

2ND COMMUNITY MEETING IN HANOVER

The 2nd InterFlex Community Meeting took place at the Museum of Energy History in Hanover (Germany) on the 11th of October 2018. Around 30 companies attended the event gathering energy industry associations, equipment manufacturers, DSOs, aggregators, researchers, consultants and other smart grids experts.

Frank Aigner, member of Avacon's board of management, opened the event and highlighted the importance of the challenges addressed by InterFlex in the context of the global energy transition. He summed up the first achievements of InterFlex in its different demonstrators since the beginning of the project, 22 months ago. Those achievements were then shared and discussed with the audience all along the day.



Very fruitful discussions about the future use of flexibilities at a local scale helped to pinpoint the major social, regulatory and economic challenges to face. All speakers insisted on one point: customer involvement is essential in order to implement a local flexibility market. Stakeholder's roles for distributed energy storage and perspectives for emerging business models were

addressed in a second panel discussion in which experiences from different European projects were shared.

Manifold outcomes of the demonstrations are expected this year and will feed next discussions on the use of local flexibility in the upcoming events. The slides which were presented during the day are available upon request.