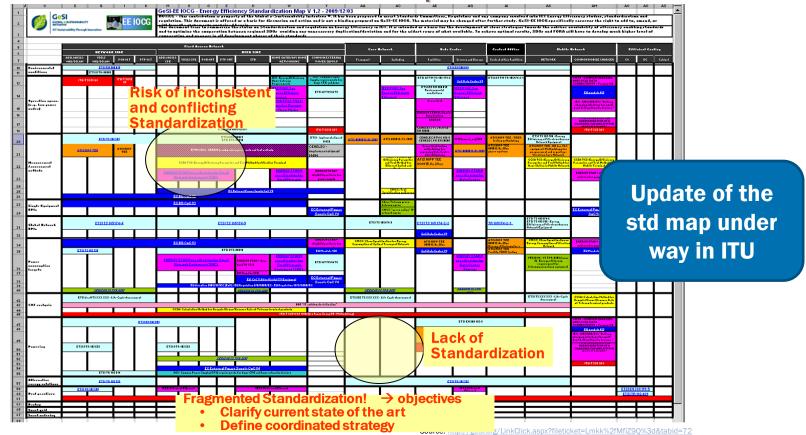
Energy efficiency in networked devices Products standards and protocols

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Standardization \rightarrow an unavoidable step ... but ...

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Standardization → - only on few areas and not synchronized among SDOs - fragmented/with gaps and overlaps

Real and coordinated action WAS (and IS) still needed

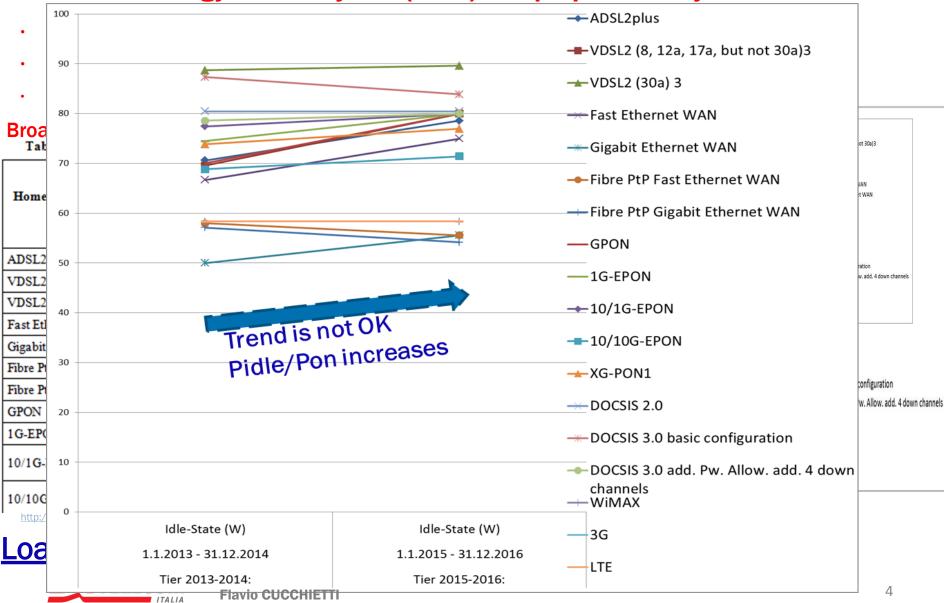


Standardization

- Few actions
- Focused on "static", single equipment efficiency
 - While networked equipment consumption depends on all other elements
- New opportunities to reduce consumption through:
 - "Dynamic" and network wide optimization
 - "connecting the dots"
 - Using the power of the cloud
 - proxying/mimicking functions into the cloud
 - SDN (risk/opportunity)
- These are challenging topics that need:
 - Clear objectives and will
 - Engagement of industry
 - Cooperation of research and universities
 - Connecting international research projects with standardization



"Static" energy efficiency and (work)load proportionality



"Dynamic" optimization

- Some good initiatives have been accomplished:
 - Energy Efficient Ethernet (IEEE)
 - Proxying support for sleep modes (Ecma)
 - Universal mobile charger (ITU and IEC)
 - Universal power supply (ITU)
 - Green abstraction layer (ETSI)
- Other are ongoing
 - "Improvement of the energy efficiency in networks" (ITU/ETSI)
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- Problem
 - Very slowly implemented



Standards and protocols

- Voluntary initiatives have been very successful (Energy Star, EU Codes of Conduct) ...
- ... labeling could play a role ...
- ... but efficiency for networked devices need more efforts
- Within standardization:
 - The perception is that energy efficiency is not a real and urgent need
 - more like a "nice to have" than a really strong requirement
 - There are still doubts it could:
 - reduce quality of equipment
 - worsen the user experience
 - hamper innovation
- Meanwhile market competition is on "peak" functionalities and time to the market



Standards and protocols

- A quantum leap is needed
- Stakeholders have to be convinced that energy efficiency is a priority (and means business)

<u>Government and Regulators need to drive the game directing</u> <u>standardization priorities</u>

Today in standardization, they are only participating to part of the ITU <u>activities</u>

- One of the schemes that look very effective in driving energy efficiency in the energy sector are the "withe certificates"
 - In Italy they are applied to ICT too
 - Such experience could be well extended





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