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The repair work following the mid-July floods is on schedule. Pepinster's worst-hit high-voltage substation will be back in service by the end of August. The On (Rochefort) substation is already fully operational again. Hard work has been done on-site to maintain the supply of electricity in the region. The costs of repair work will likely be largely reimbursed by insurance and the regulatory framework.

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## Elia Group publishes half-year results

Elia Group made many investments in the first half of the year: €164.9 million in Belgium and €221.6 million in Germany. The adjusted net profit dropped 1.6% to €150.5 million due to the increase in maintenance and personnel costs in Germany. These are offset by the strong performance of Nemo Link (Belgium-UK interconnector) and solid operations in Belgium. The financial outlook for adjusted return on equity is on the higher side of the target of 5.5% to 6.5%.

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## Elia launches new customer platform: EPIC

The new EPIC customer platform, together with the Open Data Platform, should support data-driven decision-making. The digital platforms provide the transparency, data and ease of use that customers and stakeholders need to make optimal operational and commercial decisions. They will also contribute to the ongoing development of energy services. EPIC streamlines our customer services and data via a single login. The Open Data Platform provides stakeholders with easy and open access to public data about our network.

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## Helicopter used to dismantle electricity pylon

In Engis, near Huy in the province of Liège, a high-voltage pylon has been dismantled using a helicopter. The pylon was 70 years old and had to be dismantled. The nearly 60-metre-tall colossus stood on the edge of a quarry and due to its location could not be removed using a conventional crane. The mast was expertly dismantled and removed by helicopter. The entire operation went smoothly and faster than planned.



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## Eight TSOs take the initiative for a climate-neutral energy system

In a jointly produced document, eight leading transmission system operators (TSOs) describe their key role in the energy transition. For example, they are developing the grid infrastructure to incorporate renewable energy sources and support electrification. Increasing flexibility in the system is also one of the action points the TSOs want to use to achieve a climate-neutral society by 2050.

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## Dirk Biermann on ENTSO-E Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of ENTSO-E was re-elected on 1 July. ENTSO-E is the association of European electricity transmission system operators. Dirk Biermann, Chief Officer Markets and System Operations at 50Hertz, is new and represents Elia Group. Pascale Fonck, Chief External Relations Officer at Elia, is ending her second term as Vice-Chairman. She cannot be re-elected. Elia Group thanks her for her many years of dedicated service. Hervé Laffaye from French transmission system operator RTE remains chairman.

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## Work on Nordring Berlin can continue

German transmission system operator 50Hertz can continue work to upgrade the line north of Berlin (Nordring). The project involves replacing an existing 220-kV line with a new 380-kV line. The line is 75 kilometres long and is an important link in the ambition to incorporate 100% renewable energy into the system. The project was halted after a complaint that has now been dismissed by the courts.

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## 50Hertz commissions new high-voltage substation

50Hertz has opened a new substation near Altdöbern. A great deal of renewable energy is generated in the region. In the new high-voltage station, this is converted into extra-high-voltage and distributed over the area. Over the next five years, 50Hertz will upgrade 19 substations and build three new ones, for a total investment of some €575 million.

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## Brazilian startup wins Open Innovation Challenge

TideWise is the winner of our 2021 Open Innovation Challenge. The competition aims to encourage innovation in areas related to Elia Group's activities as a grid operator. This year the focus was on innovative solutions for integrating offshore wind energy. Of the 78 teams that initially registered, the jury chose TideWise. The Brazilian startup has developed an unmanned vessel with advanced sensors that increases the efficiency of underwater inspections.



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## Praise for The Nest

The Nest, has been included in the top 50 of promising digital innovation labs by German business magazine Capital. The Nest is Elia Group's own incubator where employees can work outside the traditional work environment on prototypes for digital innovations that are immediately tested. The Nest was founded a year ago and immediately took 17th place.

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