

TERNA: THE TYRRHENIAN LINK SUBSTATION IS TO BE BUILT NEXT TO THE EXISTING CARACOLI PLANT, IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TERMINI IMERESE (PA)

- The solution presented in the digital Terna Meets session will make the infrastructure more sustainable and integrate it with the area.
- The option was identified through discussions with the municipal administration, citizens and stakeholders.

Rome, 30 March 2021 – During a virtual meeting, Terna presented the results of the studies conducted following public consultation with the area to the citizens of Termini Imerese (PA), also illustrating the design solution chosen for the converter station on the Tyrrhenian Link, EAST branch (Sicily - Campania), the undersea power line which will connect Sicily to Campania and Sardinia, which will be built next to the existing Caracoli power station.

This choice, which was made after analysing the comments received and the suggestions that emerged in the past few weeks, also takes into account the fruitful dialogue with citizens and the municipal administration and makes it possible to increase the environmental sustainability of the power plant to the benefit of the local communities, minimising its impact and encouraging its harmonious integration with the area.

The Termini Imerese administration is very satisfied: *“The collaboration between the Municipality and Terna,”* said Mayor Maria Terranova – *“has resulted in a substation location that is adapted to the needs of the area. With the public prior consultation process, the municipality has played a leading role in arriving at shared solutions that are compatible with the development trajectories that this administration has also planned for Termini Imerese.”*

The Tyrrhenian Link is a strategic project for the Italian electricity system in which Terna will invest approximately € 3.7 billion over the next few years, involving around 250 companies. The new infrastructure will allow for greater integration between the different market zones and more effective use of the ever increasing flow of energy from renewable sources. The Tyrrhenian Link will also play a decisive role in improving the reliability of both the grid and the electricity system overall.

The new interconnection is a cutting-edge project that involves the construction of two undersea power lines (one from Campania to Sicily and one from Sicily to Sardinia) for a total of 950 km of 1000 MW direct current connection.

Project information and documentation is available on Terna’s website: www.terna.it.