

Modernisation of the electricity grid in the Venetian Lagoon: Terna activates the first stretch

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Rome, 15 June 2018 – The 132 kV underground cable “C.P. Sacca Serenella – C.P. Cavallino” has been activated, the first phase of the Terna project to modernise the electricity grid in the Venetian Lagoon, making it more secure and efficient.

The cable, which has just become active, is 14 km long in total, 10 km of which are undersea. The installation works were carried out adopting all the most sustainable technological solutions, while respecting an area of particular environmental value.

Along with the activation of the new “C.P. Sacca Serenella – C.P. Cavallino” connection, Terna has begun works on the second stretch, which will complete the project: a 132 kV underground cable called “Fusina 2 – C.P. Sacca Fisola” which will be finished before the end of 2018 and allow for the dismantling of 6.5 km of the current overhead line inside the Lagoon.

“Today’s feat is the first stage for guaranteeing Venice a more modern, secure and sustainable electricity grid, supported by innovative technologies at the service of the lagoon city,” said Luigi Ferraris, Terna CEO. “Terna’s commitment is to continue the constructive dialogue with Venice’s municipal administration, with other Venetian institutions and with citizens to complete the envisaged project plan”.

The modernisation of the electricity grid in the Venetian Lagoon, which involves a € 55 million investment, is an important step towards fulfilment of Terna’s 2018-2022 Investment Plan, which provides for investments of over € 300 million in Veneto.

The Venetian Mayor, Luigi Brugnaro, made the following comment: “I am very pleased with this collaboration with Terna and its CEO, Luigi Ferraris. In a short amount of time, they have gone ahead with works in Venice - and the Lagoon in particular - which are designed to improve and modernise our territory. This is an excellent result and I would like to thank everyone involved for working with the utmost professionalism and proficiency”.