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## **Elia donates electrical equipment to Ukrenergo to support Ukrainian high-voltage grid**

**BRUSSELS** | At the request of the Ukrainian government, several European transmission system operators are sending electrical equipment to Ukraine. The Belgian system operator Elia is donating four generators and other equipment worth 200,000 euros. The Belgian crisis and aid organisation B-FAST is coordinating the transport. Since mid-March, the European continental electricity grid has been providing support to the Ukrainian electricity grid after a successful accelerated connection. With this second action, the European system operators wish to express their solidarity with the affected Ukrainian people.

### **Successful synchronisation at European level**

The war in Ukraine is having a major impact on the local electricity grid, which is holding up well for now. In difficult circumstances, the Ukrainian electricity grid was synchronised with the European continental electricity grid on 16 March. This was initially planned for 2023, but was brought forward at the request of the Ukrainian system operator Ukrenergo. Europe's continental countries have since been bolstering the stability of the Ukrainian-Moldavian electricity system.

### **Elia donates 200,000 euros of material**

After the synchronisation, the Ukrainian government also requested material support. This appeal was discussed at a meeting of European energy ministers. In our country, the FPS Economy was given the task of mapping out the possibilities. Elia is donating four generators to Ukraine, along with other smaller equipment requested for repair and replacement work on the electricity network. The first two generators have already left with a B-FAST convoy. The generators will supply power in emergency situations and can, for example, be used to power a field hospital. Elia contacted local suppliers who have the necessary expertise to maintain and possibly repair the generators after delivery in Ukraine.

### **50Hertz is taking stock of the possibilities as well**

Many initiatives are also being taken at 50Hertz, the German subsidiary of Elia Group. The German Association for International Cooperation requested that equipment be donated to Ukrenergo. 50Hertz is sending 16 emergency generators, 50 LED spotlights and some other smaller electrical equipment from the central warehouse to Ukraine. The equipment from Belgium and Germany will arrive on site during the course of next week.

## 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 northeastern 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.

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