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## Princess Elisabeth Island (PEI) Update (MOG II)

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**Discussion document** 

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## **Disclaimer**

- Media indicates budget evolution for the realisation of the Princess Elisabeth Island project (also known as MOG2 project).
- Elia Transmission Belgium is currently in tender process for the attribution of important packages supporting the realisation of this project.
- In this context, Elia won't publicly confirm any budget adaptation.
- Though we are operating in a market context in which important price evolutions are observed.
- It is a concern of public authorities, recognized several times in particular at EU level.
- In the following of this presentation, and in the context described above, we will assume the reference of [7-8] billion euros indicated in certain media, without however recognising that this range constitutes our updated estimate.

Taking a step back—Three core priorities for European and Belgian energy supply







## Low-carbon generation and electricity grids are crucial elements in our Belgian and European net-zero commitments



# European offshore wind commitments

Commitment of 9 European countries, including Belgium: 120GW offshore wind installed in the North Sea by 2030, 300 GW by 2050

Ambition reinforced in 2024 Ostend declaration

#### **Critical role of electricity grids**

Grids are central in Europe's decarbonization Underscored in "The future of European competitiveness" (Draghi report) Critical requirement for a competitive European industry

#### **European nuclear ambitions**

2050 Goal: 150GW nuclear capacity Nuclear Alliance of EU member states Committing on extending lifespans, building new capacity and developing SMRs<sup>2</sup>

1. Greenhouse gases; 2. Small modular reactors

Belgian's electricity demand is expected to grow significantly, resulting in a gap of 50-60 TWh p.a. by 2036 vs. expected renewables



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# PEI hub offers Belgium multiple benefits as from the early 2030s: access to decarbonized electricity, welfare and adequacy



1. 0-400M€/year in 2030-2040 period. 2. 0-90M€/year in 2030-2040 period. Source : Complementary note on economic methods - Follow up CREG's Workshop on MOG2 Costs' evolution (Elia - October 2024)



# Back in 2021: Island option selected as the best option to connect 3.5GW offshore wind power and to realize a hybrid interconnection as requested by the Minister

16/06/21	<ul> <li>Elia has been asked by the Minister of Energy to propose the best technical solution for these 2 requests:</li> <li>the transmission of 3.15 to 3.5 GW of offshore renewable energy from the Princess Elisabeth zone</li> <li>the interconnection with foreign countries via an undersea cable</li> </ul>
18/10/21	<ul> <li>Elia proposed the realization of an Island based on a comparison of 3 options:</li> <li>Option 1 : 5 AC platforms</li> <li>Option 2 : 1 artificial island, with a combination of AC &amp; HVDC</li> <li>Option 3 : 3 AC platforms &amp; 1 HVDC platform</li> <li>Elia suggested option 2 as the best option, based on several criteria (capex, cable lengths, timing, availability, future-oriented, environmental aspects,)</li> </ul>
07/12/21	CREG's critical opinion: considered that some important information where missing (opex), comparison with Netherlands,
13/12/21	Elia's reaction : indeed, not possible to quantify opex but qualitative assessment leads to no manifest differentiation. Tennet option do not offer the possibility of Hybrid interconnexion (>< the formal request)
22/12/21	Government selected the option 2 and approved a Ministerial Decree Grid Design containing the referred design
20/07/23	Government approved definitively the Grid Design (taking into account a 1 <sup>st</sup> capex actualization – communicated begin 2023 – of 3,6B €)

## Scope: Princess Elisabeth Island project (MOG2) encompasses the construction of an artificial island, several AC and DC substations and cable connections to shore



- The Princess Elisabeth Island will house the transmission infrastructure to connect up to **3.5GW of offshore wind** from the Princess Elisabeth wind zone and to provide a **connection point for interconnectors** (such as Nautilus or Triton Link) creating an energy hub. Therefore, a mix of AC (alternating current) and HVDC (high voltage direct current) is envisaged to achieve these goals.
- The project has been divided into **5 asset packages**:



- 5. HVDC cable package
- The project is benefiting from a subsidy by the EU Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF).

# We have a track record of successfully delivering large offshore projects on-time and on-budget



1. At final budget approval in November 2015



# The war in Ukraine induced a major snowball effect on electrical equipment prices



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## Princess Elisabeth Island: majority of total cost increase is due to market effect



Cost increases per package (order of magnitude): most important increases are related to (AC and DC) substations, not to the island



Note: General costs (project management, contingency) allocated across respective packages

## The investment pipe for HVDC substations is already full today while we are lagging behind the RES targets



Global Offshore Wind Forecasts [GW]\*



Global offshore wind energy capacity 2023 | Statista

\*\*: Worldwide ≥320kV HVDC projects, source: RTE HVDC monthly report

# Estimations for DC substations are in line with latest benchmark while our DC system offers better opportunities (hybrid interconnection)



#### Notes:

The information in this chart does not take into account costs related to:

- Project management, risk contingencies, insurances, ...
- Inflation and material indexation
- Based on public information and aggregate numbers. Numbers can vary ±100M€





#### Key take-aways:

- Compared to recent orders (e.g., LanWin 3), PEI is more cost-efficient
- The Netherlands' lower price point was lower thanks to (1) earlier contract orders (before further price increases), and (2) volume-effect benefits as TenneT procured 10x2GW
- PEI has an additional advantage of installing a hybrid connector, creating more value for society and is a strategic position to interconnect to Nordics generation capacity

1. Includes both substation and foundation (island or jacket respectively) capex 2. Excluding project management, insurance, etc. to have a like-for-like comparison Source: DNV GL benchmark

# Integrating 3.5 GW domestic offshore wind is a competitive option to generate 13 TWh decarbonized electricity

Levelized cost of electricity (LCOE) for different low-carbon options (€/MWh)



Note: Rounded figures; 1. Weighted for AC-connected (~105 €/MWh) and DC-connected (~145 €/MWh) wind capacity and assuming full DC cost is allocated to offshore wind vs. Nautilus; 2. IEA WEO 2024 numbers for 2023; 3. Without PEI, Nautilus no longer benefits from an offshore HVDC connection point => additional infrastructure needed to connect Nautilus to the Elia network (50km offshore cable, 100km onshore cable, 1 onshore converter station); 4. Low-end for CCGT-CCS, high-end for H2GT; Source: Complementary note on economic methods - Follow up CREG Workshop on MOG2 Cost evolution (Elia, Oct 2024); International Energy Agency; Federaal Planbureau

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1. Based on Elia "Blueprint 2024 study", Energyville "Paths 2050" central scenario, Federaal Planbureau "Energievooruitzichten tegen 2050" & ENTSO-E "TYNDP2024" scenarios, assuming 10% imports, 25TWh gas generation in 2036 and unabated gas generation for 2050 and linear interpolation between periods; 2. Based on blueprint 2024 study, central scenario of domestic RES; 3. Additional offshore wind capacity beyond currently installed 2.3GW and PEI 3.5GW to achieve 8GW ambition; 4. Currently available low-carbon generation expected to be available in 2036 as well, excl. 15 TWh from D4 & T3 as current extension only runs until 2035

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elia Elia Group From a consumer's perspective the benefits of Princess Elisabeth Island are expected to still outweigh costs, while providing access to low-carbon electricity



1. Industry impact will be lower than the indicated range, because of tariff methodology and timing impact; 2. Based on ENTSO-E handbook climate avoidance costs, indicating a central/high range of  $\leq$ 269-498/t CO<sub>2</sub> avoided, represents benefits from PEI only 3. Assuming 50% share of Nautilus infra between PEI and UK attributed to Elia; Assuming  $\leq$ 682M max support for first 700MW concession equally available for remainder of the 3.5GW ( $\leq$ 3.4B total support), with worst case assumption that support is fully utilized over the 20 years CfD period, distributed over expected electricity demand evolution between 2030 and 2050 (CfD duration)

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Actions already taken	Further options to explore
<ul> <li>Developing a hybrid interconnector: an increased</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Dialogue with EIB for an additional loan</li> </ul>
benefit for customers thanks to better asset utilization	<ul> <li>Explore further options within the European Recovery &amp; Resilience Fund</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Procurement and commercial model: optimization and fast move to best fit the new market context</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Discuss a potential tax adjustment for Elia for investments in connecting renewable energy/</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Ongoing assessment to review budget</li> </ul>	increasing security of supply
assumptions in view of recent market developments	<ul> <li>Revisit obligations on dismantling provision for offshore infrastructure</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Secured a €650M green loan from the European Investment Bank</li> </ul>	•
<ul> <li>€100M support from the European Recovery &amp; Resilience Fund</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Subsidy for PEI's nature inclusive design</li> </ul>	



## **Summary**

- Achieving carbon-neutral European and Belgian targets will lead to significant increase in electricity consumption.
- It will request major investments. Increasing importance of networks is broadly acknowledged (eg recent Draghi report).
- Carbon neutral production sources will also have to be developed on a massive scale both in Europe and in Belgium.
- Electrical equipment and installation prices have risen sharply as a result of the war in Ukraine and the upward revision of European ambitions.
- The Princess Elisabeth Island solution stays a necessary option on the short term to meet Belgian objectives (Security of Supply (800MW 0,3 €/MWh), Pressure on electricity prices (5 to 10 €/MWh), Access to low-carbon generation (13 TWh), CO<sub>2</sub> reduction (2,5 to 9 €/MWh)) over the next decade and beyond.
- PEI leads to a progressive increase of the transmission cost, with a maximal impact of 5-5,5 €/MWh in 2032 (delta of €2,3 to 2,8/MWh following budget increases since the tariff proposal was validated)
- Tariff increase is not a Belgian phenomena but a European one which has to be addressed to preserve the competitiveness of our industries and to protect most vulnerable populations



Thank you.





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## WG Adequacy – Q4 2024 Meetings





## **Main Topics**

- Presentation of the results of the external study by Compass Lexecon on the balancing revenues.
- Auction Results 2024 (also available on Elia's website)
  - Presentation of Y-4 and Y-1
- Launch of the public consultation for AdeqFlex study on 05/11
  - Discussion on the Adequacy and EVA methodology
  - Discussion on the Flexibility study assumptions
  - Presentation of the scenarios for supply and storage, demand, end-user flexibility, cross-border exchanges and EU assumptions
- Launch of the public consultation for the Functioning Rules v5 on 22/11
  - Presentation of the design changes: PQ, Auction, Availability Monitoring, Pre-Delivery Monitoring, Payback Obligation, Secondary Market, XB participation
- Planning 2025 (see next slide)

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## Y-4 2028-29 auction results – takeaways

#### A significant step has been taken in terms of security of supply for the delivery period 2028-2029:

- 1.926 MW of capacity has been contracted in this Y-4 auction, including:
  - 188 MW of different (6) new batteries
  - 246 MW of demand response is contracted
  - 1.723 MW of existing capacity (an increase of 751 MW compared to last year's Y-4 auction)
- In previous auctions, the CRM has already contracted 2.247 MW of new capacity for the delivery period 2028-2029.

#### A net volume of 381 MW is transferred to the Y-2 & Y-1 auctions for 2028-29 as a consequence of lower offered liquidity.

- Despite lower liquidity, the weighted average price (28,0 k€/MW/y) is significantly lower than last year's auction (36,4 k€/MW/y).
- Even though there was room for an additional 630 MW, the net volume transferred to later auctions is lower because of the dynamic correction

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## Y-1 2025-26 auction results – takeaways

#### Security of supply for the delivery period 2025-26 is safeguarded

• 14.628 MW of capacity (will be) present in the system, while the target volume is 14.155 MW

#### High liquidity and a competitive Y-1 auction

- Offered volume (3.131 MW) exceeded the demand by 472 MW
- Weighted average price well below intermediate price cap (IPC): 15,7 k€/MW/yr (⇔ IPC: 27,3 k€/MW/yr)
- 2659 MW was selected in this Y-1 auction, including:
  - 1054 MW existing capacity
  - 1260 MW indirect foreign capacity (DE: 284 MW & NL: 976 MW)
  - 345 MW of Additional capacity

#### First participation of foreign capacities to the CRM was successful

1.260 MW of foreign capacity selected (976 MW from NL & 284 MW from DE)



## Planning 2025\*

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
WG	Mon 27/01 PM (13:30- 16:30)	Fri 21/02 AM (09:30- 12:30)	Fri 28/03 PM (13:30- 16:30)	Thu 17/04 PM (13:30- 16:30)	/	Wed 18/06 AM (09:30- 12:30)	/	Thu 28/08 PM (13:30- 16:30)	/	Thu 16/10 PM (13:30- 16:30)	/	Tues 16/12 AM (09:30- 12:30)

\* Subject to changes



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### Market readiness for start of the first delivery period (Nov '25)

 Goal – Ensure that the Capacity Providers (with contract for '25 – '26) understand AMPBO/settlement rules and are ready to operate the process

 Documentation & Use Cases (Elia website)
 Info Sessions & Trainings
 Operation Preparation
 Communication

 Detailed roadmap will be presented during WG Adequacy of 18/12







## WG Belgian Grid – Q4 2024 Meetings

<ul> <li>EOS – serial approach</li> <li>→ no serial approach, speed over accuracy</li> <li>Capacity reservation         <ul> <li>→ all capacity reserved at the same moment = order of the EDS</li> <li>→ limited in time</li> </ul> </li> <li>Capacity allocation         <ul> <li>→ bank deposit: still to be developed, high level principle to be written in Code of Conduct</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
01/10	
<ul> <li>Connection process in the Code of Conduct <ul> <li>summary of what has been submitted</li> </ul> </li> <li>Federal Development plan <ul> <li>survey results:</li> <li>important: identification of the system needs, needs of crossborder&amp;offshore, horizontal&amp;vertical grid Closer involvement of WG BG requested, more stakeholder interactions <ul> <li>WG BG is interested in the variant analysis of large projects</li> </ul> </li> <li>Planning and changes connection contract <ul> <li>Currently redrafting to include feedback from regulators</li> <li>New consultation planned start of Januari 2025</li> <li>Submission planned: Q1 2025</li> </ul> </li> <li>Planning and changes access contract <ul> <li>Public consultation 27/09 – 27/10</li> <li>Submission planned Q4 2024</li> </ul> </li> <li>Changes conformity process <ul> <li>Detailed description and justification of the update to be found in chapter 3.8 of "Final Outcomes of the Task Force PEZ"</li> </ul> </li> </ul></li></ul>	



## WG Belgian Grid – roadmap 2025

#### Contracts

· Integration GUFlex in connection contract\*

- Flexible access modalities (cap, temporary period,...)
- Connection process modalities (bank deposit, ..)

#### EU Regulation

Workplan Implementation Requirements for Generators/Demand Connection Code\*\*

#### **BE Regulation**

- Code of Conduct
- RTTR (Brugel)

#### Federal Development Plan

Set-up of taskforce

\* Dependant on timing CREG of consultations and publications

\*\* Dependant on timing of approval - currently estimated late Q2 2025





## WG Grid – meeting on 4/10

#### European Markets

- Next steps in the forward market
  - Presentation of the process leading to a revision of the forward capacity allocation (FCA) guideline
  - Presentation of Elia's main ideas for evolution (towards fully financial products), alongside ENTSO-E positioning
  - Conclusion: continue the dialogue throughout the next steps of the process
- Information about the new Central Europe capacity calculation region, and next steps
  - The region Core and North Italy will merge for the day-ahead timeframe
  - Conclusion: keep the stakeholders informed about the progress
- Agendas of next Market Coupling Consultative Group and Core Consultative Group
  - Key topic: implementation of 15min granularity in DA in 2025
  - Conclusion: Co-optimisation and SDAC decoupling event topics will be brought to a next Grid WG.



## WG Grid

The plan	phase 2 is starting (workshop held on 21/10), covering namely TSO production unit >1MW, and operational ning down to DSO level
• Des (res	gn discussion will start on the design, alongside taking the learnings from the phase 1 based on a survey Ilts will be discussed during the workshop on 11/12)
GUFI	ex: workshops took place on 10/10 and 15/11, where the following points have been discussed:
1. De sign	sign evolutions for the phase 1 (e.g.: BRP correction, approach for reevaluation of flexibility also after contract ature)
2. The	proposed focus for the phase 2 on impact BSP/CRM, and on mixed sites
3. An and	extensive elaboration of the target design to evolve towards a TOTEX optimization with merit order activation, a suite of products – with highlights on the open questions and interdependencies
4. The	proposed roadmap approach to deliver regular progresses in the coming years
≻ The stak	next workshop on 11/12 will continue to focus on the phase 2, while confirming the roadmap based on eholder' input
Offsh	ore: conclusion of the work in the TF PEZ
≻ doci	The publication of the report closes the process of stakeholder engagement in the preparation of Elia iments for the tender of offshore wind farm in the PEZ.
$\triangleright$	Slides have been sent to explain in more details the impact of the flex access on PEZ lot 1



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## WG Grid – roadmap 2025



Chairmen: Walter Geelen & Benjamin Genêt Secretary: Guillaume Valentin

#### • European Markets :

- 15min granularity in day-ahead market
- Go-live of the third intraday calculation (IDCC\_C)
- Approach and timing to move to a gate closure time of 30min for ID
- Evolutions of forward market (implementation, impact assessment and FCA 2.0)

#### • System Services Design:

- iCAROS phase 2 + learnings phase 1
- GUFlex
  - Regulatory traject phase 1
  - Design and regulatory traject phase 2
  - Design traject for the target model
  - Proof of concepts and regulatory sandboxing for specific (demand) projects
- Further evolutions and tenders black start and MVAr

#### Operations:

- Incompressibility
- NCC 2024 yearly report
- Winter/Summer outlook and review



# **WG Energy Solutions**

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Summary since previous UG



#### **BRP/BSP Journey**

OCT 24	NOV/DEC 24	Q1 & Q2 2025
Group workshops	Individual deep dive sessions	User testing
<b>Set priorities</b> , discuss & critique <b>concepts</b> to make sure the planned realization fits BRP & BSP needs	Investigate <b>journeys</b> and functional requirements to ensure a seamless fit for clients	Gather client feedback on advanced concepts & refine

#### Trial publication of the imbalance price forecast on traXes

- Major interest from the market
- The quality analysis is performed on a limited period (11 days). More data is needed to assess the overall quality of the forecast.
- Overall, the imbalance price forecast during the analyzed period is less precise than the quality calculated for the months of July-August. We also observe that the first 1min publication is further away from the final imbalance price than in July-August.
- The confidence indicator shows the expected behavior: +15% error from high to medium confidence, +65% error from high to low confidence



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#### EU & BE Balancing Program Update



- The go-lives of the aFRR Design Evolutions and PICASSO Connection currently **remain targeted in November and remain subject to the confirmation of the qualitative & stable implementation**, and more particularly of the different testing results foreseen in the coming weeks.
- Specifically, the go lives of aFRR Design Evolutions and PICASSO are targeted to take place in the last weeks of November in 2 steps :
  - aFRR design evolution (incl. the option for BSPs to specify a shorter activation/deactivation period, the option for BSPs to use a real-time baseline and the amendments related to the opening to low-voltage)
  - PICASSO Connection (incl. the change from paid-as-bid to paid-as-cleared remuneration of aFRR Energy Bids and the removal of the local bid price limit for non-contracted aFRR Energy Bids)
- The evolution of the default full activation time from 7,5 to 5 minutes is targeted for the 4<sup>th</sup> of December (and subject to the effective connection to PICASSO in accordance with the implementation plan of the T&C (see here after))
- A final confirmation of the go-live dates will be sent to the members of WG Energy Solutions and all BSPs early November (and at the latest 2 weeks before the first go-live).
  - For the PICASSO connection, this confirmation might still be subject to the final approval in accordance with the accession process on European level



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#### Incompressibility – Summer feedback 2024

- Summer 2024 was a statistical advantageous scenario compared to period 2019-2023 with
  - Very few (very) sunny days, especially on weekend days & holidays
  - Wind production at par
  - Slight increase of the total load
  - More often & larger short open position
- ... giving market parties and Elia more room than expected to balance inflexible with more flexible production assets
- ... yielding lower and less frequent export needs than anticipated







#### **Balancing incentive status: Smart Testing - Implementation**

- There are changes needed to the T&C mFRR in order to be able to implement the smart testing algorithm.
- In addition, after performing some initial test runs using the algorithm on real data, the results showed that **some modifications, beyond those** required for changes in the regulatory framework, will improve the functioning of the algorithm.
- Status update on the incentive: IT implementation is progressing well, parallel run going as planned.
- A document regarding availability testing in the market has been made available to the market parties. Elia invited the market parties to give their feedback on this document.

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#### Public Consultation on T&C BSP FCR

- Public Consultation on the T&C amendments to be held [18/10/2024 18/11/2024]
- Three topics have been moved to the next T&C amendments to be consulted March 2025, as they impact activation control:
  - Declarative baseline methodology
  - Combo delivery of products & EMS (if applicable)
  - Migration of real-time communication from TASE2 to RTCP/Flexhub and data granularity from 2s to 4s
- This move does not impact the targeted go-live date of these topics.
- A workshop on the next continuous activation control & the other T&C amendments will be held Mid December

#### **REMIT II: New obligation for Elia regarding market surveillance**

Any person professionally arranging transactions (PPAT) in wholesale energy products who reasonably suspects that an order to trade or a transaction, including any cancellation or modification thereof, whether placed on or outside an OMP, could breach

- Article 3 Prohibition of Insider trading ;
- Article 4 Obligation to publish Inside Information ; ( NEW )
- Article 5 Prohibition of Market manipulation.

shall **notify the Agency and the relevant national regulatory authority** without further delay and in any event no later than four weeks from the day on which that person becomes aware of the suspicious event.

PPAT shall establish and maintain effective arrangements, systems and procedures to identify these potential breaches.

Establish Market monitoring Identify and analyze anomalous events Identify anomalous events Identify and analyze anomalous events Identify anomalous events Identify anomalous events Id



## **Outlook 2025 – Energy Solutions**

An integrated outlook for the further development of **flexibility** as an enabler for the energy transition will be provided in a 2 steps approach, allowing market parties to provide feedback.





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# **AOB - Recommendation**

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## **AOB – Request membership**

#### Vlaams Energyie-en Klimaatagentschap (VEKA)

Het Vlaams Energie- en Klimaatagentschap (VEKA) is een verzelfstandigd agentschap van het beleidsdomein Omgeving en geeft uitvoering aan een duurzaam energie- en klimaatbeleid.

Het VEKA heeft als missie het voorbereiden, stimuleren, coördineren, uitvoeren, opvolgen en evalueren van beleidsinitiatieven op het vlak van energie en broeikasgasemissies die bijdragen aan de omslag naar een klimaatneutrale en duurzame samenleving in Vlaanderen, waarbij de beleidsinstrumenten op een kostenefficiënte en kwaliteitsvolle manier worden ingezet en rekening wordt gehouden met de sociale en economische impact.

→ We would like to welcome VEKA in the Plenary meetings as a member as of 01/01/2025 DO YOU AGREE?



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## **AOB – change membership**

#### **FEBELIEC**

Has 3 seats

- 2 are taken by Peter Claes and Michaël Van Bossuyt

- 3<sup>th</sup> seat will be taken by: Andreas Tirez

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#### Scope:

In 2025 around **27 public consultation** will be launched  $\rightarrow$  Around the same amount of last year. 2024 = 26.

#### Disclaimer:

- This high level overview is based on the legal deadlines included in the electricity law, FGC, the EU
  network codes and guidelines or requests by the regulator(s).
- However final planning still needs to be discussed with the regulator and as such can be modified in accordance with their views and requests.
- The arrow indicates the start time, the block does not indicate the duration of the consultation period.

#### Best effort

- Elia tries to spread the launch of the public consultations as much as
  possible and foresee sufficient time ( ≠ public consultations periods) for
  stakeholders to respond to the public consultations.
- Where possible we will also try to combine/cluster topic.



#### Regional/EU

ENTSO-E public consultations

Disclaimer: at this stage a detailed overview of the ENTSO-E public consultations for 2025 is currently not yet available.