

### **USmartConsumer**



## Real-time feedback to kick-start consumer interest

Results of public research to facilitate a large-scale roll out on smart metering in the Netherlands.

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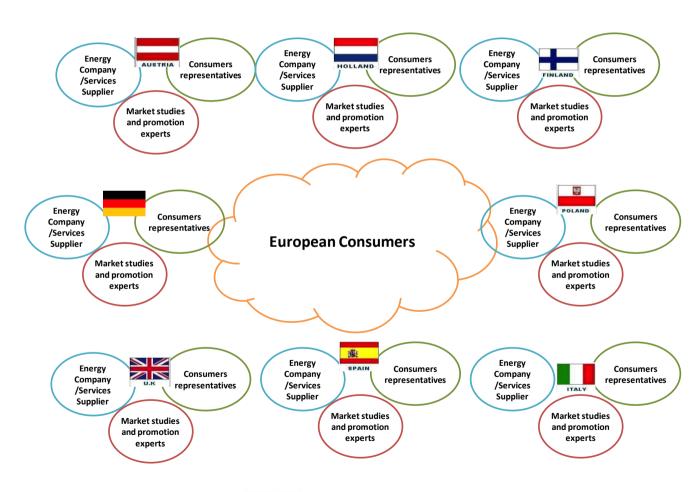


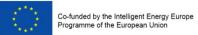


### Part 1: UsmartConsumer



### **Market development for smart metering services**





### **Market activation tools**



#### Research, communication, consumer campaigns, stakeholder meetings

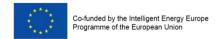
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- Innovative services factsheets for consumers
- Market survey on consumers' interests and segmentation
- Consumer campaigns and communication instruments
- Roundtables and national workshops involving the key market actors
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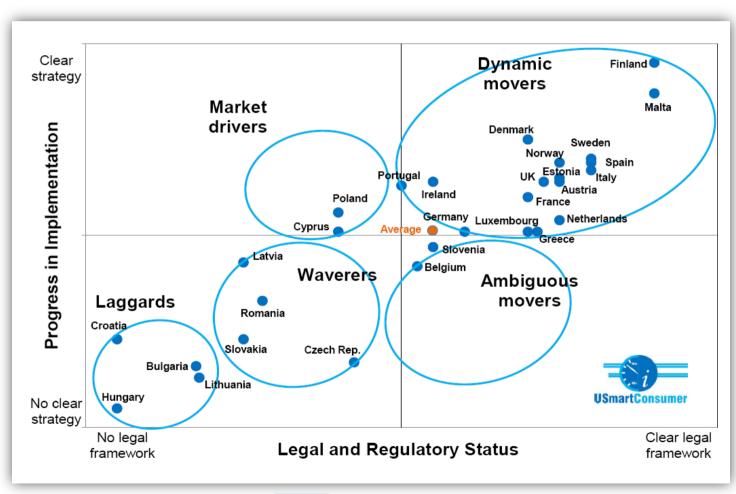
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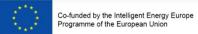






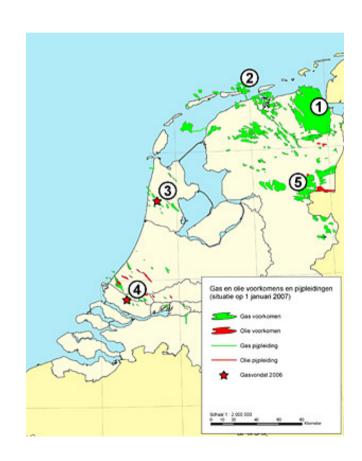
### The European Map of smart meters and innovative services





# Part 2: smart meters in NL short introduction

- 17 million people, 8 million connections
- Dual fuel nation
  - 1959: natural gas in Slochteren, Groningen
  - 2000: > 95% gas connection
  - 2015: less extraction due to seismic effects
- Natural gas major residential load for
  - cooking (85%)
  - heating (97%)
- Smart Meter business case (2011)
  - Costs: app. € 3.3 billion
  - Benefits: € 4.1 billion
  - Mainly calculated energy savings
- Legal roll-out in NL
  - Delivering smart meters: network operators
  - Tools for consumer engagement: market responsibility



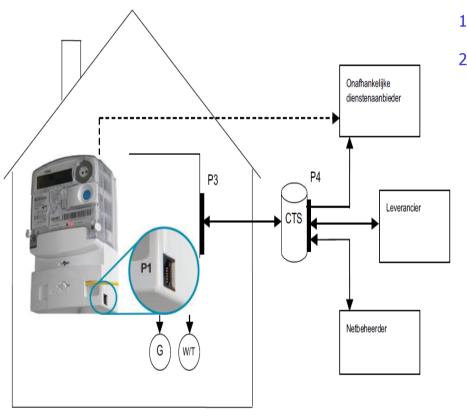
## Netherlands a dynamic mover?

€ 17.000 fine or 6 months in prison!



- 2008: original proposal: mandated roll out
  - Vigorous campaigning
    - > Privacy concerns
    - > No pressing need for society
    - > Energy savings not proven
  - Violation European Convention of Human Rights
- 2009: halted in Dutch Parliament
- 2011: compromise proposal
  - freedom of choice for consumers
  - Options to refuse/ accepts smart meter
- 2012 2014: small scale experience phase
  - Monitoring program for energy savings
- 2015: begin mass rollout (80% in 2020)

## Options for Consumers in NL



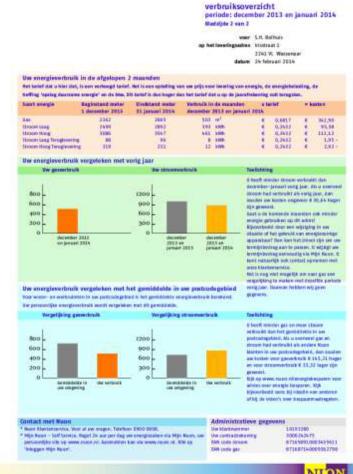
- Refuse smart meter
  - Accept smart meter and select operating mode
    - No communication
      - like a traditional meter
      - P1-port: Real-time E, 5 minute G
    - 2. Fixed moment communication
      - annual bill
      - bimonthly energy report
      - switching, removal
      - P1-port: OK
    - 3. Every day communication
      - 15 minute E, hourly values gas
      - P1-port: OK

## Energy Saving experiences in NL

- 2012-2014: Energy saving Monitoring Program (NL)
  - 4.000 households against controls
  - Bimonthly reports, online PC, mobile apps, IHD's
- 2007–2010: Energy Demand Research Project (UK)
  - 18.000 households against controls
  - RTD is more important factor: savings 3% E, 3% G
  - Breaking news: early learnings 2015 confirm the value of IHD's
    - High levels of satisfaction with IHD (72%)
    - Many consumers see the IHD as the smart meter
    - Continued use of IHD (up to 2.5 years), energy savings likely.
- 2009-2011: Customer Behaviour Trials (IR)
  - 6.000 households against controls
  - More important factor: (bi)monthly bills/ statements, RTD
  - Savings 3.7% E, 2.9% G

## Bimonthly energy usage statements

- CBA savings
  - 3.2% E, 3.7% G
- Research
  - 700 households against controls
  - Scientific reliable (random replacements, long history, housing type etc)
- Outcomes
  - Savings 0.6% E, 0.9% G
  - Low-profile communication
  - Online: unaware or spam
  - Paper based: aware, effects
- Early learnings
  - CBA-savings realistic
  - 1st notification paper based
  - Better design/presentation
    - Opower





### Online PC, smart phones, tablets $\leftarrow \rightarrow$ IHD's

- CBA savings potential
  - 6.4% E, 5.1% G
- Research
  - Literature review scientific experiments
  - Pilots new applications (1.500 households)



- Outcomes
  - Online (non) real-time tools: up to 1.5% E, 2% G
    - energy literates: already engaged, sophisticated tool for analysis and control
  - In-home real-time displays: up to 5.5% E, 7% G
    - 'novice' consumers: less engaged, internet skilled, technology-minded
- Early learnings
  - CBA savings potential realistic
  - Different levels of engagement:
    - aspirations towards energy savings
    - also interest in technology/ analytics, internet skills
  - Do not underestimate in-home displays!



## 3. Market conditions consumer engagement

- Persistent engagement: multiple channel market supply
  - Market for non real-time PC web tools (P3)
    - energy literates, already engaged, own generation
    - sophisticated tool for in-depth analysis, control, investment decisions, ROI
  - Market for real-time mobile apps (smartphone/ tablet)
    - energy literates, already engaged
    - access away from home, essential notifications
  - Market for real-time in-home displays
    - 'novice' consumers: less engaged, internet skilled, technology-minded
    - Kickstarter: savings primarily from behavior (quick wins), not investments
- Will the market deliver? Challenges ahead!
  - Dutch market: slowly emerging and imperfect conditions
    - Local roll-outs: small-scale
    - No level playing field: large retailers vs. small start-up's
    - Market supply: mainly for energy literates, not (yet) for 'novices'
    - Demand side: low consumer willingness to buy/ invest





### Thank you for your attention

