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With more than 220 attendees, the **European Home Control Summit** in Frankfurt was a success. More than 100 new European Z-Wave products (in energy conservation, lighting, security, HVAC, remote home monitoring, and electrical metering) were shown. Nokia, Danfoss, Cisco, Merten, Parks Associates, the Danish Energy Savings Trust, Lagotek, Zensys and others used presentations and panel discussions to talk about market developments, plus novel home control products and solutions.

According to the latest studies of Parks Associates, demand for home control solutions has already reached a similar level in Europe as in US. Thanks to more products from market leaders becoming available and the growth of home networks overall, the home control market will grow more than 100% over the next 12 months.

The Danish utility company, Modstroem, showed how to use Z-Wave based tools to reduce energy costs and CO2 output (one single average household using 4000 KWh avoids two tons of CO2 per year.)

Horstmann Controls demonstrated Z-Wave-enabled thermostats, electricity meters, and displays at the Summit.

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