



## Elia achieves first ISO 14001 environmental certification

**BRUSSELS** | The Belgian system operator Elia Transmission Belgium (Elia) has successfully completed its first ISO 14001 audit. Achieving this environmental certification is an important objective within Elia's sustainability programme, ActNow. Elia's environmental performance is now better monitored, evaluated, and optimised. ISO - the International Organization for Standardization - is an independent organisation that develops international standards, including for environmental management.

*"We have worked hard for three years on a management system that maps our environmental risks and formulates achievable objectives. Almost all departments at Elia have been involved in this. I am pleased that external auditors recognise our efforts and have granted Elia the ISO 14001 environmental certificate for the first time. We have indeed made significant strides: from a new monitoring system for SF6 gas leaks, developing e-learning around the environment, to managing incidents."*

**Frédéric Dunon, CEO of Elia Transmission Belgium**

The environmental management system allows for an even stronger integration of Elia's sustainability programme, ActNow, into its operations as a grid operator. ActNow was launched in 2021. One of the objectives was to implement an environmental management system by 2024. With the achievement of the ISO 14001 environmental certificate, this goal has therefore been met.

The audit took place at the administrative sites in Brussels (Empereur) and Gembloux (Crealy), the service centre in Liège (Bressoux), and the high-voltage stations in Drogenbos and Lixhe. The German sister company of Elia, 50Hertz, already obtained its first certification in 2022.

## 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 the north and east of Germany (50Hertz), we operate 19,460.5 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 its activities as a transmission system operator, Elia Group provides consulting services to international customers through its subsidiary Elia Grid International. In recent years, the Group has launched new non-regulated activities such as re.alto - the first European marketplace for the exchange of energy data via standardised energy APIs - and WindGrid, a subsidiary which will continue to expand the Group's overseas activities, contributing to the development of offshore electricity grids in Europe and beyond.

The legal entity Elia Group is a listed company whose core shareholder is the municipal holding company Publi-T.

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