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## Elia Group is one of 20 companies to join the new BEL®ESG stock market index

Brussels, 15 February 2023 | Elia Group is one of the Belgian companies selected to be part of BEL®ESG, the new stock market index directly linked to sustainability launched today by Euronext. This index is designed to meet an increasing market demand for improved visibility of sustainable investment tools. It will monitor 20 listed Brussels-based companies that adopt the best environmental, social, and governance (ESG) practices. We are proud to be part of this index and to see that the soundness of our sustainable strategy, which is implemented through our ActNow programme, is once again confirmed.

### Bel®ESG, the new Belgian sustainability index

This new index identifies and follows 20 BEL® 20 and BEL® Mid companies that have demonstrated the best environmental, social, and governance (ESG) practices. Launched by Euronext, this sustainable version of the national blue-chip index will now also follow shares listed on the Brussels stock market. This is the fifth national version, following the launches of CAC® 40 ESG (France), MIB® ESG (Italy), AEX® ESG (Netherlands), and OBX® ESG (Norway). The index is designed to help investors identify the companies that show a strong commitment to sustainable development, and it combines economic performance with ESG considerations. This new index has been designed in partnership with “Sustainalytics”, one of the leading research and ratings institutions for ESG data. The makeup of the index will be revised on a quarterly basis.

### The result of work initiated several years ago

The integration of Elia Group into the new BEL®ESG index is directly correlated with the implementation of ActNow, the sustainability programme launched several years ago by Elia Group. ActNow has placed sustainability at the heart of the group’s strategy by setting concrete and measurable objectives. ActNow focuses on five key dimensions in line with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). Through this programme, the Elia Group is committed to climate action, and decarbonising the electricity sector and its own business activities (1). ActNow also aims at minimising the environmental impact of the group’s infrastructure (2) and at improving the health and safety conditions of its employees and subcontractors (3). The group is also committed to diversity, equality and inclusion (2). Finally, greater attention is being paid to good governance to ensure the long-term sustainable success of the group (5).

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## About Elia Group

### One of Europe's top five TSOs

Elia Group is a key player in electricity transmission. We ensure that production and consumption are balanced around the clock, supplying 30 million end users with electricity. Through our subsidiaries in Belgium (Elia) and the north and east of Germany (50Hertz), we operate 19,192 km of high-voltage connections, meaning that Elia Group is one of Europe's top 5 transmission system operators. With a reliability level of 99.99%, we provide society with a robust power grid, which is important for socioeconomic prosperity. We also aspire to be a catalyst for a successful energy transition, helping to establish a reliable, sustainable and affordable energy system.

### We are making the energy transition happen

By expanding international high-voltage connections and incorporating ever-increasing amounts of renewable energy into our grid, we are promoting both the integration of the European energy market and the decarbonisation of society. We also continuously optimise our operational systems and develop new market products so that new technologies and market parties can access our grid, thus further facilitating the energy transition.

### 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 are responding to the rapid increase in renewable energy by constantly adapting our transmission grid. We also ensure that investments are made on time and within budget, with a maximum focus on safety. In carrying out our projects, we manage stakeholders proactively by establishing two-way communication channels between all relevant parties very early on in the development process. We also offer our expertise to different players across the sector in order to build the energy system of the future.

### International focus

In addition to its activities as a transmission system operator, Elia Group provides various consulting services to international customers via its subsidiary Elia Grid International. Recently, Elia Group launched new non-regulated activities such as re.alto, the leading European market platform for the exchange of energy-related data via standardised APIs in the energy field, and WindGrid, a subsidiary that will continue to develop Elia Group's activities abroad, contributing to the expansion of offshore electricity grids in Europe and beyond.

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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