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towards a new concept of
Smart Life and Economy



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Introduction

Léa Brenguier from the French radio channel “Euradio” has accompanied the mySMARTLife project partners during their 5th periodic meeting in Nantes from 5th to 7th March 2019. The radio broadcast is available in French on the mySMARTLife website. Please find below the English translation of the radio broadcast from 8th March.



8th March

Yesterday, it was time to say goodbye to the participants of the fifth periodic meeting concerning the European CO₂ reduction project “mySMARTLife”, which was being held in Nantes. Before the departure, the morning was dedicated to solar energy. A look back at the subject with Léa Brenguier.

And yes, last but not least, the third and last day ended with sunshine instead of rain. Yes, the sun was there at the beginning, as if the climate knew that the project partners were going to talk about solar energy consumption.

The morning began with an opening speech on good energy practices, giving the stage to several expert groups. Natacha Javalet, project manager at ENGIE, partner of the mySMARTLife project, illustrates the progress of the installation of PV, photovoltaic panels, in Nantes:

“We are involved on several levels, and as a result, we are proposing an organic PV solution that is very light, very flexible and that can be installed on different roofs, on facades, on tarpaulins, with new technology that is currently being developed.”

For Eduardo Miera, in charge of Tecnalia's energy division, a research and development centre in Spain, solar panels yes, but it is necessary to ensure that it is cost-effective for the users.

“Sometimes, it's not only about whether you have sun or not, whether you have a roof or not where you can place a PV but it's also related to problems with legal issues. Each country has its own regulatory framework. For instance, in the case of Spain, there have been many problems related to what was called grid payment. So if you were having a roof top PV installation and you wanted to connect that to the grid, and you wanted to get some payments back from the electricity that you were not using from your PV, you had to pay for being connected to the grid.”

A uniform European regulation could be an idea in order to guarantee equal opportunities for all and to encourage the installation of individual panels.

This concludes the meeting between the cities of Helsinki, Hamburg and Nantes for this mySMARTLife project.