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## Successful rights offering by Elia Group - existing shareholders and new investors have fully subscribed to the rights offering following a successful private placement of the scrips

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**BRUSSELS - Today, Elia Group SA (the “Company”, “Group” or “Elia Group”) launched and closed its private placement of scrips to institutional investors. Following the successful private placement of those scrips and the public offering of new shares to existing shareholders and any holders of an extra-legal preferential right, 100% of the new shares offered in the rights offering have been subscribed (of which 93.81% in the public offering and 6.19% in the private placement).**

Further to the completion of the private placement of scrips to institutional investors, an additional 6.19% of the new shares offered by Elia Group as part of its maximum €1,349,882,559.48 (including issue premium) rights issue have been subscribed at €61.88 per share. As a result, 100% of the rights offering has now been subscribed.

Based on the results of the scrips private placement, the net proceeds (after deduction of costs) to which the holders of non-exercised preferential rights are entitled amounts to €5.77 per coupon n° 24. This amount shall in principle be available and paid out as from 9 April 2025.

The payment of subscriptions with dematerialised preferential rights, the realisation of the capital increase, the delivery of the new shares to subscribers and the listing of the new shares on Euronext Brussels is expected to take place on 8 April 2025. After this transaction, the number of issued shares in the Company will rise from 87,258,086 to 109,072,607. The new shares will in principle be tradable on Euronext Brussels from the same date onwards.

The trading of the Elia Group shares will resume after publication of this press release.

The Belgian Financial Services and Markets Authority approved the prospectus prepared by Elia Group on 25 March 2025. The approval of the prospectus should not be understood as an endorsement of the securities offered.

Additional information, subject to applicable legal restrictions, is available here: <https://investor.eliagroup.eu/offering>

*“We are pleased with the successful completion of the rights issue. We would like to thank the existing shareholders for their enduring trust and welcome our new investors. Their support will enable Elia Group to finance its future growth and enable us execute our investment plan. Elia Group remains committed to*

*drive clean energy competitiveness and strengthen Europe's strategic autonomy through secure and resilient energy systems and realise important investment projects that will drive the European energy transition."*

- **Bernard Gustin, CEO of Elia Group**

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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 19,741 km of high-voltage connections, meaning that we are one of Europe's top 5 transmission system operators. With a reliability level above 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 consulting services to international customers through its subsidiary Elia Grid International. In recent years, the Group has launched new non-regulated activities such as re.alto - the first European marketplace for the exchange of energy data via standardised energy APIs - and WindGrid, a subsidiary which will continue to expand the Group's overseas activities, contributing to the development of offshore electricity grids in Europe and beyond.

The legal entity Elia Group is a listed company whose core shareholder is the municipal holding company Publi-T/NextGrid Holding.

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