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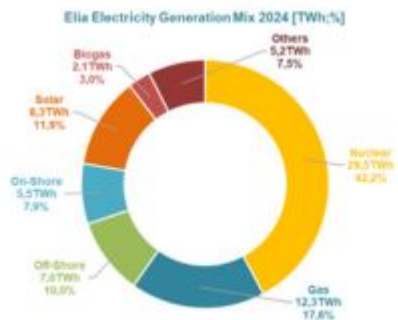


Bernard Gustin assumes new role as CEO of Elia Group

Today, 15 January 2025, Bernard Gustin, the Chairman of Elia Group's Board of Directors, will become the new CEO of Elia Group. After several months of research, the Board of Directors decided to opt for continuity. Mr. Gustin has extensive experience in international business. Catherine Vandendorpe, who was the CFO of Elia Group and began serving as the Group's interim CEO in late 2023, has decided to take her career in a different direction. Marco Nix, who has served as 50Hertz's CFO for almost ten years, will replace Catherine as CFO of Elia Group on 1 April 2025.

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Electricity mix for Belgium in 2024: record number of international exchanges



In 2024, international exchanges were higher than ever with more than 44.5 TWh traded. Net imports from France amounted to 12.6 TWh. Moreover, many new solar power records were broken in 2024, given that the installed solar capacity increased by 23%. Renewable generation also hit a new high, making up 29.8% of the country's electricity mix (compared with 28.2% in 2023). Gas-fired generation reached an all-time low, accounting for 17.6% of the generation mix, and the share of nuclear power fell for the fourth year running.

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SuedOstLink project reaches new milestone



In December, the German Federal Network Agency (Bundesnetzagentur, or BNetzA) gave 50Hertz the go-ahead for the 84-km-long section of the SuedOstLink project that 50Hertz is responsible for. The SuedOstLink is one of Germany's key energy transition projects, as it will enable electricity to be transported efficiently from the north to the south of the country.

Construction work on 50Hertz's section was able to begin immediately following the BNetzA's decision. Prior to this, the agency had already approved the preliminary construction work, meaning that open trench work began last October on two sections of the project in Thuringia and Saxony. This work included drilling under roads, waterways and railway lines, as well as the construction of substations.

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Our guardians of the grid in the eye of the storm in Mechelen



Our five-part series, 'Guardians of the Grid', which looks back at the storm that hit Mechelen last July, is available to watch online now. The series covers how the municipality of Leest was hit by a tornado that toppled over nine high-voltage pylons. Our teams secured the area and guaranteed the region's security of supply in record time. The series features the voices of local residents, local authorities, experts and Elia Group staff. It highlights how all stakeholders worked successfully together to tackle the damage caused by the storm as well as the qualities embodied by our teams: expertise, empathy and a sense of duty to our communities.

[Watch the videos](#)

SUSTAINABILITY



Elia achieves first ISO 14001 environmental certification

Obtaining this environmental certification is a key objective of ActNow, our sustainability programme. Elia's environmental performance is now better monitored, evaluated and optimised.

The management system in place maps out our environmental risks and formulates achievable objectives, including a new monitoring system for SF6 gas leaks, raising awareness of the management of environmental incidents, and developing e-learning modules about the environment. 50Hertz, Elia Group's German subsidiary, obtained its first certification in 2022.

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