



## 50Hertz strengthens Berlin's electricity supply

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The underground drilling machine, which will be used to dig the tunnel for the electricity cable under Berlin, was presented during a celebratory event. The machine has been named Candela and will be used at a depth of up to thirty metres. The connection itself (the Berlin Diagonale) was renamed the Franziska line, after the mayor of Berlin. The tunnel activities between the substations of Charlottenburg and Mitte have now started. The line will be an important link in the high-voltage grid in and around the German capital.

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## Public consultation on the Federal Development Plan

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Elia has launched the public consultation exercise regarding its 2024-2032 Federal Development Plan. As Belgium's transmission system operator, Elia is legally obliged to do so. The plan describes the (110 kV to 380 kV) transmission grid's future investment needs in order to achieve the energy transition. Through this Federal Development Plan, Elia is trying to respond to the urgent demand to make our energy system more independent, resilient and sustainable. The public consultation began on 2 November and will run until 16 January 2023.

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## Elia publishes second CRM auction result

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Elia has published the result of its second CRM auction. This auction took into account the extension of two nuclear reactors and last year's successful auction. In the end, no capacity was contracted. Producers that hold existing production capacity (amounting to a total of 6,682 MW) postponed their participation until the Y-1 auction. The volume of this so-called "Opt-Out IN" choice was deducted from the volume that was being auctioned (demand curve of 6,417 MW). As a result, this year's Y-4 auction for 2026–2027 was fully covered.

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## Elia Group optimises governance

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Chris Peeters and Catherine Vandendorre are reinforcing their respective positions as CEO and CFO of the international holding company Elia Group. Frédéric Dunon became the deputy CEO of Elia Transmission Belgium (ETB), the Belgian system operator, on 1 November. James Matthys-Donnadieu took over his role as Chief Customers, Markets & System Officer. The further delineation of the holding company and ETB is aligned with Elia Group's growth strategy and its ambitions with regards to offshore development and digitalisation.

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## Elia Group signs cooperation with PPL

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The US utility company PPL Corporation and Elia Group (through its subsidiary WindGrid) want to work together to connect future offshore wind farms in New England (US) to the onshore grid. PPL and Elia Group are jointly participating in a Request for Information (RFI), which was launched by five states in New England: Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Maine and New Hampshire. This round will gather input on the adjustments that need to be made to the high-voltage grid so that offshore wind farms can be connected to it.

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## Powering Industry Towards Net Zero

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The current energy crisis has put our economy into survival mode. Whilst short-term measures can temporarily protect households and businesses, structural changes are also needed to make industry less dependent on fossil fuels and anchor it in Europe. Our vision paper, "Powering Industry Towards Net Zero", which will be launched on 18 November, will outline the needed changes. Join us to hear more during our live-streamed event, which you can register for by clicking on the link.

[Register here](#)

## SELECT wins second Elia Group hackathon



The second Elia Group hackathon was a great success. 100 participants from different countries gathered together in Berlin. Over the course of three days, they developed concrete solutions for giving consumers access to future energy services. Participants included students and representatives from start-ups and companies. "Cozy", the app developed by Team SELECT, was chosen as the winning idea. SELECT will develop their prototype - which focuses on the smart control of heat pumps to reduce CO2 emissions - in The Nest, the Elia Group's incubator.

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## Elia's mobility policy awarded a prize



Elia's Mobility team won three prizes at the Link2Fleet awards: the Fleet Mobility award, for its work on making its fleet greener in line with the Group's sustainability programme, ActNow; the Safety award, for putting the safety of its drivers first; and the Fleet Owner award (3rd place), which acknowledged its overall approach to fleet management.

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