1. From your point of view, what is the biggest challenge for the smart grid industry and how does Görlitz contribute to face it?

Isolated systems such as, for example, meter data management or grid control systems, have been considered and operated individually for decades. However, due to ongoing digitization the importance of as well as the demand for overall systems has considerably increased. Options are manifold and the amount of data is enormous. It requires a lot of know-how to control these amounts. Overall technical solutions are needed that consist of individual modules to enable dealing with latest market requirements. Thanks to our combined competence and the expert systems provided by our group, we offer our customers software and hardware products suitable to face future challenges.

2. What kind of utility projects is Görlitz currently involved in? Would you mind giving us some background information and details on how Görlitz contributes to these projects?

We have already implemented a large number of national and international projects. Among them there are several projects providing more than 100,000 smart meters in operation. In total, more than 20 million metering points are administered by means of our MDM systems every day.

3. What do you think about Open Smart Grid Protocol (OSGP) and how does it promote and advance capabilities of innovative solutions provided to utilities?

First of all, PLC meters and products of OSGP alliance are components fast and stable enough to substitute ripple control systems within the low voltage grid. In contrast to ripple control systems, which are only operating in one direction to control simple relays for boilers or heating pumps, OSGP components give feedback from the field on the switching status. Furthermore, every meter can be used as grid sensor to provide information about power quality. All these options offer Görlitz the opportunity to monitor the grid situation and manage the grid balance.
In addition, OSGP alliance is an association not only talking about smart grid solutions but actually and practically offering them. In contrast to common metering solutions, OSGP systems do not only focus on metering but also on the smart grid.

4. What is Görlitz going to present in the EUW2019 - OSGP Alliance Pavilion and how will showcased products influence the energy transition?

We are going to introduce our software and hardware solutions for application in the fields of meter data management and smart grid. These solutions will help grid operators to construct smart grids in an efficient as well as economic way. Our modules and components can be combined flexibly to meet individual scenarios thus integrating perfectly into existing structures and systems or even creating completely new conditions. Together with OSGP and its products we will be able to manage the grids of the future.

5. To whom would you recommend visiting your stand and why?

We are sure that our stand will be interesting for decision-makers from any kind of organization. We look forward to meeting people working for utilities, industry, manufacturers, integrators, consultancies as well as potential sales partners.

About Görlitz

For more than 40 years, Görlitz AG offers solutions that enable you to receive, qualify, process and forward any kind of data and measured values sent by meter, submetering and IoT structures within any sector and for all roles. Our practical and flexible software and hardware solutions are amongst the most innovative solutions in Europe; they meet well-known as well as new requirements of digital infrastructures. The organization includes subsidiaries in Switzerland, Austria, Italy, and Denmark. Görlitz AG belongs to Vivavis group.