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# AMI rollout plan & challenges

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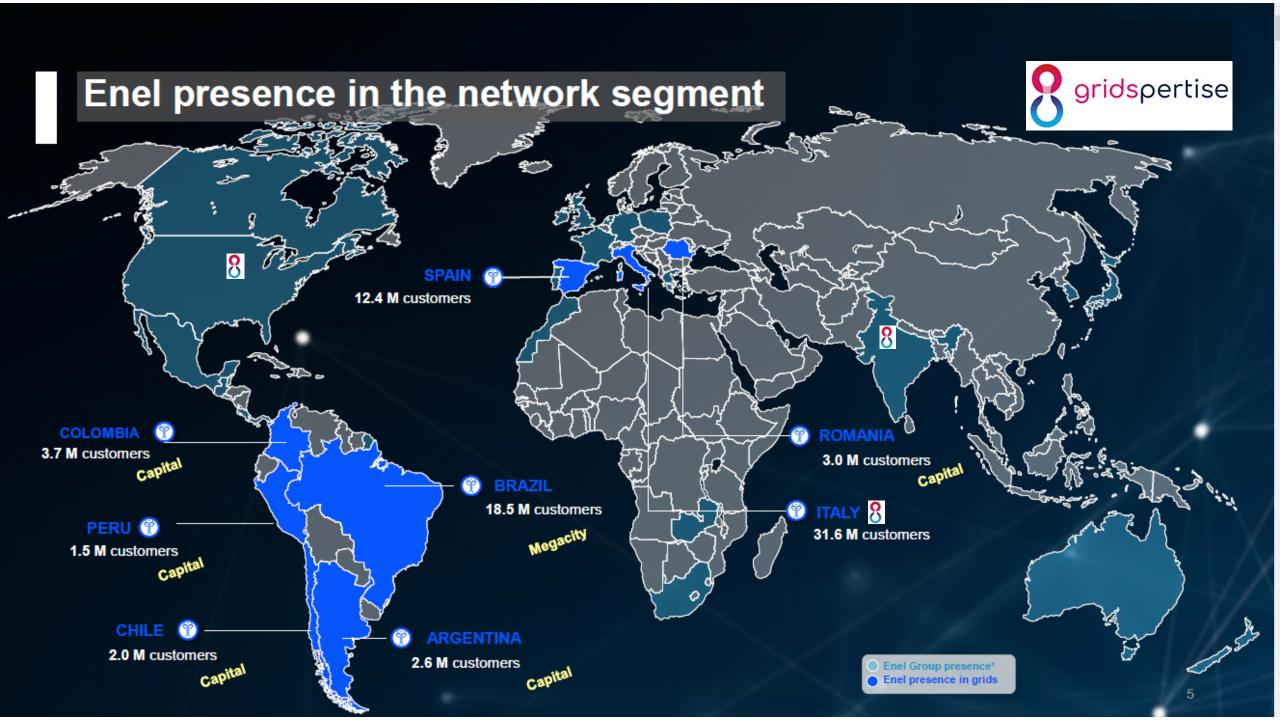
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## **Enel Group**

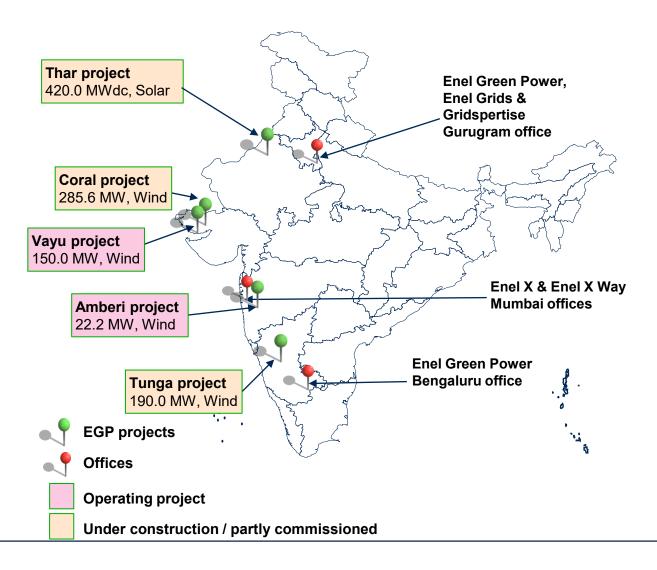






# Enel Group in India





- ✓ Enel Green Power has offices in Gurugram and Bengaluru
- ✓ Enel Green Power has fully operational wind power plants of 172MW and following under construction projects (partially operational) won through SECI :
  - 285 MW wind project ("Coral" project)
  - 190 MW wind project ("Tunga" project)
  - 420 MWdc solar project ("Thar" project)
- ✓ Enel Grids & Gridspertise are co locate with Enel Green Power in Gurugram and are geared up for respective business opportunities in the power distribution space.
- ✓ Enel X has office in Mumbai providing backend support to Enel X global Demand Response and Energy Intelligence Software solutions. Exploring opportunities in city e-bus space.
- ✓ Enel X Way has a JV office in Mumbai with Sterling & Wilson for e-mobility charging business in India.

# Introduction to Gridspertise

## Gridspertise overview





Gridspertise is carved out of Enel Grids with an aim to develop & offer cutting edge sustainable technological solution to Discoms globally



Gridspertise consolidates Enel Grids domain knowledge in developing & operating smart grids



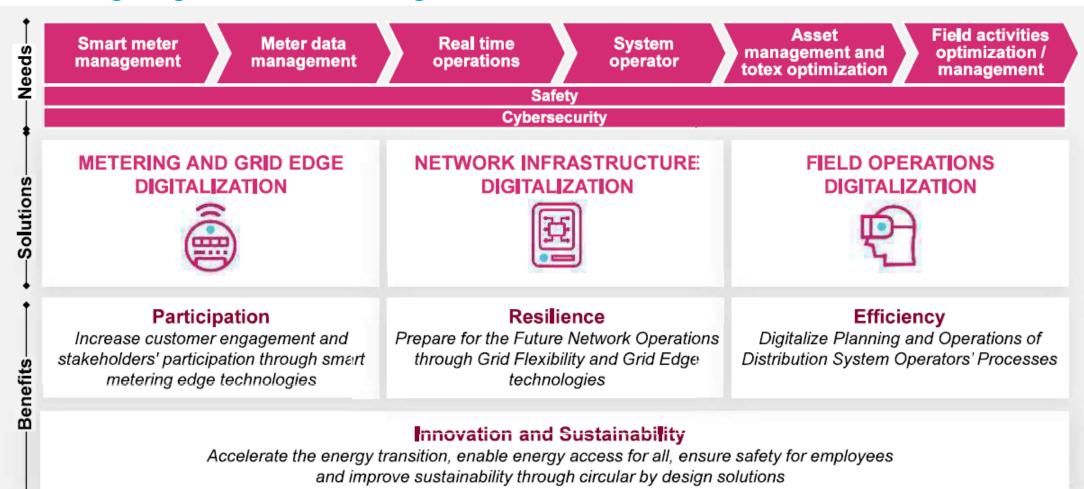
It inherits all technical know-how, R&D centers/labs & IPR's from Enel



Gridspertise is **leveraging** its inherited **competency** & **assisting** Discoms globally in **Digitization** of electricity distribution networks



# Gridspertise addresses Discoms need through its sustainable cutting edge solutions along 3 business transformation area



2. Approach for large AMI rollout plan

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### Success stories

Enel/Gridspertise Success stories and Smart Metering long journey



# Indian Smart metering deployment vision



Scale & its widespread Impact

Facts which all of us will unanimously agree -

- Globally it is the largest Smart meter deployment plan Project as massive as this is witnessed once in few decades
- Will touch every Indian household Project requires a customer centric approach
- Has a potential to completely transform the way interaction happens between consumers & Discoms
- For success of the project it calls for proper execution planning & participation by all key stakeholders

Technology adoption is going to be the backbone for Discoms revival & its future operations

# **Deployment Approach**



- Plan Training of field & back office staff for new processes
- Design customized short term certificate courses to ensure efficient running of system in future

Owning the project
& its Planning

- Recognize the big picture & own the project
- Best managerial talent to be part of project
- Evaluate need for revisiting Business processes & Pilots
- Plan for effective Change management

Traning & Capacity building

Participative & colloborative

- Government & Regulators
- Discom core team to ensure effective transition
- Dynamic PMO Disocm, SI & solution partners

Work for **Innovative solutions** for management of existing meters

Management of existing meters

Operational efficiency Consumer centric

Partnering for implementation

- Derive benefits from competancies of various solution partners/vendors
- Proper planning & workflow design
- Each player to **recognize** end goal

Devise **well defined communication process** Customers to be informed before, during & post installation. Capture on Mobile Work Force platform

Customer communication

Ensure Inclusiveness

Discom & SI to **include** Govt., Regulator, customers, vendors, contractors etc. through consultations, pilots and programs like consumer awareness, manpower training etc.

# 3. Challenges & Learnings

- a. Customer engagement
- b. Management of existing meter
- c. Capacity building field force competency development

# .a. Customer awareness and communication plan



#### Phase I

#### **Preparation phase**



- ✓ Inform customers about benefits of smart meter deployment Joint approach by various key stakeholders
- ✓ Educate public, media and other energy market players build positive environment
- ✓ Provide a timeline of smart meter installations Helps in aligning various activities
- ✓ Explain the process associated with the smart meter installation and seek suggestions Involve in the process
- ✓ Clarify why the Discoms is installing smart meters

Communication before project initiation gives a feel of ground reality and provides sufficient time for any corrective action

## a. Customer awareness and communication plan



Phase II

#### Installation phase



- ✓ Installers/Electricians needs to be trained on how to interact with consumers and what to communicate about operation and benefits of the smart meters based on standard template
- ✓ Electricians represent the Company. They must know how to approach issues that may arise with customers at site
- ✓ A site inspection could be undertaken before any work and customers should be notified in advance about when replacement of existing meter with Smart meter will take place
- ✓ Written instructions on how to use the smart metering are sent to customers (or left after installation)
- ✓ Copy of report of replacement of existing meter with Smart meter to be given to the consumer

Installer to be fully equipped to approach issues expected to be encountered on site

# a. Customer awareness and communication plan



Phase III



#### Post installation

#### **Customer support, complaint handing and fault resolution**

- ✓ Provision to enable Customer to provide feedback on the complete smart meter installation process
- ✓ Customers to have clarity to whom to contact if they have issues and where to redress
- ✓ Customer is provided with issues resolution details
- √ Time taken for resolution of Customer issue can be shared with customers.
- ✓ Analysis of Customer feedback may to made public

Proper Communication before, during and after installation of smart meters plays an important role in acceptance & success of project

# a. Communication Plan preparation – example















## b. Management of existing meters

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Circular Smart Meter Plan - Towards Group's Net Zero Ambition

For the Smart Meter manufacturing,

- >85% of Global Warming Potential (GWP) is caused by production of Printed Circuit Board Assemblies (PCBAs, including components and soldering processes)
- Use of polycarbonate is about 10 % of the overall GWP impact

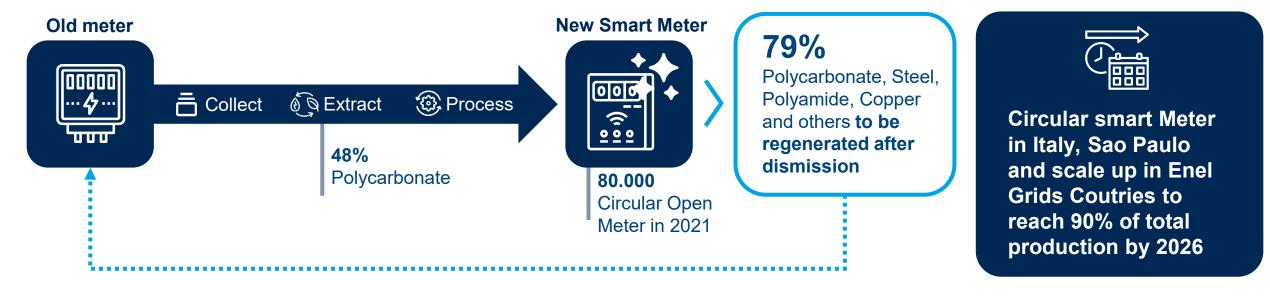
End-of-life processing of the PCBAs of smart meters allows **recycling of basic metals**: gold, copper, silver, tin which can be recycled in any possible supply chain requiring them.

Recovery of polycarbonate from old smart meters allows to get material specifically and directly usable in Circular Smart Meter production - use of regenerated resins could reduce overall SM emissions upto 6% along the lifecycle

# Circularity by design



- Achieved technical approval for using the recycled material assuring stable quality and continuity of the business
- The trade-off between cost & benefit of usage recycled raw material
- Driving contract manufacturer of new equipment to use recycled raw material



**KPI** 



Environmental impact reduction along the value chain



Reduce use of virgin materials in grid assets



Increase resilience of Supply Chain



Social impacts of circular economy approach on local supplier



Zero Landfill & towards a new waste management approach



Increasing e-waste value – descreasing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

Aligned with Group's commitment to **Sustainable Development**: Gridspertise is explorings ways to recover **precious metals** (i.e. Au, Si, Pt) and **rare earth elements** (i.e. Nd, Pr, Dy, Gd, Ce, La, Sm) from its **e-waste**.

End Goals: minimise landfill waste, descreasing CO2 emissions, increase e-waste value, redifining roles in the end of life process

Experimental pilot is being launched to evaluate new options for e-waste disposal.

21/11/2022 Nd: Neodymium Ce: Cerium Pr: Praseodymium La: Lanthanum Dy: Dysprosium Sm: Samarium Gd: Gadolinium

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## b. New Smart Meters Design

Re-design smart meters to increase the circular economy value

**Gridspertise recently launched a challenge** to innovators, creators & inventors to re-design its smart meters

Challenge focused not only on the material used but also on innovative solution to decrease the use of plastic, change specific components to more sustainable alternatives and lower the number of components required in mass installations.

Presently in the process of acquiring intellectual property that was deemed valuable towards this endayour.





## c. Capacity building to ensure smooth operations



#### **TRAINING**



Installation procedure & methodology



Installation work update in WFM app



Operational controls



Non-conformities identification



Behavioural for consumer interaction



Health and Safery regulations



Effects of electricity on humans



Protective equipment and tools



**Environmental legislation** 

...and more topics

#### **EQUIPMENT**



Insulated gloves



Insulating helmet with protective visor



Clothing (class 1 or 2) covering parts of the trunk and limbs

#### **INSTALLATIONS**

We develop procedures according to different countries, training our people fitting the local requirement of every installation.

Pilot in Turkey (single phase meter)



installation



installation



single house



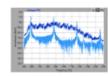
DCU installation in box wall mounted



box wall mounted



Meter installed in a building



specified meter



Pilot in Sauti Arabia

(poly phase meter)

Noise level measurement

**UPDATE** 



Continuous update to ensure procedures are adequate and followed on field

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## c. Capacity building

Projecting Industry requirement and participating



For **training and professional placement** of young people Enel / Gridspertise launched various programs like, "Energie per Crescere" (Energy for Growth)



To meet need for specialized **technicians for energy transition & network digitization**. Involving younger generations is essential in opportunities created during transition phase



To encourage convergence of training & work together with partners, through specific programs tailored to needs of managing increasingly smart and digital electricity grids

A continuous process to be adopted for growth

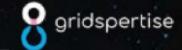
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# Key Takeaways

- Indian smart metering program needs a participative & partnering approach
- 2 Customer centric approach is key to success
- For long term sustenance capacity building needs to be given due focus
- From environment point of view management of existing smart meter needs to evolve
- Gridspertise has smart metering deployment & operations experience of more than two decades



Gridspertise: Trusted partner for the DSOs of the future

## Our mission:

Upgrade grid users' experience through cutting edge sustainable solutions for the digitalization of electricity distribution network

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