



## **NETfficient final project event at European Utility Week 2018**

**Over the past four years 13 partners have demonstrated and deployed local storage technologies in a real electrical grid on Borkum Island within the EU-funded project NETfficient. From 6th-8th November, the EU-project hosted its final project event during European Utility Week in Vienna, Austria.**

With over 12.000 visitors in the field of smart energy, the European Utility Week (EUW) was the perfect setting to present the main results of the EU-project NETfficient with a dedicated exhibition booth. Furthermore, the project partners contributed to the conference programme by giving presentations and taking part in panel discussions in 4 different sessions.

NETfficient contributed to the Summit Conference Programme, bringing together C-level experts and innovative thinkers within the energy world. The presentation by Prof. Christof Wittwer from Fraunhofer Institute for Solar Energy Systems introduced the project as a whole with a focus on integration of storage into local grids and markets. He later gave a presentation together with Alicia Arce from Ayesa with the main focus on techno-economic optimization. Juan Echevarria Cuenca from the city of Santander shared experiences as a follower partner of NETfficient and further recommended NETfficient technologies for implementing them in other environments. Among these applications was e.g. the Energy Management Platform serving as a control and monitoring software for different storage technologies. The final highlight of NETfficient's presence at EUW was a project presentation of NETfficient in the EU Project Zone in the session: "H2020 Smart Grids and storage project presentations" on the last day of the trade fair. Andrea Immendörfer from Steinbeis-Europa-Zentrum gave a general overview of the project, its objectives and main results whereas Fernando Usero Fuentes from Ayesa presented the innovative solutions embedded in the Energy Management Platform developed in NETfficient.

EUW2018 was a well-attended event and offered a large range of high-quality sessions, where the final results of NETfficient have been presented to a large





number of stakeholders and with considerable interest from the community. The final conference significantly raised NETfficient's visibility among smart energy professionals. Moreover, it provided the partners with an opportunity to improve their network for future projects and forge relationships for future commercial activities.

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