



## Successful event on electrification

Elia's partner event on Monday 25 April was dedicated entirely to the decade of electrification. The decarbonisation of our society is bringing about drastic changes, especially in industry. With increasing electrification, the interaction with the electricity system is changing. But this brings with it opportunities such as flexible consumption that adapts to the available production from wind and sun. The event was a preview of the study on the electrification of our economy that Elia Group will be publishing in November. After the many digital events because of corona, it was above all a happy reunion with the Belgian energy sector.

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## Our vision on hybrid interconnectors



The European objectives for offshore wind do not translate into the necessary actions on the ground. Yet the war in Ukraine has made it clear that Europe must invest more quickly in its own fossil-free energy production. In a white paper on hybrid interconnectors, Elia Group points out the issues at stake but also formulates proposals.

The combination of offshore wind farms and subsea interconnectors can maximise the potential of renewable energy, both in the North Sea and in the Baltic Sea. The white paper was launched during the WindEurope event in Bilbao.

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## Ministers follow safety training for offshore visit

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On World Safety Day, on 28 April, North Sea Minister Vincent Van Quickenborne and Energy Minister Tinne Van der Straeten followed a safety training to prepare for a later visit to the MOC, Elia's power socket in the North Sea. At a training centre in Ostend, they learned to free themselves from a helicopter that has crashed into water. The construction and maintenance of offshore high-voltage infrastructure demands specific safety requirements.

Now that the energy transition is increasingly taking place at sea, Elia has been working for a number of years on a specific safety policy to enable employees to work safely in these challenging conditions.

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## Elia donates electrical equipment to Ukrenerg

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At the request of the Ukrainian government, several European transmission system operators sent electrical equipment to Ukraine. The Belgian system operator Elia donated four generators and other equipment worth 200,000 euros. 50Hertz, the German subsidiary of Elia Group, sent 16 emergency generators, 50 LED spotlights and some other smaller electrical items to Ukraine.

In this way, the European system operators wish to express their solidarity with the affected Ukrainian people. Since mid-March, the European continental electricity grid has been providing support to the Ukrainian electricity grid after a successful accelerated connection.

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Elia has published the results of the so-called 'rerun' of the first capacity remuneration mechanism (CRM) auction, which was triggered following the ministerial order of 25 March 2022. The rerun is part of the first auction (Y-4) of the capacity remuneration mechanism (CRM) for the delivery year 2025-2026 and is intended to maintain security of supply when 5 of the 7 Belgian nuclear reactors close.

A rerun of the first auction was necessary because one of the successful bidders - an ENGIE gas plant in Vilvoorde - was not granted the permit it requires to operate. A gas-fired power station from Luminus in Seraing was selected as the successful bidder following the rerun of the auction. As was legally stipulated, the bid price was the same as the bid price in the October auction. Luminus has the necessary permit.

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## Annual Report 2021 published



The central theme of our annual report is 'Powering the decade of electrification'. With large-scale investments in infrastructure, digitalisation and sector convergence, our society stands at a turning point with regard to climate neutrality. Elia Group is at the centre of this change. The annual report is a first step in integrated reporting.

It provides a holistic and detailed description of the added value and impact of our activities on society.

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## OFFSHORE NEWS



### Minister Dermagne visits Arcadis Ost platform in Aalborg

On Thursday 14 April, Belgian Economic Affairs Minister Pierre-Yves Dermagne was given a tour of the construction site of the Arcadis Ost platform in Aalborg, Denmark. The platform is a joint project of 50Hertz (Elia Group) and the Belgian wind developer Parkwind.

The platform must ensure an optimal integration of the wind energy coming from the Arcadis Ost 1 project in the Baltic Sea. This wind farm will become operational as from 2023 and has a capacity of approx. 247 MW. Belgium has been a pioneer in the development of offshore wind for more than 15 years.

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### Elia starts with the reinforcement of the high-voltage line between Kruikebeke and Dilbeek



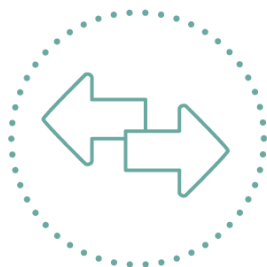
On 16 April, Elia received the permit from the Flemish Government for the “Mercator-Bruegel” project. Elia is reinforcing the high-voltage line (380kV) between high-voltage substations ‘Mercator’ in Kruikebeke and ‘Bruegel’ in Dilbeek.

The high-voltage line is an important part of the backbone of the Belgian high-voltage grid and is necessary for the transport of electricity throughout the country. The high-voltage line is being equipped with a new type of electrical cable that can transport more power. Work starts at the end of April and continues until the end of 2026.

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