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## Elia Group appoints Michael von Roeder as Chief Digital Officer

Elia Group is pleased to announce that Michael von Roeder will join the company as of 1 November 2019 as Chief Digital Officer (CDO). He will lead our digital transformation program and take over the leadership of the Elia Group IT and Digital departments. As CDO, Michael von Roeder will be a member of the Elia Group Committee (EGC).

Michael von Roeder has a great deal of experience with startups, corporate organisations (Vattenfall, Vodafone) and consulting groups (Accenture) enabling him to drive our digital ambitions in both the regulated and non-regulated business forward. He holds a Master of Business and Engineering at the University of Stuttgart and a Master of Business Administration (IMD Lausanne).

In June, Elia Group already announced the appointment of **Stefan Kapferer** as the new CEO of the German system operator 50Hertz. As the current Chairman of the Board of Directors of the German Association of Energy and Water Industries (BDEW), he is very well acquainted with the energy sector. Kapferer will start working at 50Hertz in December 2019.

With the appointment of Michael von Roeder and Stefan Kapferer, two top positions within the Elia Group organisation has been filled. Both will work from the Berlin head office and will be members of the Elia Group Committee that coordinates the activities of Elia Group.



*Elia Group is working on its digital transformation and I am very pleased to have the opportunity to lead the Belgo-German teams that are preparing and implementing this complex process. Digitalisation will support the traditional businesses of a transmission system operator (TSO) to cope with the increasing complexity of the ongoing energy transition.*



**Michael von Roeder, Chief Digital Officer Elia Group**



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## About the Elia Group

### One of Europe's top five players

Elia Group is active in electricity transmission. We ensure that production and consumption are balanced around the clock, supplying 30 million end users with electricity. With subsidiaries in Belgium (Elia) and north-east Germany (50Hertz), we operate 18,990 km of high-voltage connections. As such, our group is one of Europe's top 5. With a reliability level of 99.999%, we give society a robust power grid, which is important for socio-economic prosperity. We also aspire to be a catalyst for a successful energy transition towards a reliable, sustainable and affordable energy system.

### We make the energy transition happen

By expanding international high-voltage connections and integrating ever-increasing amounts of renewable energy production, Elia Group promotes both the integration of the European energy market and the decarbonisation of our society. Elia Group is also innovating its operational systems and developing market products so that new technologies and market parties can access our grid, thus making the energy transition happen.

### In the interest of society

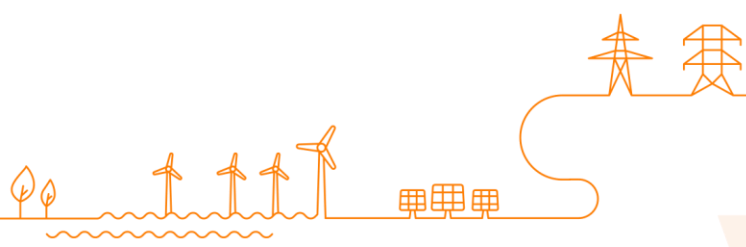
As a key player in the energy system, Elia Group is committed to working in the interest of society. We respond to the rapidly changing energy mix, i.e. the increase in renewable energy, and constantly adapt our transmission grid. We also ensure that investments are made on time and within budget, with a maximum focus on safety. When we carry out our projects, we manage stakeholders proactively by establishing two-way communication with all affected parties very early on in the development process. We also offer our expertise to our sector and relevant authorities to build the energy system of the future.

### International focus

In addition to its activities as a transmission system operator, the Elia Group provides various consulting services to international customers through its subsidiary Elia Grid International (EGI). Elia is also part of the Nemo Link consortium that is building the first subsea electrical interconnector between Belgium and the UK. The Group operates under the legal entity Elia System Operator, a listed company whose core shareholder is the municipal holding company Publi-T.

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