

## "Smart Connect" for Washing Machine, Heating and Solar Power Management

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Deutsche Telekom, E.ON, EnBW, eQ-3 and Miele announce Smart Connect-- a smart home management system integrating window, lighting, shutter/blind, alarm and home appliance control via smartphone or tablet.



Available in Germany from mid-2012, Smart Connect will be compatible with every type of broadband connection. A so-called "Smart Connect Box" (from equipment manufacturer Sumitomo) acts as a local service center, connecting to a number of cloud-based functions.

Utilities providers E.ON and EnBW will offer customers power consumption statistics for their intelligent appliances while integrating power from wind or solar energy sources into the base load.

The companies say the Smart Connect solution should be superior to using different "isolated solutions" (at least cost-wise) and further partnerships with other home appliance manufacturers, security solutions and utilities providers are also in progress.

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