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## Pieter De Crem succeeds Kris Peeters on Elia's Board of Directors

**Brussels, 26 February 2021 | Pieter De Crem was co-opted as a non-independent director on to Elia's Board of Directors at the recommendation of Publi-T (core shareholder). He replaces Kris Peeters, who has been appointed Vice-President of the European Investment Bank. Mr De Crem's directorship takes immediate effect and board members will be asked to confirm his appointment during the Ordinary General Meeting on 18 May 2021. As a non-independent director, he will be remunerated in the same way as the other board members.**

### Pieter De Crem

Pieter De Crem was born on 22 July 1962 in Aalter, Belgium. He holds degrees in Romance philology (KUL), European and international law (VUB) and Advanced Management at Harvard Business School. He began his political career in 1989 as an attaché to the staff of Prime Minister Wilfried Martens. In 1994, he was elected Mayor of Aalter, a position he still holds today. He was elected to the Belgian Federal Parliament for the first time in 1995, and then served as President of the CD&V Group in the House of Representatives (2003 to 2007) and as chairman of the Home Affairs Committee in 2007. Mr De Crem has served as Minister of Defence (2007-2014), Foreign Trade (2014-2020), and Home Affairs and Security (2018-2020). He has also served as Deputy Prime Minister (2013-2014) and as the federal government's special envoy for the MYRRHA research project based in the Belgian Nuclear Research Centre (2017-2018).

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## About the Elia Group

### One of Europe's top five players

The Elia Group is active in electricity transmission, ensuring that generation and consumption are balanced at all times. We supply 30 million end users with electricity and manage 19,271 km of high-voltage power lines via our subsidiaries in Belgium (Elia) and north-east Germany (50Hertz). As such, our Group 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, the Elia Group promotes both the integration of the European energy market and the decarbonisation of our society. The Elia Group is also innovating its operational systems and developing market products so that new technologies and market parties can access our grid. In this way, the Elia Group is 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 are constantly adapting our transmission grid to the rapidly changing energy mix, incorporating ever more renewable energy. We also ensure that investments are made on time and within budget and guarantee maximum safety. When we carry out our projects, we manage stakeholders proactively by establishing two-way communication with all affected parties from the outset. We also offer our expertise to our sector and relevant authorities to help 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 a member of the Nemo Link consortium, which operates the first subsea electricity interconnector between Belgium and Great Britain. The Elia Group operates under the legal entity Elia Group, a listed company whose core shareholder is the municipal holding company Publi-T.

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