

Briefing Notes

Commonality/convergence - in order to increase the market for the supply chain the industry could benefit significantly from utilisation of existing infrastructure/processes, convergence on, for example, appropriate design solutions for installation and O&M practices and a commitment to use certain products. This would also aid in the CAPEX reduction of manufacture and installation of components, sub-systems and technologies. The challenge is to achieve this without reducing the level of innovation or the IP power held by developers. Furthermore, there is a drive for standardisation, of the industry, leading to certification.

Knowledge transfer - the sector needs to promote knowledge transfer and sharing of best practices both internally and externally to take advantage of lessons learnt from other sectors and access skills from complementary industries. There is also a strong push towards interdisciplinary research to ensure interaction between e