

Across Scales in Energy Decision-making (ASCEND)
Stakeholder meeting, 5th December 2017
Mountbatten Exhibition Room, IET Savoy Place, London WC2R 0BL

The ‘Ascend’ scoping study, supported by the EPSRC and Energy Systems Catapult, has been analysing how energy decision making is informed by whole energy systems analysis across scales. We have been particularly interested in the multi-scalar nature of policy and analysis for heat.

The study is coming to its conclusion and we would like to discuss our emerging findings at this workshop, bringing together policy, business, research and other communities. We are keen to get views on how the research – policy – decision-making relationship could be improved in the future, and how a follow-on project could build on our work so far.

10:00	Coffee	
10:30	Welcome and introduction	Jonathan Radcliffe, University of Birmingham
10:40	Report back from Edinburgh workshop	Mark Winskel, University of Edinburgh
10:50	Energy system modelling to inform policy-making	Ian Walker, Element Energy
11:10	A network approach	Timea Nochta, University of Birmingham
11:20	Table discussion 1: Mapping actors and models <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An illustrative network map for heat • Can a network approach be a useful analytical tool? 	
12:20	Table discussion feedback	
12:30	Lunch	
13:00	The use of whole systems analysis in local decision-making	Chris Grainger, GLA
13:20	Linking models across scales	Will McDowall & Francis Li, UCL
13:40	Table discussion 2: Local decision-making <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To consider access to, and value of, energy system analysis for decision making at the local level • What are the main uncertainties for local policy-makers? • Would improvements to energy systems analyses or decision-making processes have most impact? 	
14:30	Break	
14:45	Participatory modelling	Catherine Bale, University of Leeds
15:00	Table discussion 3: opportunities for incorporating participatory modelling in decision-making	
15:40	Plenary discussion: Extending the approach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can we build on the study to deliver useful advice on the use of models/analysis in decision-making? • How would it be valuable? 	
16:00	Close	

Background

A summary of the project is available at <http://gtr.rcuk.ac.uk/projects?ref=EP%2FR002231%2F1> and <https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/ascend>.

Location

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Attendees

Catherine Bale	University of Leeds
Andy Davey	engie
Alastair Davies	EDF Energy
Chris Dent	Centre for Energy System Integration (CESI)/University of Edinburgh
Chris Grainger	Greater London Authority
Agnieszka Griffin	Greater London Authority
Tom Knowland	Leeds City Council
Francis Li	UCL
Will McDowall	UCL
Timea Nochta	University of Birmingham
Jonathan Radcliffe	University of Birmingham
Dominic Scott	Ofgem
Peter Taylor	University of Leeds
Ian Walker	Element Energy
Mark Winskel	University of Edinburgh