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Elia Group CEO appointed as new chair of Roundtable for Europe's Energy Future (REEF)

- REEF brings together energy industry players and serves as a sounding board for European policymakers with regard to the energy transition
- Chris Peeters takes over from TenneT CEO Manon van Beek

BRUSSELS | Elia Group CEO Chris Peeters will become chair of the Roundtable for Europe's Energy Future in January 2022. REEF brings together executives from across the energy industry. As a sounding board for European policymakers, the organisation proposes ideas relating to the practical implementation of the energy transition. The Roundtable meets several times a year for open discussions with key players in European energy policy, such as representatives of the European Commission, the Council of the European Union and the European Parliament.

The Roundtable for Europe's Energy Future is an international group with a unique combination of members: it includes transmission system operators (Elia Group, TenneT, RTE, Statnett, NGV, APG), power generators (Statkraft) and digital technology companies (Hitachi Energy, Siemens Energy, GE Renewables and IBM Europe). As a cross-sectoral organisation, REEF puts forward concrete proposals related to the provision of sustainable energy and economic change. REEF was founded 10 years ago and has a rotating chair that changes every 18 months.

“Serving as the chair of REEF is a great honour. REEF is a unique international group of CEOs who seek out and find common ground in terms of accelerating the energy transition. Over the next year and a half, I want to focus on the concrete implementation of the climate ambitions set out in the European Green Deal, the Fit for 55 legislative package and COP26. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, we have managed to continue working during Manon van Beek's time as chair. I would like to sincerely thank her, as the CEO of TenneT, for her strong leadership during these difficult times.”

Chris Peeters – CEO, Elia Group

“REEF is a group of CEOs who, driven by their personal commitment, aim to serve as a reliable advisory body for energy transition issues that extend beyond the boundaries of their own organisation. REEF members think in terms of system-level transition and seek out European cooperation in order to jointly implement the Green Deal. I am delighted that, despite the ongoing COVID-19 situation, we've been able to conduct several energetic and action-oriented online dialogues with Members of the European Parliament and the European Commission, including Frans Timmermans. It is with pleasure and confidence that I pass on my responsibilities as chair to Chris Peeters. I'm looking forward to our upcoming dialogues”.

Manon van Beek – CEO, TenneT



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About Elia Group

One of Europe's top five TSOs

Elia Group is a key player in electricity transmission. We ensure that production and consumption are balanced around the clock, supplying 30 million end users with electricity. Through our subsidiaries in Belgium (Elia) and north and east Germany (50Hertz), we operate 19,276 km of high-voltage connections, meaning that we are one of Europe's top 5 transmission system operators. With a reliability level of 99.99%, we provide society with a robust power grid, which is important for socioeconomic prosperity. We also aspire to be a catalyst for a successful energy transition, helping to establish a reliable, sustainable and affordable energy system.

We are making the energy transition happen

By expanding international high-voltage connections and 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 market products so that new technologies and market parties can access our grid, thus further facilitating the energy transition.

In the interest of society

As a key player in the energy system, Elia Group is committed to working in the interest of society. We are responding to the rapid increase in renewable energy by constantly adapting our transmission grid. We also ensure that investments are made on time and within budget, with a maximum focus on safety. In carrying out our projects, we manage stakeholders proactively 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.

International focus

In addition to our activities as a transmission system operator, we provide various consulting services to international customers through our third subsidiary, Elia Grid International (EGI). Elia (in Belgium) is also part of the Nemo Link consortium, which operates the first subsea electrical interconnector between Belgium and the UK.

The legal entity Elia Group is a listed company whose core shareholder is the municipal holding company Publi-T.

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