



## Elia Transmission Belgium (Elia) signs EUR 2 billion sustainability-linked revolving credit facility to strengthen its liquidity

- Elia signs with a consortium of eight banks, a EUR 2 billion revolving credit facility (RCF), reinforcing Elia's liquidity position.
- Elia reaffirms its commitment to sustainable financing through a new RCF with pricing adjusted based on the achievement by Elia of certain sustainability performance targets.
- With more than 90 percent of Elia's CAPEX and turnover aligned with the EU Taxonomy today, Elia is able to switch the sustainability linked financing into a green purpose loan in accordance with the anticipated Loan Market Association (LMA) guidance for the sustainable financing of "pure play companies" once such guidance is published, with the consent of the lenders.

**Elia, the operator of the Belgium's high-voltage grid, today announced that it has signed a EUR 2 billion revolving credit facility agreement, replacing its current sustainability-linked RCF agreement. The pricing of the new RCF remains linked to the achievement by Elia of certain sustainability performance targets, reinforcing Elia's commitment to Environmental, Social and Corporate Governance (ESG) objectives.**

The sustainability performance targets are related to climate change, biodiversity and health and safety. As a transmission system operator, Elia plays a crucial role in the decarbonisation of the energy sector and society in general by facilitating the integration of increasing volumes of renewable energy.

In addition, the RCF includes a 'rendez-vous' clause, enabling Elia to switch the sustainability linked financing into a green purpose loan, in accordance with the anticipated LMA guidance to the sustainable financing of "pure play companies", once such guidance is published, with the consent of the lenders. This highlights Elia's proactive approach to sustainable finance and its ambition to remain aligned with evolving European sustainability frameworks.

The five-year RCF has two one-year-extension options and shall be used for general corporate purposes. The banks taking part in the single-tier RCF are ING Bank (Coordinator), BNP Paribas (Joint Sustainability Coordinator), Rabobank (Joint Sustainability Coordinator), KBC (Agent), ABN AMRO, Belfius, CACIB, and NatWest.

*« Securing this revolving credit facility not only strengthens our financial resilience but also reinforces our commitment to integrating sustainability across all aspects of our business. Linking the facility to clear sustainability objectives sends a strong signal to our stakeholders and the market that we remain dedicated to delivering meaningful and positive contributions to the environment and society. »*

**Nicolas Pire, Chief Financial Officer at Elia**

## About Elia Transmission Belgium

### Guardian of the Belgium electricity grid

Elia Transmission Belgium operates the electricity transmission network in Belgium. We manage the Belgian high-voltage transmission grid (30 kV to 400 kV), which comprises over 8,903 km of overhead lines and underground cables. We preserve a service reliability level of 99.99% and ensure that production and consumption are balanced around the clock. In so doing, we provide society with a robust power grid, which is important for socioeconomic prosperity.

### An integral part of Elia Group

Elia Transmission Belgium is part of Elia Group, one of the five largest transmission system operators in Europe. Elia Group supplies 30 million end users with electricity through its subsidiaries in Belgium (Elia) and in the north and east of Germany (50Hertz). In addition to its activities as a transmission system operator, Elia Group provides consulting services to international customers through its subsidiary Elia Grid International. In recent years, the Group has launched new non-regulated activities such as WindGrid (which focuses on the development of offshore electricity grids in Europe and beyond). Elia Group is a listed company whose core shareholder is the NextGrid Holding.

### In the interest of society

Our company plays a crucial societal role by transmitting electricity from generators to distribution systems, which in turn deliver it to consumers. We also play an essential role in the economy, since we supply major companies which are connected to our grid with power. In carrying out our projects, we manage stakeholders in a proactive way by establishing two-way communication channels between all relevant parties very early on in the development process. We also offer our expertise to different players across the sector in order to build the energy system of the future.

### We are making the energy transition happen

We are a driver of a successful energy transition, helping to establish a reliable, sustainable, and affordable energy system. By incorporating ever-increasing amounts of renewable energy into our grid, we are promoting both the integration of the European energy market and the decarbonisation of society. We also continuously optimise our operational systems and develop new products so that new technologies and parties can access our grid, thus further facilitating the energy transition.

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