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Renewable Energy and Load Flexibility in Industry

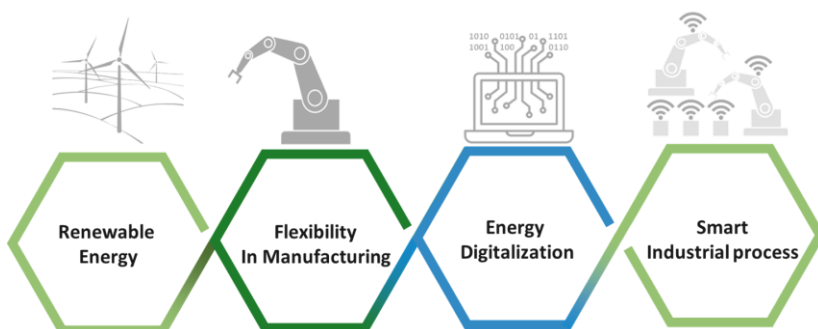
“ Full integration of renewable energy into the power system requires more flexibility options to ensure reliable and secure power supply

RELflex aims to develop, test and evaluate **new solutions and applications for flexibility of energy-relevant industry processes at SMEs** (Small and Medium Enterprises) through dynamic management of controllable loads, generation of renewable energies as well as energy storages.

RELflex focuses on technical development of methods, algorithms, business models and applications for optimal usage of flexibility options in operation of Dynamic Energy Management Systems (DEMS) in industrial processes. Through different options, which are regional market dependent, like aggregation of reserve generation units, renewables and storages it is possible to offer new forms of flexibility to the power system operators.

RELflex addresses economic potential and market’s access options, which opens new business opportunities for the stakeholders. Technological and economic results will be fulfilled by socio-economic analysis of customers’ active participation readiness, acceptance, and benefit for the society and group of interest.

A holistic view of the energy supply and consumption chain of industrial consumers, its dependencies to the operating processes and the consideration of external market and/or technical grid signals will be taken into account. The solutions developed within RELflex will be tested in real infrastructures of SMEs at two demonstrators located in Germany and in Poland.



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Main Objectives and Results

Theoretical/ Scientific:

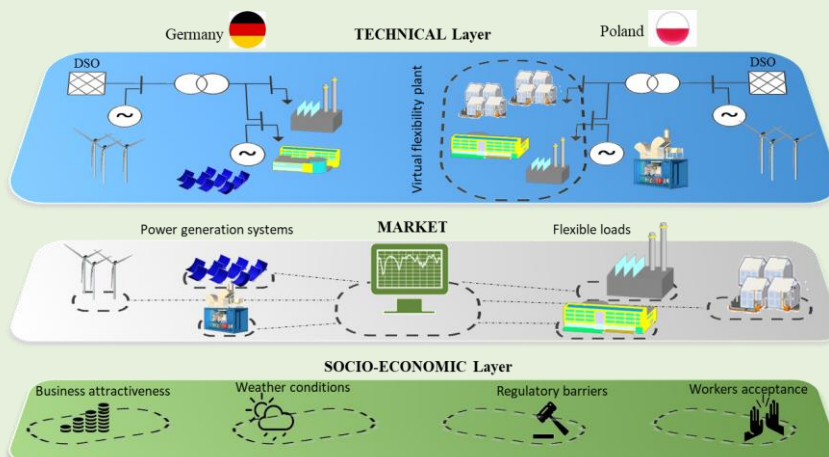
- Development of an innovative strategy and methodology for flexibility implementation in small industrial processes aiming to increase the integration of volatile renewable generation into the manufacturing process by controlling loads, using energy storage and ICT components.
- Identification of SMEs' industrial processes, their classification and modeling for further optimization.
- Development of algorithms for monitoring and optimal operation of energetic components via dynamic energy management system in SMEs.

Practical/ Technical:

- Adaptation and further development of DEMS tools for improved operation of electrical industry processes for more flexibility and increasing network capacity to support maximal RES integration.
- Implementation of operation strategies, DSM and DSR functions for energy-relevant and highly complex infrastructures.
- Pilot demonstrators of developed RELflex flexibility solution integrated in energy and production infrastructure of chosen SMEs
- Contribution to keep and improve level of power system supply reliability and security.

Socio-economic:

- Increasing SME industry competitiveness and sustainable development through new functions and flexibility offering and higher quality 'green' products and service for end-customer.
- Analysis and enhancement of social acceptance among stakeholders, operators, end-users and customers incl. their preferences, participation and interest for flexibility offering.
- Strengthen the market for flexibility through business application for economic use of a DSM/DSR and more system responsibility for energy balancing operators and aggregators.
- Developing new business models for the active participation of the SMEs to support the stability of the power grid.
- Contribution to decarbonisation or low-carbon technologies and greenhouse gas reductions of small industry.



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