



Elia signs a new sustainability-linked credit facility to strengthen its liquidity position

- Agreement signed with a consortium of six banks for a €1,260 million revolving credit facility (RCF)
- Elia renews commitment to environmental and social responsibility with a new RCF aligned to sustainable performance goals

Elia Transmission Belgium (Elia), operator of the Belgian high-voltage grid, today announced it has signed a €1,260 million revolving credit facility agreement, which replaces its sustainability-linked RCF agreement signed in 2020. As part of Elia’s sustainable financing strategy, the pricing of the new facility is linked to more ambitious sustainability performance targets to enforce Elia’s commitment to the Environmental, Social and Corporate Governance (ESG) objectives.

The sustainability performance targets that impact the credit facility’s pricing mechanism are related to the company’s efforts to tackle **climate change**, enhance **biodiversity** and prioritize **health and safety**. As a transmission system operator, Elia plays a crucial role in the decarbonisation of the energy sector and society in general by incorporating increasing volumes of renewable energy. Biodiversity stands as one of the core pillars in Elia’s Sustainability Strategy, presenting a significant challenge in the context of land-use for grid expansion and modernisation within the electricity transmission industry. Safety ranks among Elia’s highest priorities and is deeply embedded in its corporate culture. Elia applies the highest safety standards and aims to ensure that every day all our employees and everybody we work and collaborate with go home safe and sound.



“Our primary focus is on ensuring the success of the energy transition and leading the decarbonization of society. As we intensify our efforts, we remain dedicated to combating climate change, promoting biodiversity, and prioritizing the safety of the workforce engaged in building a robust and resilient grid for the future. This new facility underscores ETB’s steadfast environmental and social commitments, illustrating our ambition to align our funding strategy with our CSR strategy and our objective to benefit all stakeholders.”



Yannick Dekoninck, Head of Capital Markets

The three-year revolving credit facility has two one-year-extension options and can be used for general corporate purposes. The banks taking part in the single-tier RCF are ING Bank (Coordinator), Rabobank (Joint Sustainability Coordinator and Agent), BNP Paribas (Joint Sustainability Coordinator), Belfius, KBC and NatWest.



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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 19,349 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. is the municipal holding company Publi-T.

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