



## Capacity Remuneration Mechanism: Belgium's security of supply is guaranteed for 2025-26

Elia has published the results of the Capacity Remuneration Mechanism (CRM) auctions. For the first time, two auctions were held simultaneously: the last auction (Y-1) for the 2025-2026 delivery year and the first auction (Y-4) for the 2028-2029 delivery year. The goal for the 2025-2026 delivery year has now been achieved: security of supply has been guaranteed and a sufficient volume of capacity has been contracted. For the 2028-2029 delivery year, an important first step has been taken. Both auctions were conducted in the correct manner. The Belgian regulator has checked and validated the auctions' results.

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## €650 million green credit facility secured for Princess Elisabeth Island



Elia Transmission Belgium and the European Investment Bank (EIB) signed a green credit facility agreement worth €650 million. The signing ceremony took place at the island's caisson construction yard in Vlissingen in the Netherlands in the presence of the Belgian Minister of Energy, Tinne Van der Straeten, and several diplomatic dignitaries.

The proceeds have been earmarked for the realisation of the first phase of the Princess Elisabeth Island - the world's first artificial energy island which will offer up 3.5 GW of additional offshore wind capacity to Belgium. The island will also serve as a landing point for additional interconnectors which will link Belgium to its neighbours.

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## Elia Group presents its new vision paper on the virtuous circle of offshore wind benefits in Europe

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Elia Group's study entitled 'Going Like the Wind' explores how to unlock the clean energy potential of Europe's seas. From 2030 to 2050, international collaboration, the de-risking of investments and spatial planning in offshore wind development could lower the cost of the energy transition in Europe by more than €1,000 billion. Maintaining the current status quo would not only put clean competitiveness at risk, it would also mean missing out on significant efficiency savings.

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## Eurogrid successfully places additional green bonds worth €1.5 billion

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Eurogrid, the parent company of 50Hertz (Elia Group's German transmission system operator), has successfully issued two bonds on the market. By issuing its fifth and sixth green bonds, it has secured a total of €1.5 billion for expansion of the grid that is required for the energy transition. This is Eurogrid's second billion-euro transaction this year, highlighting the company's excellent access to the capital market.

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## SuedOstLink: initial open trench work begins on section B

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Open trench work has begun on two sections of the SuedOstLink project in Thuringia and Saxony. This work complements the Section B construction measures that were started in March and include drilling under roads, bodies of water and railway lines and the construction



of stations. The SuedOstLink is one of the most important projects for the energy transition in Germany.

It is a planned DC line that will run from Wolmirstedt (Saxony-Anhalt) to Landshut (Bavaria), mainly in the form of an underground cable. Its aim is to efficiently transmit electricity – in particular, electricity that has been generated from renewable energy sources – from the north of Germany to the south of the country.

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## Stefan Kapferer elected as Chair of Weltenergierat-Deutschland e.V.



Congratulations to 50Hertz’s CEO Stefan Kapferer! He has been elected as the Chair of Weltenergierat-Deutschland e.V., the German Member Committee of the World Energy Council (WEC). Stefan is succeeding Dr Uwe Franke, who led the committee for more than a decade. As a WEC national committee, Weltenergierat-Deutschland is an important point of reference for international energy matters in Germany. Stefan has also been the Chair of the Roundtable for Europe’s Energy Future (REEF) since September 2024.

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## INNOVATION NEWS



### Elia's Academic Board meets for the third time

This year, university representatives shared their views and research about critical topics relating to energy system changes, including AI, cybersecurity, flexibility, grid planning and operations.

Since its creation in October 2022, Elia’s Academic Board has been driven by two goals: firstly, fostering collaboration between Elia and various universities so that it can work on innovative projects with academia; and secondly, facilitating discussions about topics linked to the energy transition.



## SUSTAINABILITY



### Elia Group organises the first Wingspan conference in Brussels with RGI and TB Raab

The 'Wingspan 2024: Partnerships for a bird-friendly energy transition' conference took place in Brussels from 15 to 17 October. It was organised by the Renewables Grid Initiative (RGI), TB Raab and Elia Group. The event was the first in a series of biennial conferences.

The topics were geared towards an international audience and covered recent scientific discoveries and nature-inclusive technological innovations. 320 people attended the conference either online or in person. To conclude the event, Elia invited attendees to visit our Noordschote line to see how our bird protection measures work in practice.

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### Research into the behaviour of bats near high-voltage power lines

Along with Natuurpunt, teams from Elia recently conducted research into the presence and behaviour of bats near high-voltage power lines in order to find out whether they, like birds, can be killed by flying into them.

A specially trained dog was used to detect bat carcasses. Happily, the team's research concluded that no bats have been killed by flying into high-voltage power lines.

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