

# **ENCOURAGE Project**



- Embedded iNtelligent COntrols for bUildings with Renewable generAtion and storaGE

  - Start date: June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011, 36 months project
  - > Partners:























### Concept

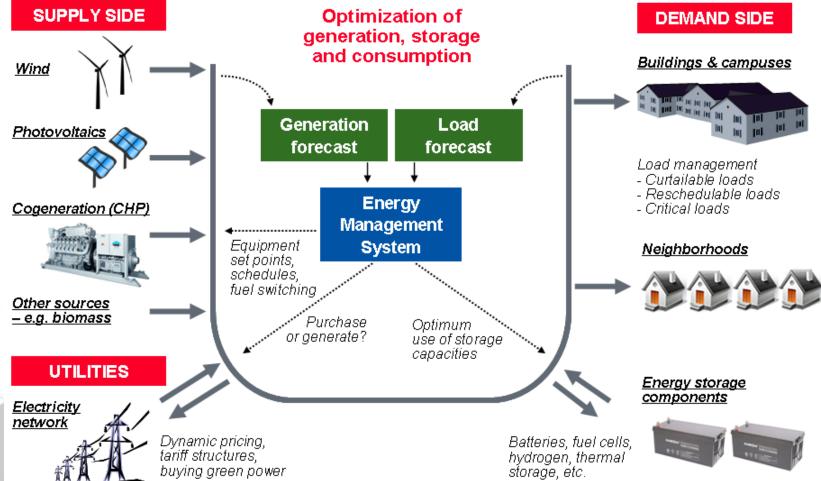


- Embedded iNtelligent COntrols for bUildings with Renewable generAtion and storaGE
  - directly optimize energy use in buildings
    - ▶ optimal control of internal sub-systems
  - enable active participation in the future smart grid environment.
    - ▶ effective interaction with external world, including other buildings, local producers, or electricity distributors.



#### Vision







## Approach

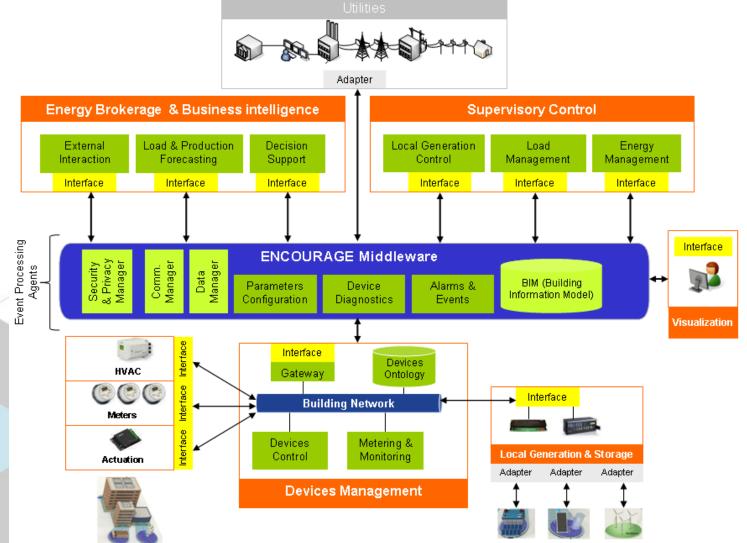


- Developing supervisory control strategies that will be able to coordinate larger subsystems
- Development of an intelligent gateway with embedded logic supporting inter-building energy exchange
- Developing novel virtual sub-metering technologies and event-based middleware applications that will support advanced monitoring and diagnostics concepts



#### Architecture







# **Technological Innovation**



- Technological innovations at device level
  - Non-intrusive monitoring and control
- Scalable processing and inference of complex events
  - ▶ Use of cloud computing capabilities
- Optimal energy management and control
  - Energy efficiency at system level and not individual appliance / sub-system
- Reduction of costs of system development
  - Open architectures
  - Complexity increase with effort reduction



#### Market Innovation



- Enable innovative products and services in the whole chain
  - Non-intrusive management of energy in Buildings
  - Standards for communication Utilities / Buildings
- Tackle distributed energy generation
  - Control and forecast algorithms
  - Energy brokerage mechanisms



#### **Demonstrators**



- Private homes and office buildings in the city of Aalborg, Denmark
  - ▶ A housing co-operative with 8 homes, which recently installed 8 solar panel units. The buildings have electric heating.
  - A building with heat pump and solar panel
- Energy-Efficient Campus in Terrassa, Barcelona, Spain
  - This real life campus district will allow validation of the ENCOURAGE architecture as well as the social network.
- Laboratory building of Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa, Italy
  - → 4000 m² in a recently refurbished ancient building: energy efficiency and cost optimization, reliability and quality of energy supply



### Next steps



- Specification of architecture and ENCOURAGE components
- Milestones
  - ▷ Overall system specification: May 2012
  - > System integration readiness: Feb 2013
  - Release of all components: July 2013
  - ▶ Validation: December 2013