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ERDF provides details on the introduction of smart meters

ERDF launched an experiment in introducing smart meters in the Tours and Lyon regions in March 2010 .

This experiment aims to test the next generation of smart meters in real conditions. 300,000 meters will be installed by the end of 2010, thereby giving customers more information on their consumption and substantial energy savings (in the region of 10 to 15%). For an average annual bill of €400 per household, one can save €50 per annum.

According to the estimates of all experts in the sector, the cost of this equipment for the customer will not exceed 1 to 2 euros per month over 10 years, much lower than the gains arising from energy savings.

Customers will have detailed information on their electricity consumption and will be able to adjust it to match their requirements.

The decision to deploy smart meters nationwide has not yet been made and its method of funding has yet to be fixed; this will by nature depend on the lessons drawn from the ongoing test.

To date 30,000 meters have been fitted and 70,000 should be installed by the end of June.

ERDF is in constant touch with its customers through several channels (toll-free number, contacts with local councillors, etc.), and will remain so for the duration of the experimental phase.

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