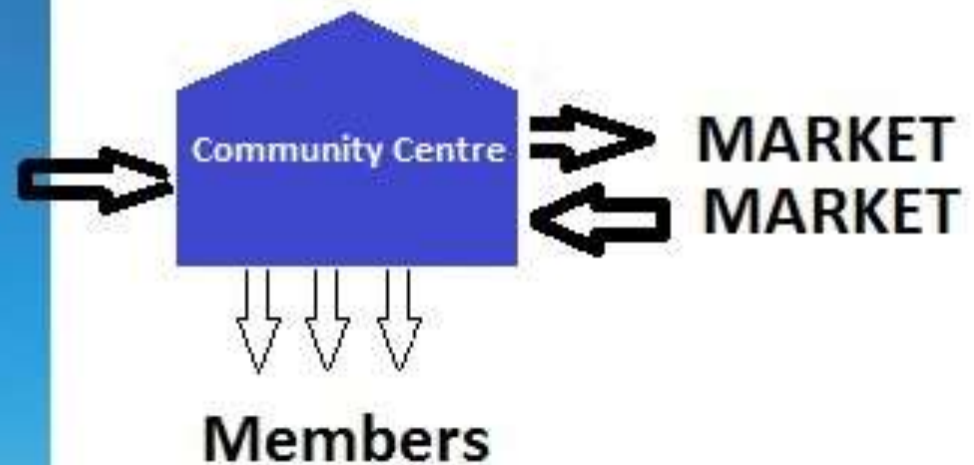
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# The Challenge of Community & Distributed Energy Generation

Unregulated Distributed Generation can cause disturbances in the distribution network, e.g.:

- Congestion when local production is higher than the maximum local consumption
- Increased local phase imbalances
- Reversed power flows from the distribution network to the transmission network
- Voltage disturbances.

*This limits the amount that the DSO (ESBN) will allow.*

Unregulated Community & Distributed Generation also can cause system imbalances:

- Virtually impossible to forecast/invisible to Grid
- Mostly based on asynchronous technology and therefore reduces the total synchronous power and inertia in the grid.

*Has to be compensated by increased flexibility from producers and/or consumers.*

# The Situation Today in Ireland

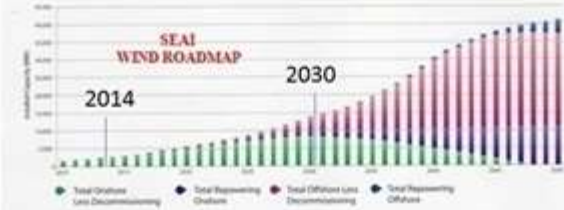
Ireland is facing into a period of severe complications – complications which will see Growth in Renewable Energy causing severe problems for the Grid



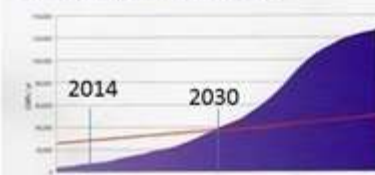
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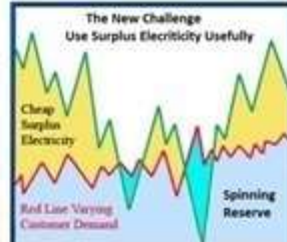
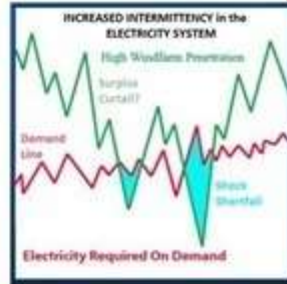
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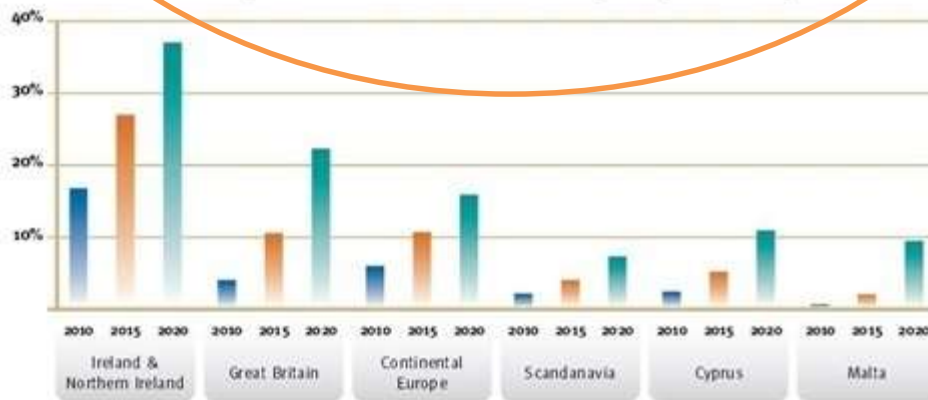
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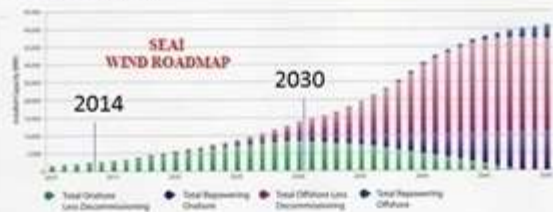
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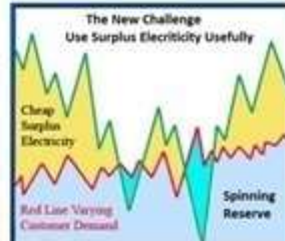
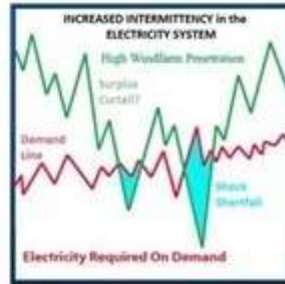
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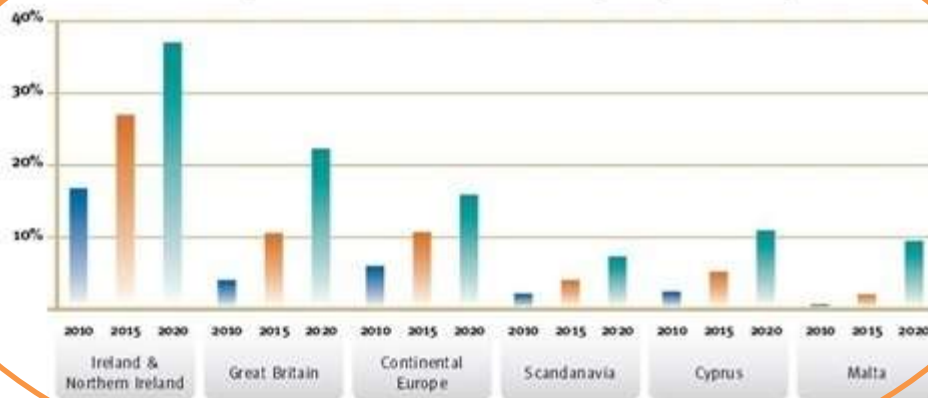
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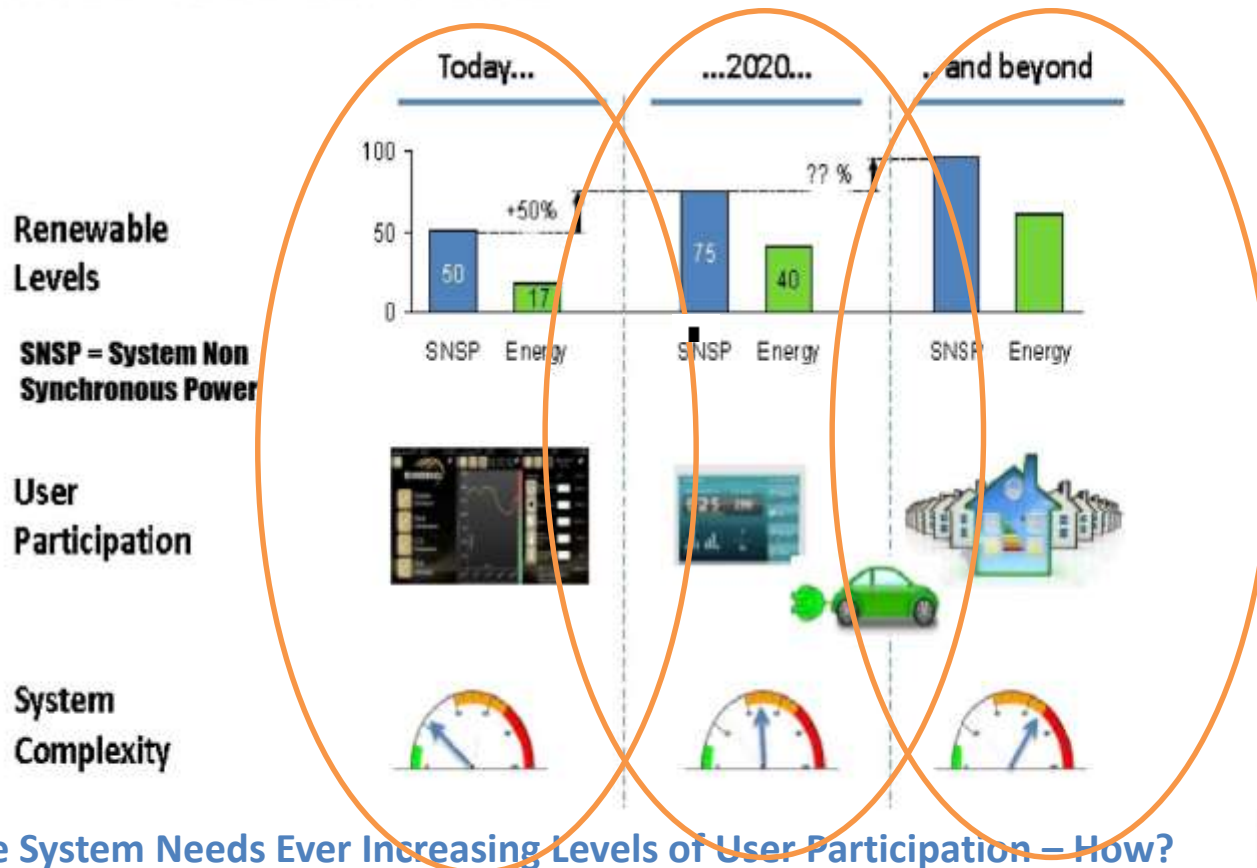
The National Grid is made possible by  
Synchronizing Power from many Synchronous  
Generators

In Ireland today most Renewable Energy Generators  
are Asynchronous – They produce Non Synchronous  
Power which eats up Synchronous Power – This is  
unsustainable and will lead to severe barriers to  
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# The National Challenge facing Grid & Community

## The System needs Smart Solutions

The drivers for Smart Grids



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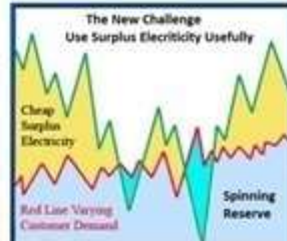
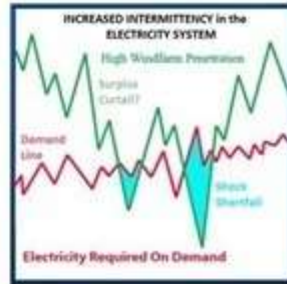
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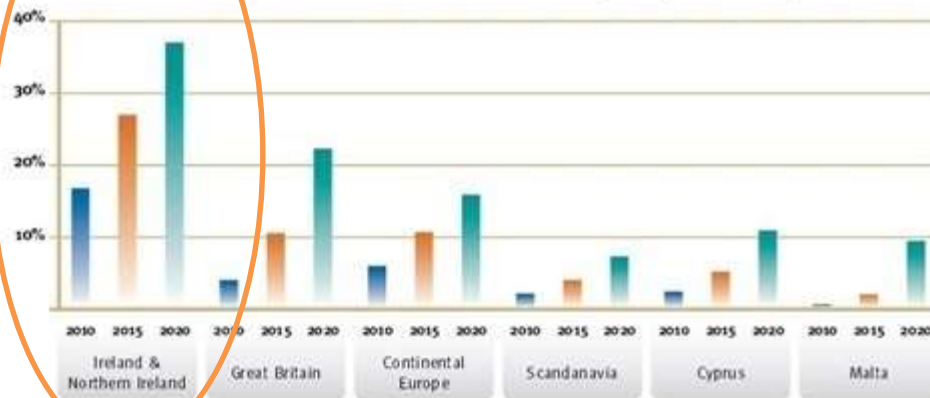
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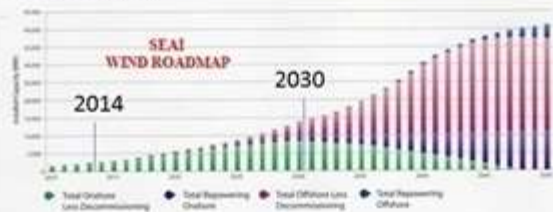
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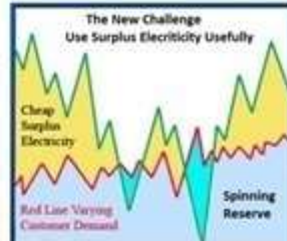
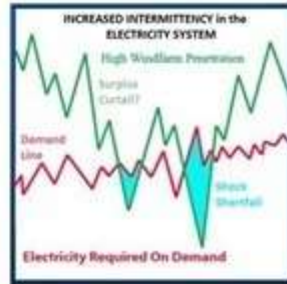
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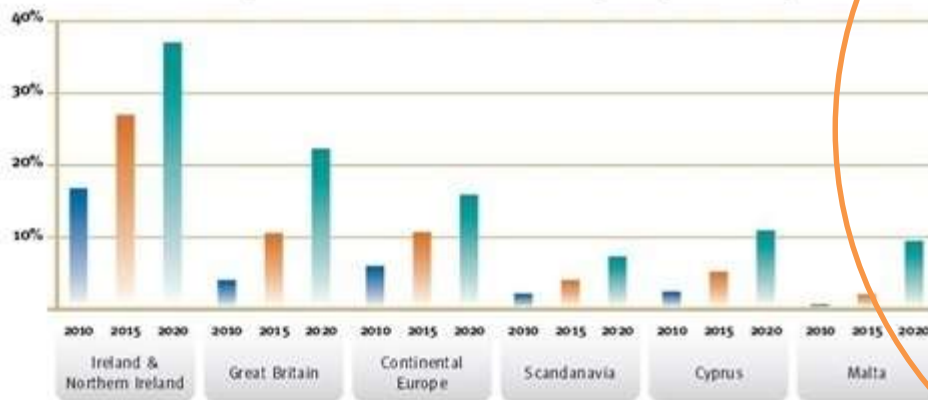
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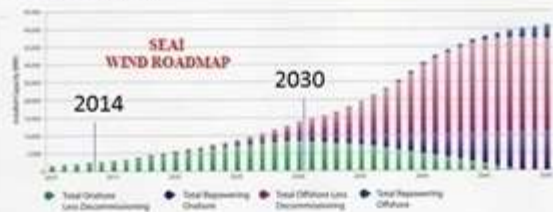
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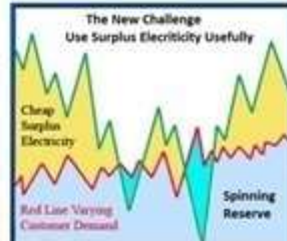
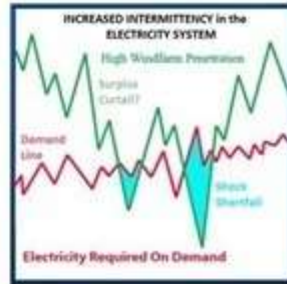
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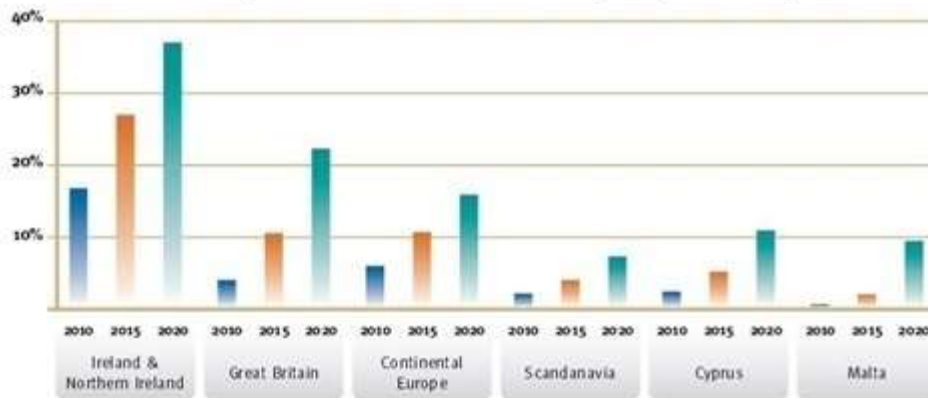


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Grid-Edge - Solutions

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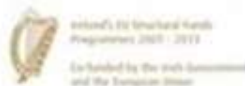


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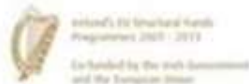
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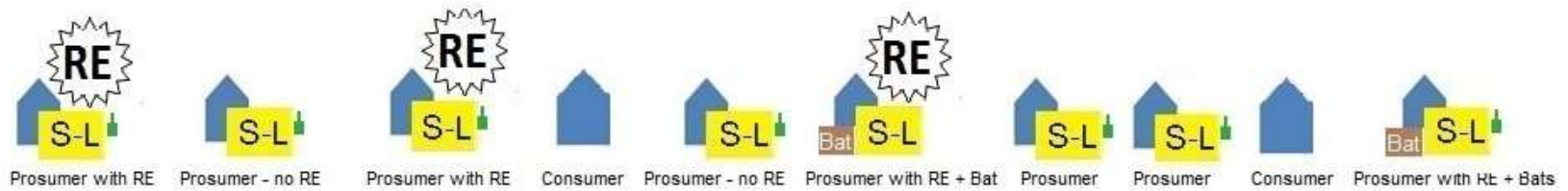
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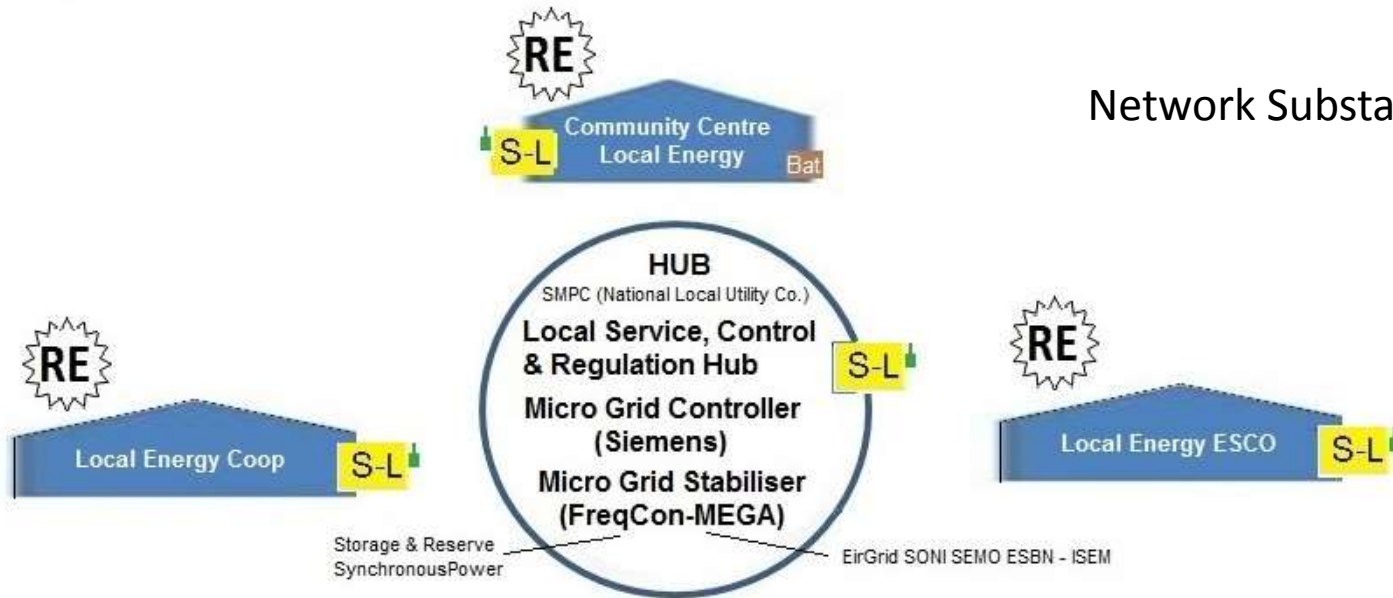
**Vision for Common Community Action**

1. Develop Test & Certify the Tallaght Smart Grid Framework, through openness to all viable Collaborations, & the growth in Number and Size of intermeshing Smart Micro Energy Clusters embedded in LV System with one Super Cluster as the Hub.
2. Spread to 30 new Test Beds across Ireland:
  - Future Local Community-Owned Smart Grid Framework Systems
  - Candidate Smart Grid Hardened Nodes

# Smart Micro Energy Cluster



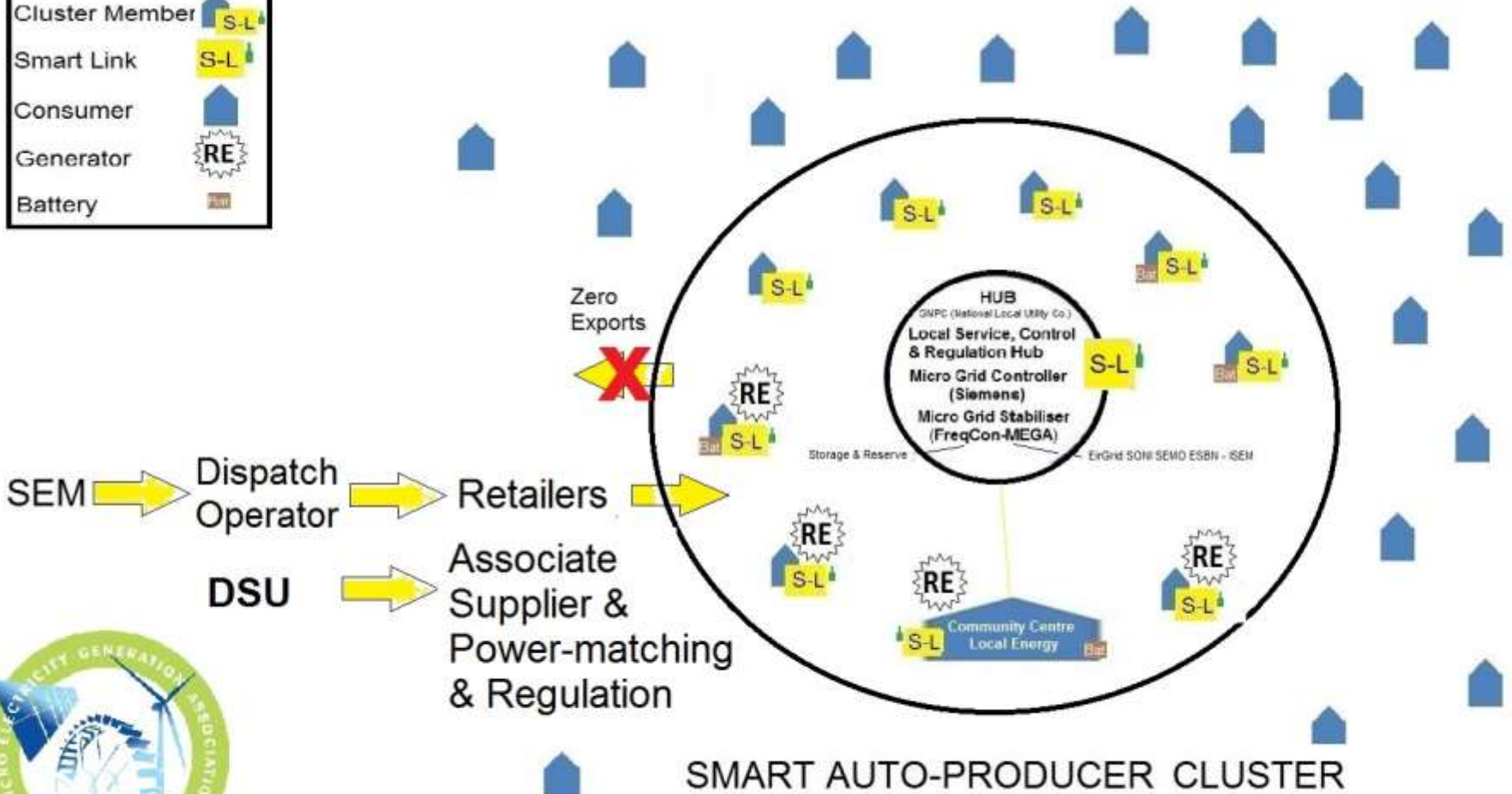
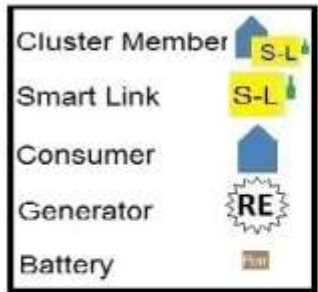
## Network Substation Area



Grid-Edge -Behind-the-Meter – **Communities of Willing Prosumers** – Interconnected by Internet protocol Prosumer Smart Meter I/O Power Matching Controller Units enabling Smart Real-Time Local Electricity Power Matching – Local Consumption/Recycling of Local Clean Electricity in Real-time – Forming Intelligent Smart Micro Energy Cells intermeshed nationally – providing valuable Grid Support & Rapid Response.



# Micro-Energy Working with the Market



Local Power-Matching Group - Early Smart Grid

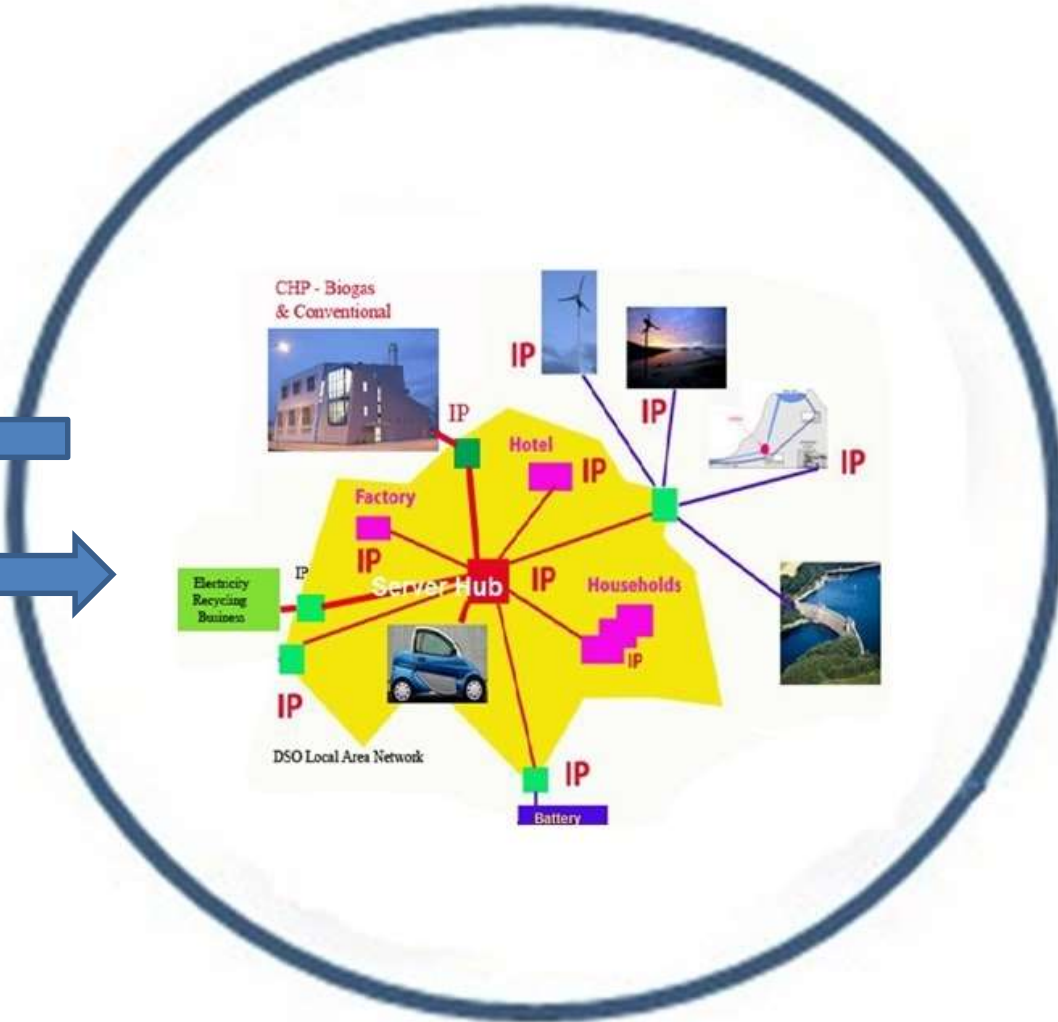


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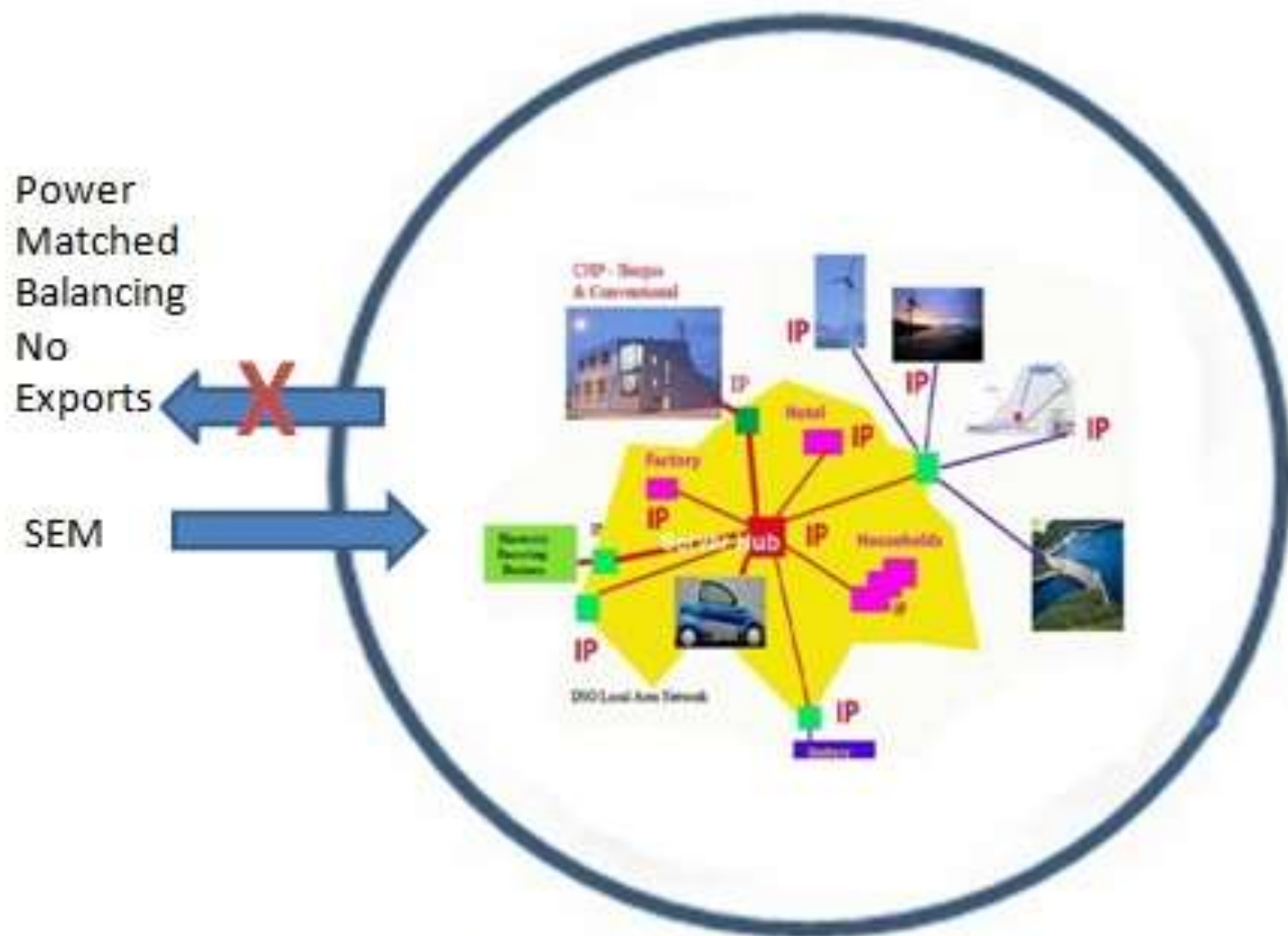
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# Community Energy Utility Company

The **CEU Co.** Can Rally Community of Prosumers to Stabilize the Grid?



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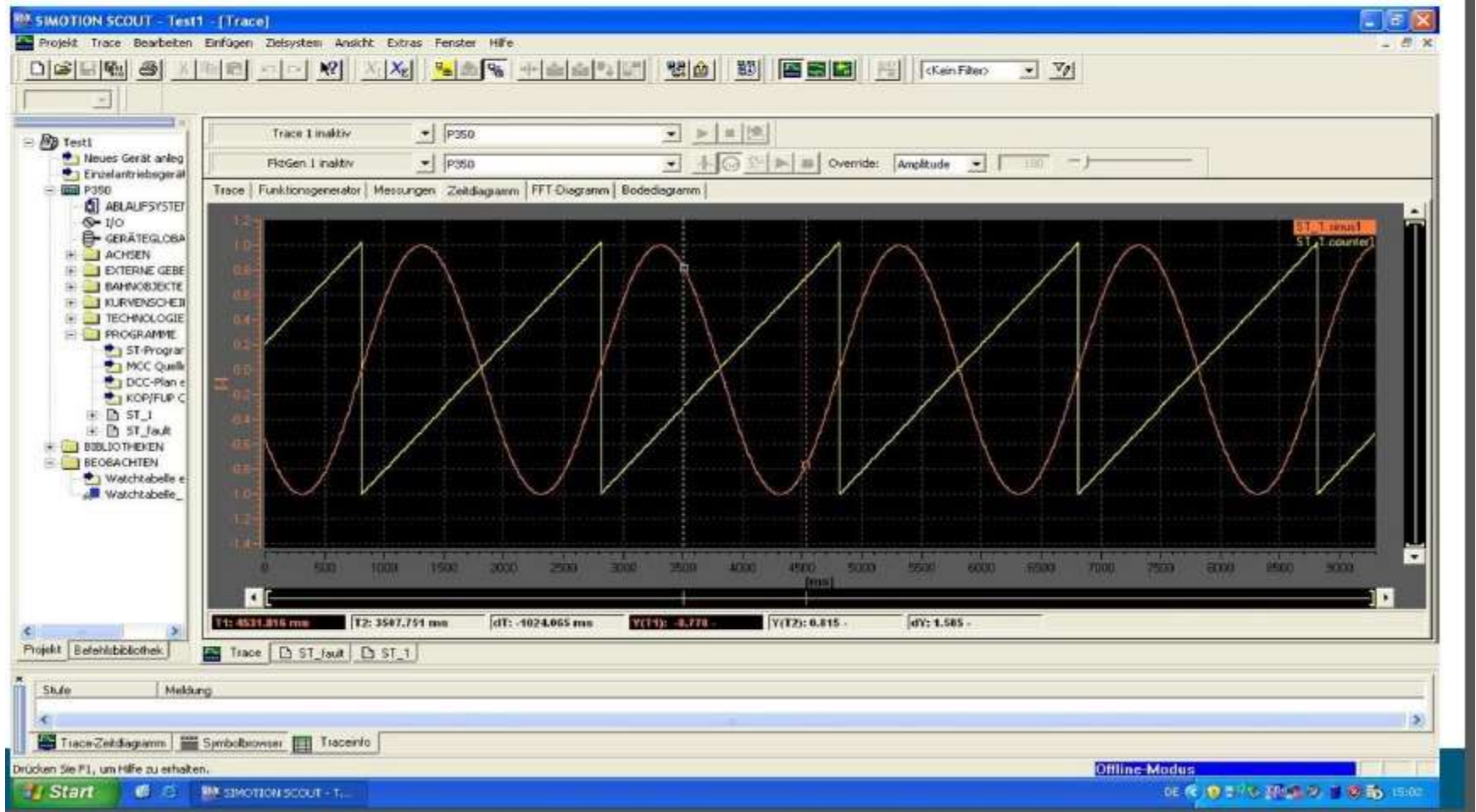


# Micro Grid Stabiliser



300 kW - High Speed Response – Ultra Cap Driven – Statcom – Lit-Ion  
+ Lead Carbon Bats - Phase Balancing – Harmonic Suppression – PQ  
Rectifier – 2 DC/AC + 2 DC/DC Converters – PMU Equipped  
**SMART MICRO ENERGY CELL AUTO-REGULATOR**

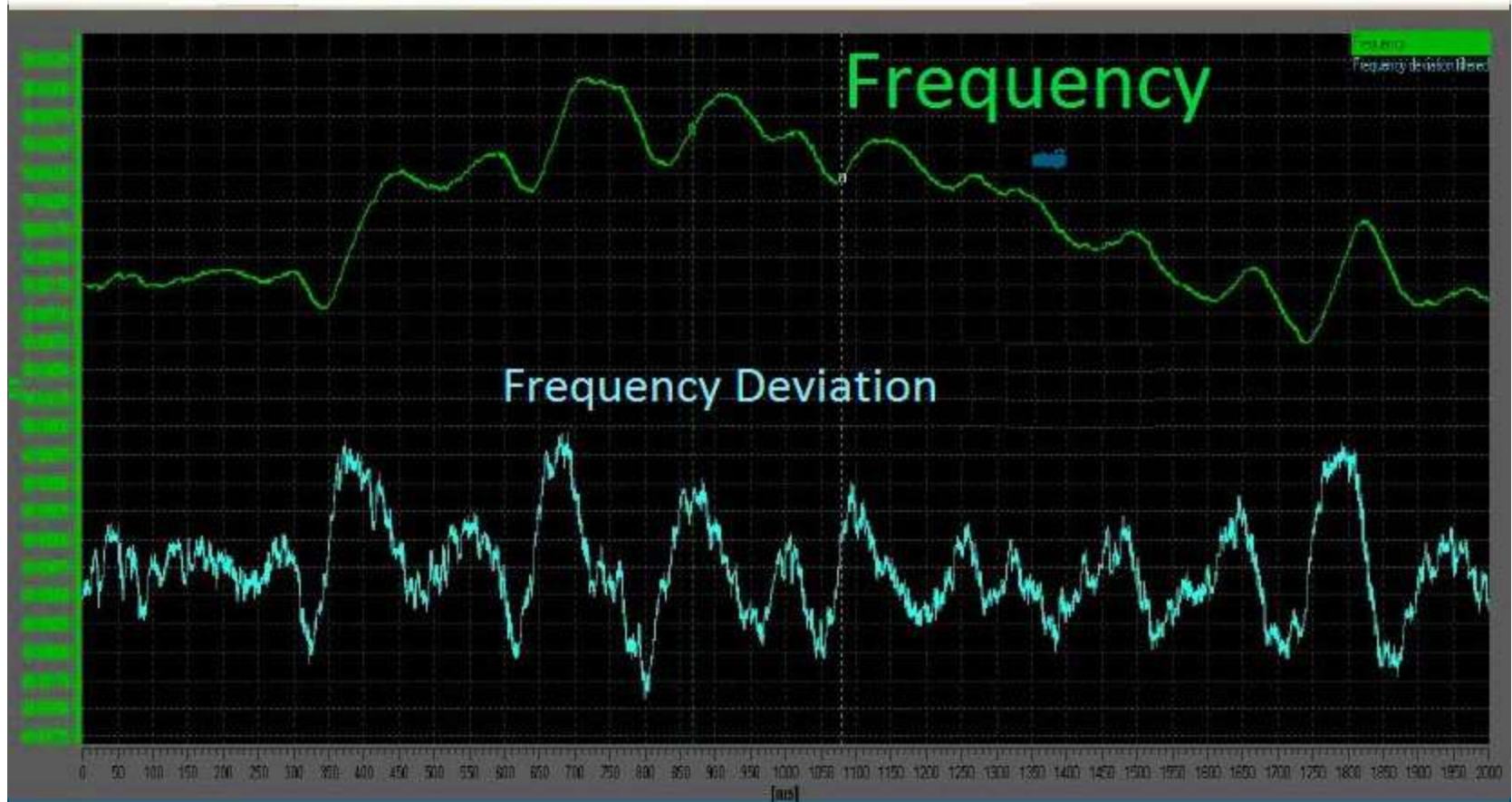
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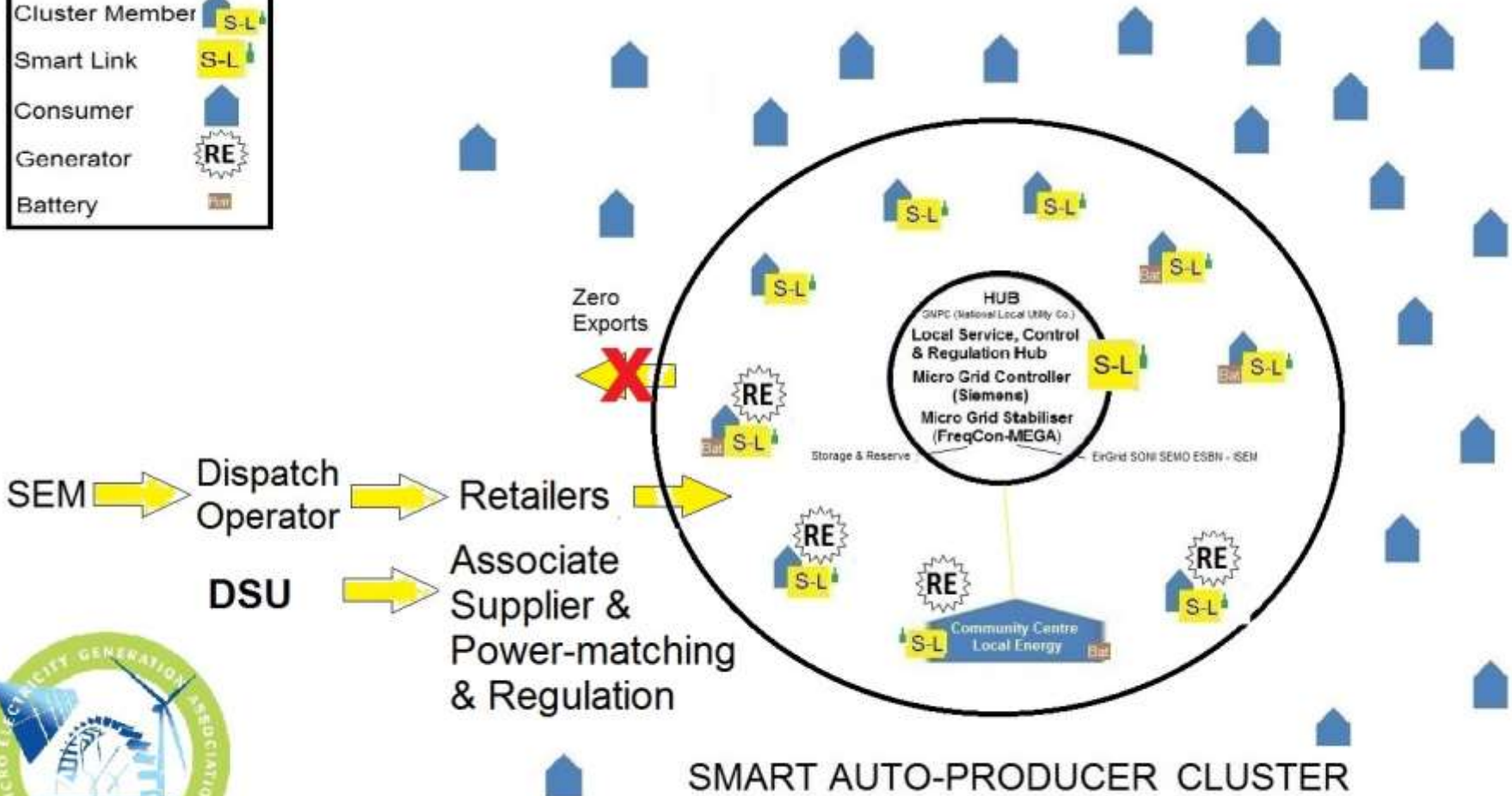
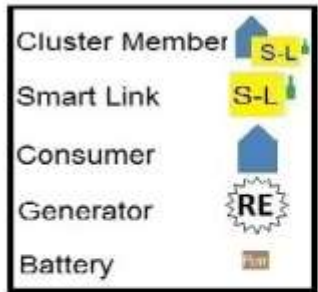
# ROCOF Rate of Change of Frequency

Measurement Resolution: **1mHz/sec** , **10 msec**  
(normal grid situation)



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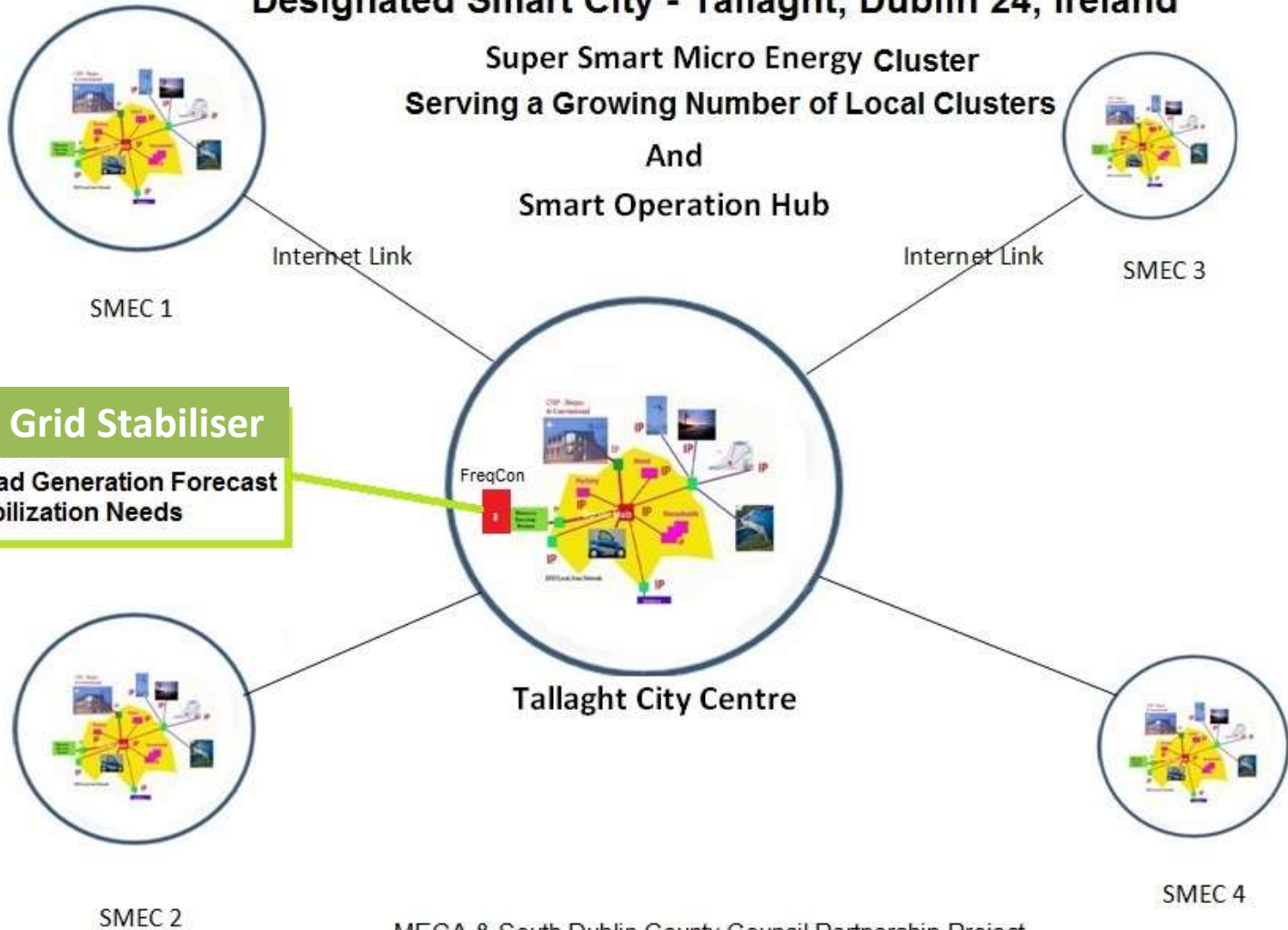
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Phase 1 WIP  
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 2 Community Centres  
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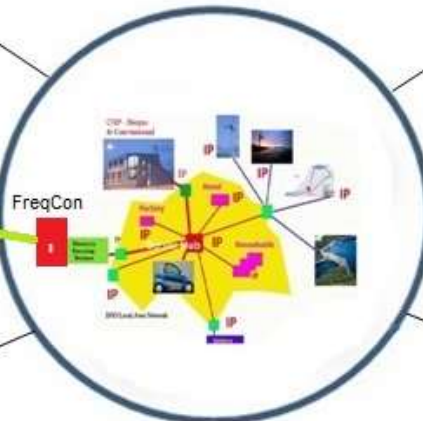


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**Micro Grid Stabiliser**  
 Day Ahead Generation Forecast  
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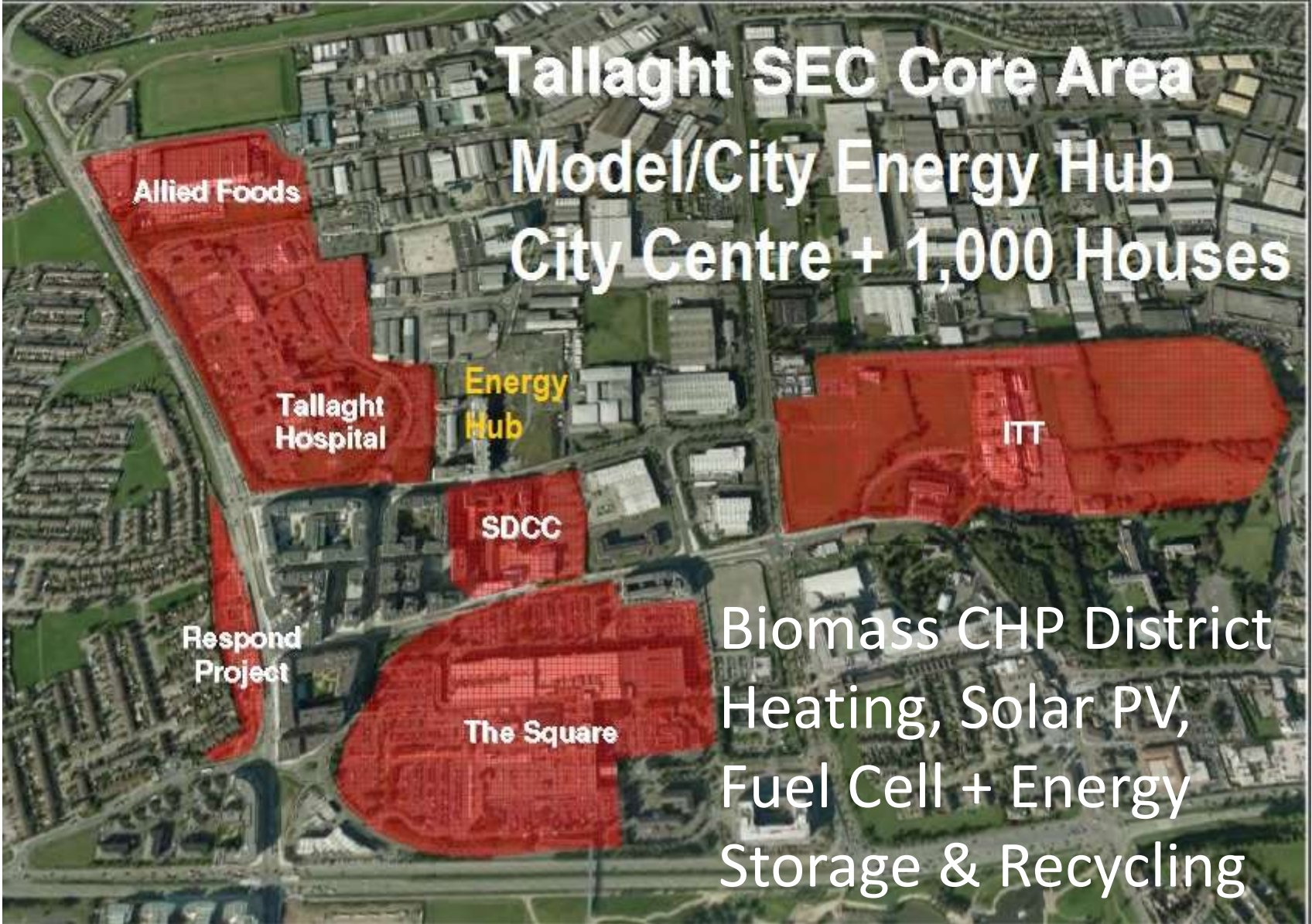


Phase 2 WIP  
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 Community Centre  
 GAA Club  
 NS School  
 19 Prosumers



WIP 2015  
 Whitechurch D24  
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## Smart Micro Energy Test Bed



## Early Cellular Smart Grid

- Replication of Smart Grid Test Bed into 30 additional locations across Ireland.
- Automation by one Transactive Energy Trading Platform
- Aggregating Power Balancing & Flexibility Services on a National Level
- Directly connected to the System Operators providing intelligent distributed data and forecasting information in advance in real-time – Data Analytics. 35

# In a Nutshell

Community Energy Grid Support Services - the Key to Grid Resiliency - future Near-Zero Carbon Energy system:

1. Grow Inter-meshed Smart Energy Cells in Size and Number to enable increased RE Penetration while making the Grid easier to Manage – Pillar 1 Cellular Smart Grid.
2. Smart Energy Cells enhance Demand Response, Ultra-high Frequency Response and can switch to VPP mode for short periods to buy time for Central Grid Response – Pillar 2 Cellular Smart Grid
3. This is the fair way forward for Communities



# The Smart Grid solution

- High number of distributed renewable electricity producers as explicit price-makers.
- Increased participation of flexible consumers in the market, preferably as explicit price-makers (prosumers)

# Through:

- Price-maker aggregators in the wholesale market (like AGU and DSU)
- Eventually:  $\mu$ Grids (Distribution Network) to compensate for increased local disturbances in real-time

*Will they talk to each other?*

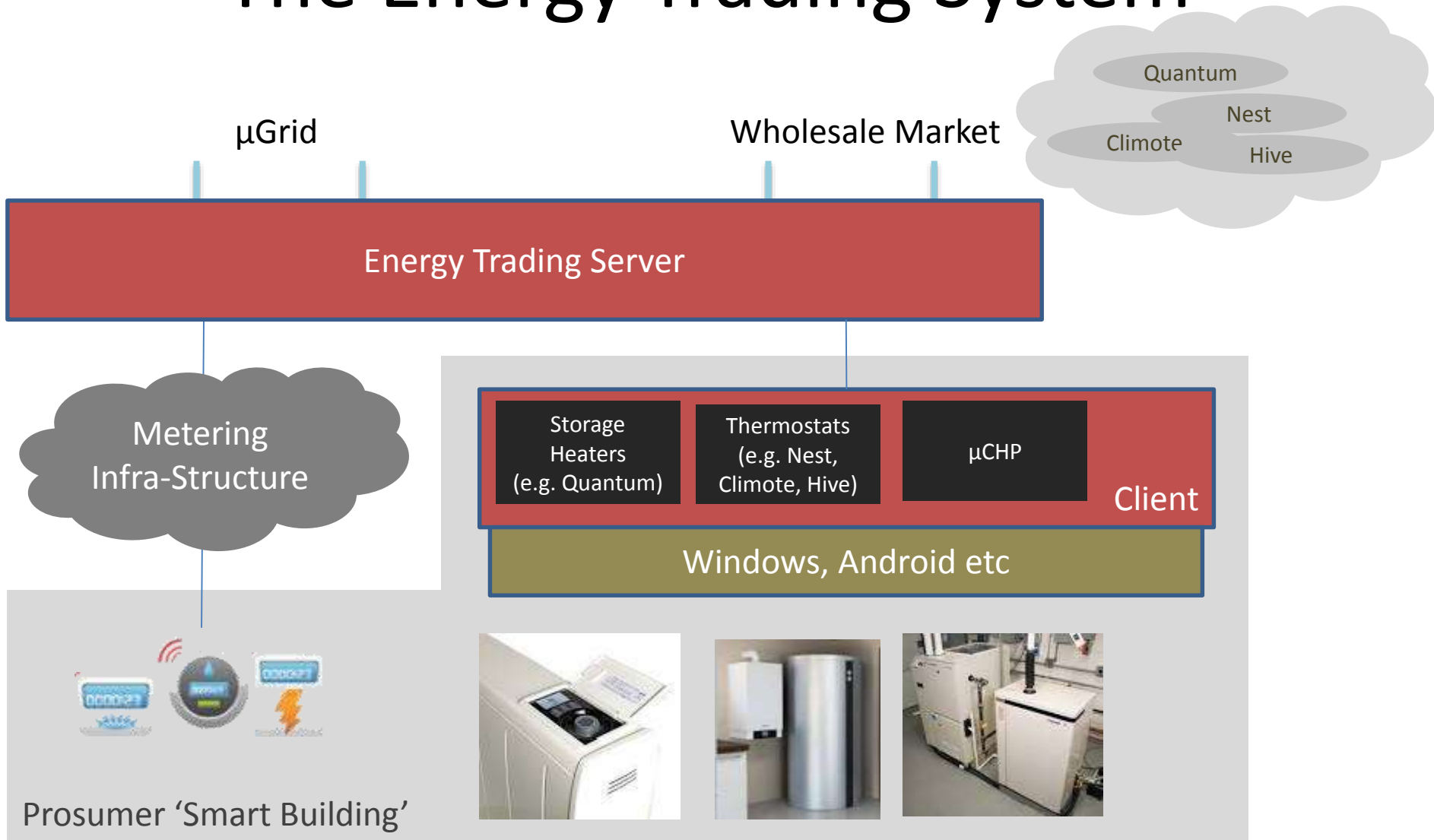
# MEGA Solution:

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Trading of energy between **prosumers** in the same community eco-system: prosumers operate in a market physically restricted to the local distribution network ( $\mu$ Grid)

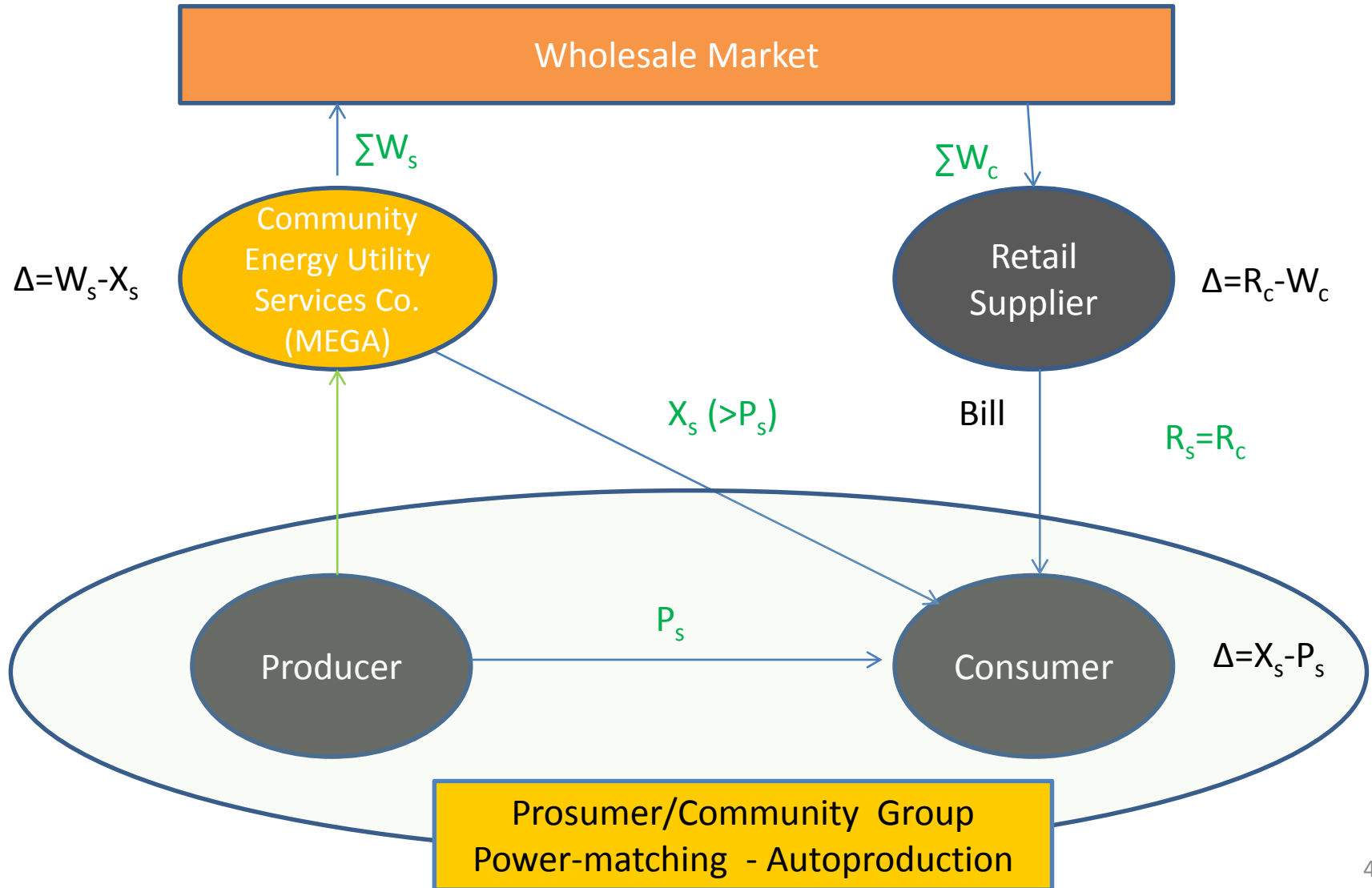
- Power Matching: matching local Production with local Consumption through trading (i.e. planning)
- Capacity  $\mu$ Pool for real-time compensation:
  - Sell ancillary services capacity (DS3) to wholesale market
  - Sell compensation capacity to  $\mu$ Grid

# The Energy Trading System



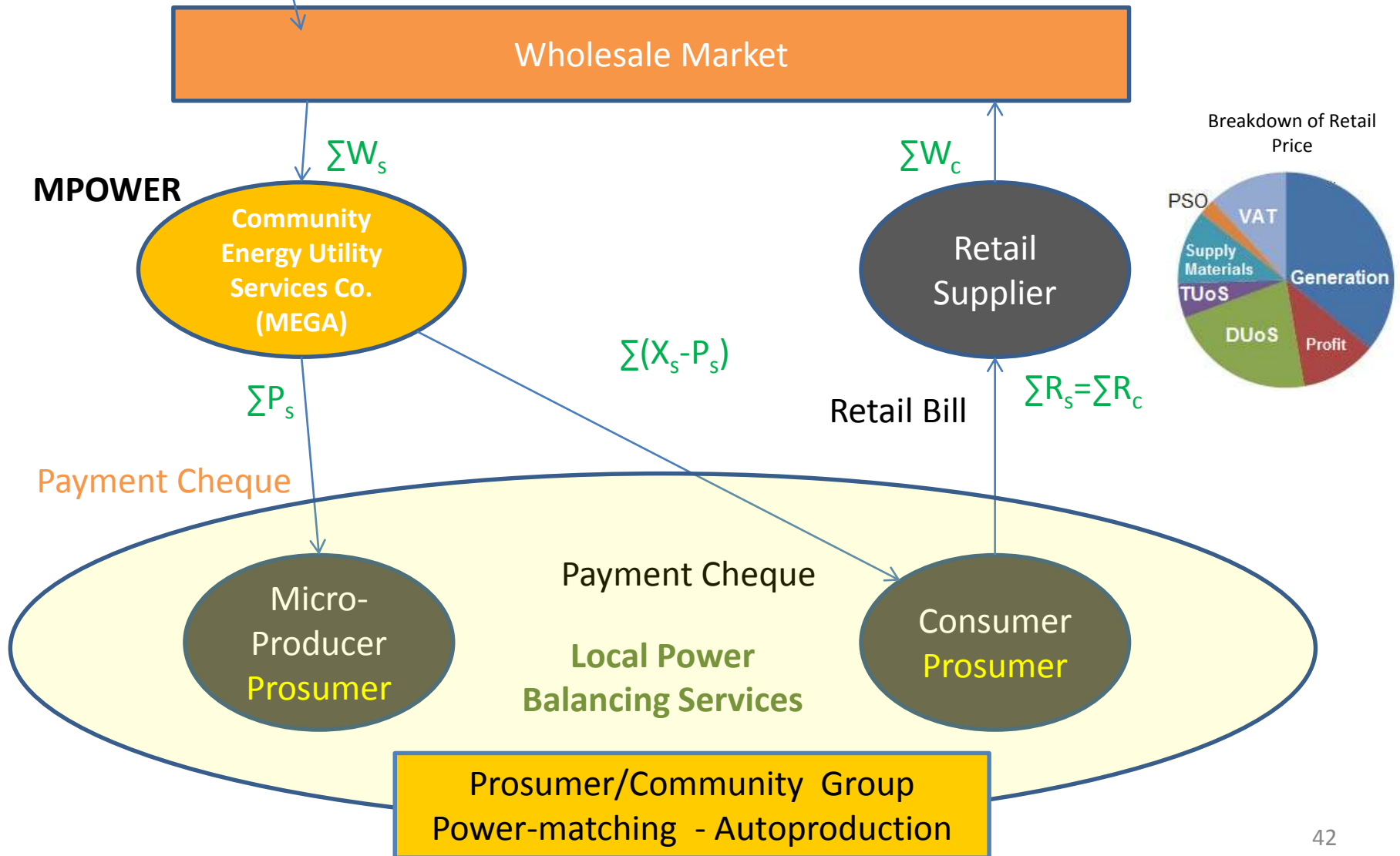


# Power Matching Trade



# Settlement

Flexibility & Balancing  
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# Rapid Development Project of National Interest



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