



Registration now open for first Elia Group Hackathon

Elia Group will be organising a hackathon on consumer-centric services in Brussels from 13 to 15 October 2021. During this three-day event, we will be on the lookout for concrete ideas and digital concepts for specific case studies, the aim being to better align consumers' consumption behaviour with the needs of the power grid. Elia Group published a vision statement about this issue in June. The advent of electric cars and heat pumps is giving rise to different needs and will require adjusting the market model. Participation in the Hackathon is free of charge. We are looking for participants with creative minds and diverse backgrounds: from energy experts to computer science students.

[Watch the video](#)

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All substations operational again after floods

The urgent repair work following the mid-July floods in Belgium has been completed. Following the restoration of the Rochefort substation, the Pepinster substation is now operational again too.



It was completely destroyed. CEO Chris Peeters visited the site to thank the teams for their efforts. Thanks to good cooperation with subcontractors and the distribution system operators, the repair work went faster than planned.

[Watch the video](#)

Europe adopts CRM

The European Commission has given the go-ahead for the Belgian capacity remuneration mechanism (CRM). The Commission ruled that the CRM is not state aid and that it is necessary in order to ensure Belgium's energy supply. The way in which the CRM takes sustainability criteria into account also brings the European Green Deal closer, the Commission said in an official press release. Elia is organising the auction and CREG will validate the results in late October.

[Read the press release](#)



Elia Group and Malaysian utility strengthen partnership

Elia Group and Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB) have signed a second memorandum of understanding (MoU). The renewed agreement reaffirms their joint ambitions and ensures closer cooperation in grid development, asset management, renewable energy integration and market activities. Under the agreement there will be an even stronger focus on sharing knowledge and experiences that can be commercialised to other companies in the energy industry.

[Read the press release](#)



Archaeological finds near high-voltage substation

During the preliminary archaeological research prior to starting work in the high-voltage substation in Kruibeke, experts came across some interesting finds that showed the site was used intensively during the Iron Age, the Roman period and the Middle Ages. Traces from the First World War were also found. Archaeological excavations are currently underway. The foundations of a house built in Roman times and several granaries have already been found.

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Memorial ceremony marking 77th anniversary of Merksem massacre

On 6 September 1944, 22 workers at the power plant in Merksem were shot dead by German soldiers. The Municipality of Merksem, the City of Antwerp and Elia organise a memorial ceremony for the victims every year. This year's ceremony was attended by retired Elia staff, Merksem residents and the district authorities. Afterwards, a wreath was also laid at the cemetery in Merksem.

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Nesting kestrels found during environmental inspections by 50Hertz

A nest with kestrels was discovered on the line between Streumen and Eula (near Leipzig) during an environmental inspection with drones for a pylon replacement operation. The experts observed that the four kestrels were already fully grown and that they have now left their nest. More about nature



conservation and biodiversity at 50Hertz can be found here.

[Read the press release](#)

Safety is our priority

Safety is a top priority within the Elia Group. Every year we organise a safety week for all employees, during which we update and refresh various matters and take a look at the current state of affairs. Learn all about it in this video.

[Watch the video](#)



Long-range drones tested out for inspections

Elia Group has used a drone for long-range inspections of high-voltage lines Near Trois-Ponts (Belgium). These BVLOS (beyond visual line of sight) drones may ultimately replace inspections using helicopters. This not only reduces the associated risks, but also reduces our ecological footprint while increasing the efficiency of these necessary inspections. Elia Group is firmly committed to innovating in order to meet future challenges, be it in terms of system operation, grid development, infrastructure or maintenance.

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