

“Sustainable barriers?”

Obstacles for prosumers and micro-generation

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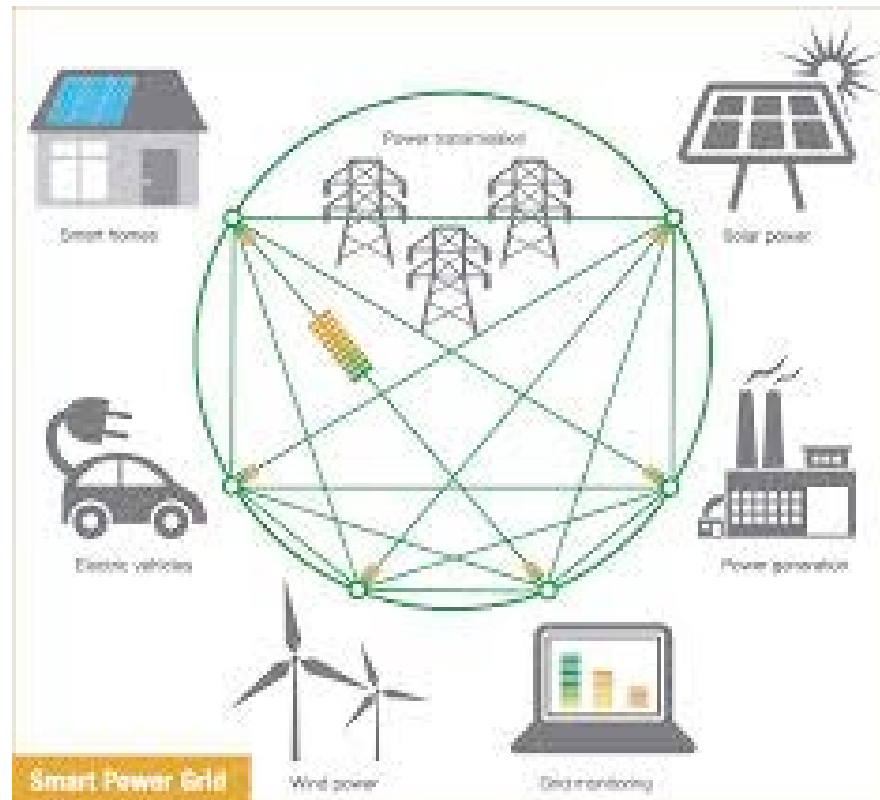
Good news...

- **We can be Prosumers!**
- i.e. customers who both **pro**duce and con**sume** electricity



Why should we?

- To be important components of the (future) energy-efficient society
 - as parts of smart grids.



How?

- Being small-scale elements of a distributed electricity generation system
- Interacting with the energy system
- Adapting the usage of electricity to energy supply and to electricity prices
- Controlling and reducing electricity consumption (using smart services).



Different ways to produce electricity...

- Solar cells
- Wind turbines
- Micro hydroplants
- Small CHP, fuel cells, wave/tidal plants



Micro-producer - Definition

- Facility with a main fuse of a maximum of 100 Amps
- Input power of up to 69 kW
- The electricity consumption is higher than production - over a year.

(Energy Agency 2013)

Actors...

Individuals in dwellings / Small industry enterprises



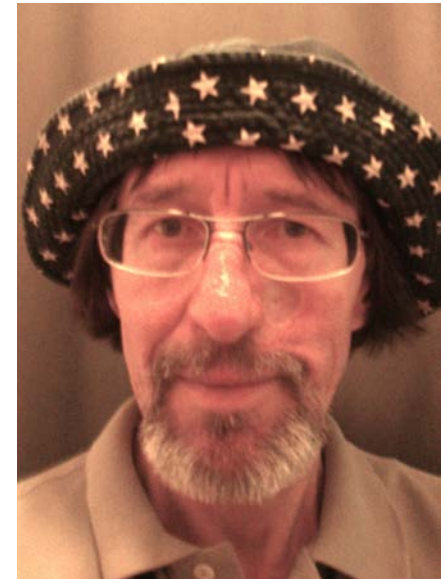
Administrators / Landlords / Managers



Construction companies



Authorities





Bad news: Barriers...

- What obstacles do various actors experience and what should be done to improve the situation?



Conclusions 1

- **Economic barriers**
 - High investment costs (still relevant)
 - Inefficient and insecure financial support
 - Concession obligation
 - Unprofitable - Net billing is not allowed



Conclusions 2

- **Planning on the municipal level**
 - Lack of planning of micro electricity production
- **Lack of knowledge and uncertainty because of that**
 - Complicated and complex rules (misconceptions about investment costs, production potential and profit)



Conclusions 3

- **Unclear definitions** (of energy-efficient electricity-generating building)
 - Different players (national and international) prefer different definitions, which creates barriers for the building companies.



So, what to do?

- **Restructure solar energy subsidies**; applicants should know much earlier if the financial support is possible.
- **Improve** solar energy and micro-generation **planning** in municipalities.
- **Review the concession obligation rules**; prosumers should benefit from the self-generated electricity.



Thank you...

I hope everything was clear...



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