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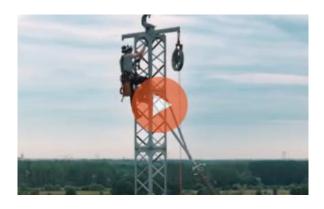


#### Elia awards orders for 945 km of onshore cables

The contracts were awarded to three major European high-voltage cable manufacturers, NKT GmbH & Co. KG, Nexans Benelux SA and Prysmian Group, for a total of €135 million. They concern onshore alternating current (AC) cables for voltages of 70, 110 and 150 kV. The cables will be delivered between 2025 and 2027 and will meet the needs of over 120 projects featured in the Federal Development Plan 2024-2034. Elia Transmission Belgium needs to upgrade and expand its infrastructure to meet the challenges of the energy transition and support the electrification of society. In this context, the new cables will be particularly vital for Belgian industry, and will also help to connect new generation capacity to the grid as it develops over the coming years.

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### Storm in Mechelen: temporary backup line commissioned



Following the fierce storm that crossed Belgium on 9 July, Elia's teams have now built five backup pylons and integrated them into the grid. This backup line was erected in record time. It will remain in service until the high-voltage line that was damaged by the storm is up and running again. The storm caused nine high-voltage pylons to fall over into fields and onto 15 homes in Leest near Mechelen.

Elia's teams were immediately deployed and have been working tirelessly over the past few weeks to clear the damage caused, allow residents to return to their homes, dismantle the fallen pylons, and build the backup line.

Watch the video

# 50Hertz awards EPCI contract for LanWin3 project in German North Sea to Siemens Energy and Dragados Offshore



LanWin3 is 50Hertz's first project in the German part of the North Sea. It will connect a 2 GW offshore wind farm to 50Hertz's onshore grid. LanWin3 will be connected to the (onshore) NordOstLink, a new high-voltage direct current (HVDC) line which has yet to be built. The EPCI contract for the cable, worth €2.9 billion, was awarded to a consortium consisting of Siemens Energy and the Spanish company Dragados Offshore. It covers all engineering services; the procurement of the necessary components; and the construction, transportation and installation of the onshore and offshore assets.

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## Major milestone reached as part of the SuedOstLink project



The SuedOstLink project aims to efficiently transmit electricity – particularly electricity generated by renewable energy sources – from the north of Germany to the south of the country. The construction contracts for section B of the project, worth a total of around €450 million, have now been awarded to several companies. The work will involve pipe jacking and directional drilling under motorways, railways, roads and waterways; the laying of protective conduits into open trenches; and the building of two cable section stations and one cable monitoring station.

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## 50Hertz to build new offshore quarter in Rostock

A lease with a term of at least 60 years has been signed with the City of Rostock for a section of land in the port of Warnemünde. Covering around 23,000 square metres, the Rostock Offshore Quartier will include an administrative building as well as indoor and outdoor storage areas. The building will also



house several units: a maritime coordination centre, an offshore control centre and an offshore logistics centre. A total of approximately 180 employees will work on the site.

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# Elia Group to launch its new study on offshore wind energy in Europe on 15 October



Save the date! Our new study, 'Going Like the Wind', will be launched during a livestreamed event on 15 October. The study will explore the virtuous circle of offshore benefits for Europe. It will demonstrate how international collaboration, cross-border strategic planning, investment security, and increasing the size of supply chains will each deliver benefits on their own and will also feed into each other's success.

Register for the livestreamed event

# Half-year results: Elia Group on track to deliver crucial grid investments



Elia Group's investments hit a record high of €1,735.9 million – an increase of €914.6 million compared with the first half of last year. The Group's investments were mainly driven by investments in grid expansion, offshore development and technological advancements. The net profit Elia Group share totalled €181.6 million as a result of strong performance across all segments. Full-year guidance has been revised upwards, primarily due to an upwards revision in Germany and Nemo Link.

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The Group has invested €12.5 million in SET Fund IV, a €200 million international venture capital fund managed by SET Ventures. This capital will be invested progressively over the next four years in European start-ups that are developing digital technologies and services and are looking to scale them up. By participating in the venture capital fund, Elia Group is aiming to identify new innovations and companies that will help to accelerate the digitalisation of the electricity system and unlock more flexibility from across it.

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#### 'Going like the Wind' exhibition a success



More than 10,000 people have visited the offshore wind exhibition at Fort Napoleon in Ostend. Elia developed the interactive exhibition alongside Ostend's Tourist Office, DEME and Jan De Nul. It explains how wind energy is produced, transmitted and distributed to homes. Both the black-legged kittiwake and the Princess Elisabeth Island make star appearances in the exhibition. Given how popular it is, the exhibition will now run until 1 December.

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#### SUSTAINABILITY



# Elia partners with Be Planet to support community projects

As part of its approach to major infrastructure projects, Elia has launched a community fund that is being managed by Be Planet, a non-profit organisation that supports sustainable projects in Belgium.

Local communities that are working on projects which are linked to sustainable development and the green transition can apply for financial support from this community fund. Some of the citizen-led projects that the fund has supported are featured in the video below.

Watch the video

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