



## Opening of prequalification platform (CRM)

The introduction of a capacity remuneration mechanism is one of the measures the federal government has taken to ensure security of supply for Belgium. The ministerial decree of 30 April 2021 instructed Elia to organise a capacity auction. Participants have until 15 June 2021 to submit their prequalification file. Pending approval of the functioning rules, the prequalification platform will be available as of 5 p.m. on Friday, 7 May.

[More information](#)



## First Capital Markets Day for Elia Group

Elia Group held its first Capital Markets Day for investors and bankers on 27 April. During the virtual event, the attendees were given extensive and detailed explanations about the Group's growth and sustainability strategy. Also discussed were the Group's offshore ambitions, the Act Now sustainability programme and its financial outlook.

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## Annual Report now online

2020 was a year of unprecedented challenges, as made clear in Elia Group's

Annual Report entitled Accelerating to a Net-Zero Society. As the coronavirus pandemic progressed, Elia Group faced the difficult task of protecting employees while ensuring business continuity. As part of an essential industry, Elia Group provided energy to approximately 30 million end users. You can view the Group's milestones, sustainability performance and financial figures in its three-part Annual Report.



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### **Work begins on dismantling high-voltage line between Londerzeel and Mechelen**

Monday, 12 April 2021 saw Elia begin work to dismantle a high-voltage line between Londerzeel and Mechelen. The 70-kV high-voltage line has reached the end of its life. The conductors will be removed over a distance of 10 kilometres this year and in 2022 Elia will also dismantle the high-voltage pylons. New underground 150-kV electricity cables were recently laid to maintain electricity supply in the region.

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### **Elia makes overhead line in Ghent Canal Zone visible to birds**

Bird diverters are being installed on the high-voltage line along the R4 road in Evergem to make it more visible to birds. Elia is installing the markers pursuant to a Natuurpunt study that identified the line as high-risk. Elia is also installing markers on overhead lines near bird migration routes in other locations. Watch this video to see how it works.

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### **Eurogrid successfully issues €500 million Bond**

Eurogrid has issued a new bond offering, raising €500 million in the process. Elia Group's German subsidiary 50Hertz can now continue developing and building the energy transition. Over the next five years, 50Hertz will invest €4.7 billion in the German power grid, both onshore and offshore. The 12-year bond, offering an interest rate of 0.741%, was issued on the Luxembourg stock exchange and attracted investors from more than 15 countries.

[Read the press release](#)



## European TSOs working on standardised offshore grid

Seven European TSOs, including 50Hertz, will work together to connect offshore wind platforms. To that end, they have signed a MoU for the launch of Eurobar. The aim is to efficiently and safely integrate offshore wind energy into the European power grid. Their approach is based on existing regulations and projects, but they are also looking into new developments for expanding offshore grids. International standardisation of interfaces and technology play a key role here.

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## Elia joins ChargeUp

ChargeUp is a federation that aims to accelerate the roll-out of charging infrastructure for electric vehicles and a seamless charging experience for drivers around the world. With Elia's arrival, the partnership now has 14 members from different industries, two knowledge partners and two ecosystem partners. Elia firmly believes that sector integration and the rapid roll-out of electric cars can accelerate the energy transition, as was recently shown in a Group study on electric mobility.

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## 50Hertz helicopter rescues two fishermen at sea

50Hertz, along with Baltic Sea wind farm operators RWE, Iberdrola and EnBW, operates a rescue helicopter stationed on the island of Rügen. The helicopter – and its crew of two pilots, a doctor and a paramedic – is available for any emergencies in the Baltic Sea. On 9

March two fishermen in distress were rescued. The men had fallen into the water and were suffering from severe hypothermia. The helicopter crew gave them first aid and transported them to hospital.



## Giant boring machine for underground cable in Berlin

The boring machine that will be used to dig the tunnel for a new underground power line in Berlin has now had its technical inspection. The machine is 160 metres long and will dig a 7-kilometre tunnel with a diameter of 3 metres some 20 to 30 meters underground. The new line will serve as the main artery for the German capital's power supply. The boring machine is now being dismantled for transport to Berlin via both road and water.



## Launch of a pilot project for solitary bees

Elia is working with BeeOdiversity on a hotel for solitary bees on the Monnoyer site in Schaerbeek. The hotel will provide a safe place for the bees to lay their eggs and reproduce. Solitary bees live alone and do not produce honey, so a conventional beehive is not a suitable place for them. However, they are important for biodiversity. The pilot project began in April and will be assessed in October.



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