



Elia calls for vigilance from market parties this summer

During the summer months, when solar energy generation is high but consumption levels are low, there is a real chance that surplus amounts of electricity will be generated at certain times. A huge number of solar panels have been installed across Belgium since the beginning of 2023. Along with the high level of availability of the country's nuclear fleet, this causes electricity surpluses and so increases the need for Belgium to export electricity to its neighbours. This information has been communicated to the Belgian market so that parties can prepare themselves. In the long term, it is absolutely vital that more flexibility is unlocked from across the system.

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Elia Transmission Belgium awards HVAC contracts for the Princess Elisabeth Island



The contracts for the installation of 330 km of high-voltage alternating current (HVAC) cables have been awarded to two consortia: one comprising DEME Group from Belgium and Hellenic Cables from Greece (165 km), and a second made up of Jan De Nul from Belgium and LS Cable & System from Korea (165 km). The contracts to install HVAC substations have been awarded to the HSI consortium which consists of Iemants (Smulders) from Belgium and HSM Offshore Energy and IV-Offshore & Energy from the Netherlands.

This HVAC equipment will form the connection point for receiving an initial amount (2.1 GW) of the electricity generated by wind farms in the Princess Elisabeth Zone and bringing it back to shore.

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Presentation of Princess Elisabeth Island during Belgian economic mission to Norway



Elia Group's interim CEO, Catherine Vandendorpe, took part in the Belgian economic mission to Norway which was presided over by Her Royal Highness Princess Astrid. During the mission, Catherine presented a 3D model of the Princess Elisabeth Island – Elia's flagship project – to an audience at the Oslo Opera House. In addition, the Belgian Minister of Energy Tinne Van der Straeten and her Norwegian counterpart, Terje Aasland, signed a joint declaration which supports the development of a hybrid interconnector that would link both countries together whilst being connected to an offshore wind farm.

Elia wins Blue Innovation Swell Award



The Princess Elisabeth Island's nature inclusive design has won a Blue Innovation Swell Award. The judges of the Blue Innovation Awards praised the unique co-creation approach that Elia adopted: this involved bringing together experts in nature conservation and the marine environment from public and private institutions, universities, design consultancies and non-governmental organisations. The Blue Innovation Awards, which are organised by De Blauwe Cluster, spotlight innovative projects, products and services in the blue economy. Elia won the first prize in the Blue Innovation Swell category, which rewards collaboration.

50Hertz teams swing into action in wake of severe storm



On 18 June, a violent storm caused serious damage to two 380 kV high-voltage lines located in the 50Hertz control area in Lusatia. Seventeen pylons were toppled over or seriously damaged, although the electricity supply to the area was uninterrupted and remained stable. No injuries were reported.

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50Hertz obtains permit for substation at Eulenberg high-tech park



The development of the Eulenberg high-tech park, a new industrial site near Magdeburg, carries a great deal of economic importance for the region. Global computer chip manufacturer Intel plans to build a semiconductor chip manufacturing plant on the site. A new substation will be built near the motorway to serve the high-tech park and ultimately up to 1,600 MW of electricity will be made available for use by the region. The new substation will support the high-tech park as well as the surrounding area, thus preparing the region for additional industrial sites and the deployment of renewable energy.

European delegation visits Nemo Link converter station



As part of the schedule of the Belgian presidency of the Council of the European Union, staff from Elia and Nemo Link hosted 65 European officials and diplomats during a tour of its converter station in Zeebrugge. Nemo Link is a subsea interconnector that enables electricity to be exchanged between Belgium and the United Kingdom. Teams from Elia and Nemo Link took visitors through the interconnector's role and operation, as well as the legal framework that covers this. Some of the key challenges that Nemo Link is facing related to Brexit, and the fact that the UK and EU will need to work together to resolve these, were also discussed.

Elia Group Extraordinary General Meeting approves inclusion of authorised capital clause in Articles of Association



The Extraordinary General Meeting approved the inclusion of a clause in the articles of association which authorises the Board of Directors to increase Elia Group's capital under certain conditions. Elia Group's Board of Directors is now authorised to increase Elia Group's capital by maximum cumulative amounts which are equivalent to 50% of the existing capital on the date of approval of the authorisation by the Annual General Meeting if the capital increases include a preferential subscription right and, in all other cases, a maximum amount equivalent to 20% of the existing capital on the date of approval of the authorisation by the Annual General Meeting.

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