



# **EirGrid Group** **Customer Conference 2012**

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*Delivering the Power System of tomorrow*





EirGrid Group Customer Conference 2012  
Smart Grid & Innovation  
Chair's Opening Remarks

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# What is the Smart Grid Innovation Hub?

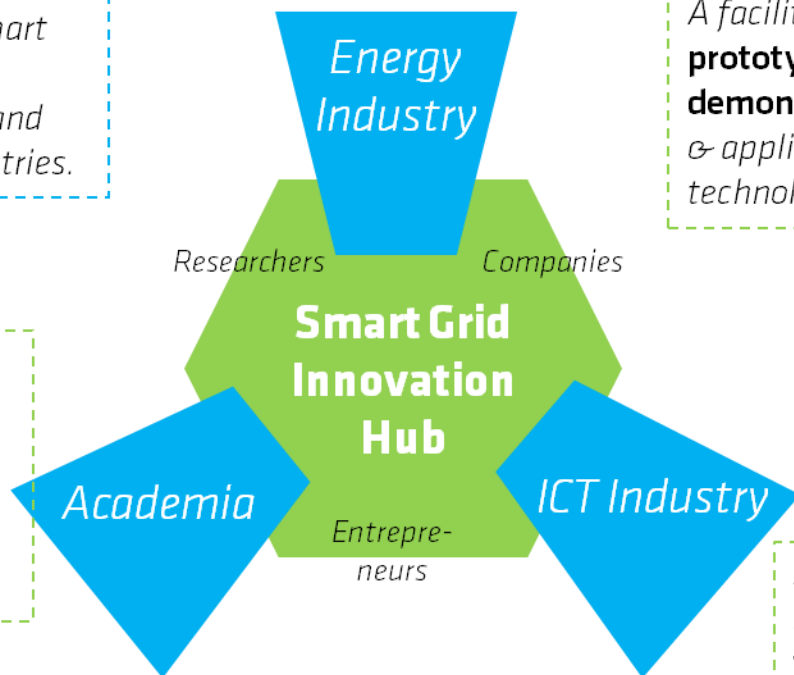
A collaborative initiative between EirGrid Group and NDRC to promote development of innovative SmartGrid solutions

Access to the Smart Grid community, energy industry and supporting industries.

A facility - 'the Sandbox' to enable **prototyping, testing, integration** and **demonstration** of Smart Grid systems & applications built on digital technologies.

Access to commercialisation support structures - **people, investment, customers, know-how.**

Access to a network of experts encompassing **technical & engineering domain** expertise in **electrical engineering, system operation and ICT.**



Access to data and systems with ability to **trial products and applications.**

Project spaces: short term project facilities at NDRC/EirGrid.



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# Why NDRC?

What: NDRC's mission is to create market capital by building high-impact new ventures

How:

**NDRC's HANDS-ON TEAM =**  
**Mentoring + Validation + Design**  
**+ Engineering + Deep Networks**  
**+ Forming Venture Teams**

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# How do we measure success?

Ventures emerging from NDRC  
have created

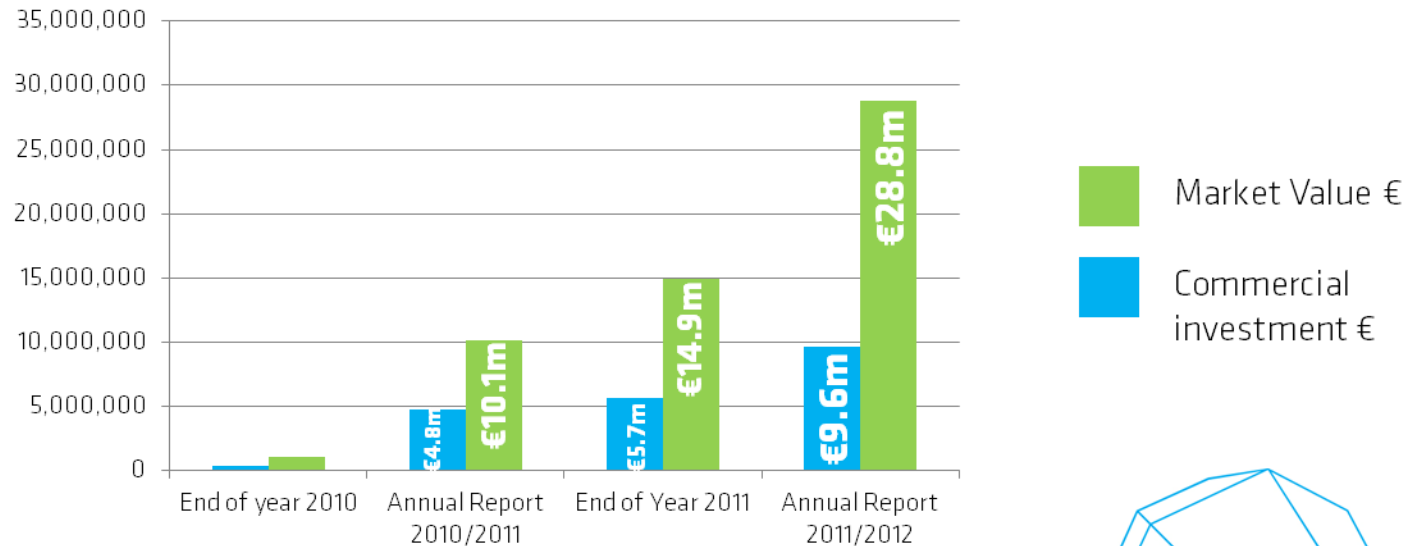
**221** new jobs

**64%**

of 70 ventures emerging from NDRC  
attract commercial investment

**€28.8m**

Valuation of portfolio companies  
who secured commercial investment



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