

## Antwerp's Liefkenshoektunnel closed during the night of 22-23 October

Elia, the operator of Belgium's high-voltage grid, will be working on the high-voltage lines around the Liefkenshoektunnel in Antwerp during the night of 22-23 October. To ensure that this work can be carried out safely, the Liefkenshoektunnel will be closed in both directions between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m.

### Liefkenshoektunnel closure: diversions in place

As part of the Brabo II project, Elia is removing cables from a number of pylons around the Liefkenshoektunnel and Sint-Annalaan. To ensure that this work can be carried out safely, the Liefkenshoektunnel will be closed to traffic (excluding emergency services) in both directions from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. Above ground, Sint-Annalaan and Oudendijk will also be closed. Through traffic between Ghent and the Netherlands will be diverted via the Antwerp ring road (R1), while traffic heading towards the Port of Antwerp will be diverted via the A12 (coming from Bergen-op-Zoom) or E34 (coming from Bruges). The Liefkenshoektunnel will be reopened to all traffic at 5 a.m.



**Brabo II project**

At a local level, Elia's Brabo project will increase the grid's supply capacity, enabling it to cope with growing electricity consumption in the Port of Antwerp. At a national and international level, the project will upgrade Belgium's north-south axis and bolster Europe's international grid. This will improve international trade opportunities and reduce reliance on Belgian generating facilities.

**[www.elia.be/brabo](http://www.elia.be/brabo)**

## About Elia Group

### One of Europe's top five players

Elia is Belgium's high-voltage transmission system operator (30 kV to 380 kV) and is responsible for electricity transmission there. We ensure that generation and consumption are balanced around the clock, supplying the Belgian grid with electricity and operating 8,495 km of high-voltage connections. As such, our group (bringing together Elia in Belgium and 50Hertz in Germany) is one of Europe's top five system operators. 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 generation, the Elia Group promotes both the integration of the European energy market and the decarbonisation of our society. At the same time, the Elia Group is 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, the 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 has built 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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