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## Power outage in northeast Brussels caused by technical incident

**On Thursday, 9 February at 10:40 p.m. Elia's high-voltage substation in Schaerbeek suffered a simultaneous loss of two grid components which together supply multiple high-voltage substations in Brussels. These high-voltage substations were subsequently left without power, directly impacting residents of the Brussels districts of Evere, Saint-Josse, Schaerbeek and, to a lesser extent, central Brussels, Kraainem, Zaventem and Woluwe.**

Our technical teams proceeded immediately to the site and found that a localised explosion - caused by a technical incident - had damaged the facilities.

After performing the appropriate safety inspections and isolating the damaged components, Elia was able to re-energise the high-voltage substations one by one starting at midnight. By around 1 a.m. all high-voltage substations had been reconnected to the grid.

Last night, Elia personnel took all possible measures to re-energise the high-voltage grid in the Brussels region as quickly as possible. Today the situation is being monitored continuously in order to ensure the grid is fully operational.

As usual, Elia will conduct a thorough analysis of the events in order to ascertain the cause of the incident.

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#### About Elia

The Elia Group is organised around two electricity transmission system operators (TSOs): Elia Transmission in Belgium and (together with Industry Funds Management (IFM)) 50Hertz Transmission, one of the four German TSOs, active in the north and east of Germany.

With more than 1,900 employees and a transmission grid comprising some 18,300 km of high-voltage connections serving 30 million end users, the Elia Group is one of Europe's top five TSOs.

It efficiently, reliably and securely transmits electricity from generators to distribution system operators and major industrial consumers, while also importing and exporting electricity from and to neighbouring countries. The Group is a driving force behind the development of the European electricity market and the integration of energy generated from renewable sources.

In addition to its TSO activities in Belgium and Germany, the Elia Group offers businesses a range of consultancy and engineering services through its subsidiary Elia Grid International (EGI).

The Group operates under the legal entity Elia System Operator, a listed company whose core shareholder is the municipal holding company Publi-T.