

TERNA: PUBLIC PRIORITY CONSULTATION PLAN BEGINS FOR NEW ELECTRICITY CONNECTION BETWEEN ITALY AND TUNISIA

*Three web meetings to see and express views on the possibilities of new
underground and undersea electricity cable routes*

Rome, 29 September 2020°-Terna launches the Public Priority Consultation Plan for the new Italy-Tunisia underground power line that will last 8 weeks, during which residents will be able to talk directly to Terna technicians and express their own opinions and preferences regarding two possible provisioned routes for the development project. The results of the consultation will be sent together with the project presentation for the launch of the work authorisation process.

The current health situation has made it necessary to identify new methods of carrying out meetings and dialogue with local communities to enhance the approach model that has been existing so far. As well as traditional forms of communication, Terna has also organised online meetings that will be able to reach a larger number of people; allowing those who are interested to see the future works and express their opinions in total security. The three virtual meetings scheduled for 30 September, 1 October and 2 October, all at 16:00, are dedicated to the municipalities of Castelvetro, Campobello di Mazara and Partanna respectively, the three communities in the Trapano province affected by the possible underground cables. Planners and technicians from Terna will be at the disposal of connected users to discuss the two different possibilities for the underground cables, clear up any doubts about the building of the power line and listen to suggestions from those who live in the area.

All the information to participate in the web meetings as well as the project documentation are available on the Terna website at the page: <https://www.terna.it/en/projects/-common-interest/italy-tunisia-interconnection>.

The new electricity connection between Italy and Tunisia will link the electrical substation in Partanna with a corresponding substation on the Cape Bon peninsula in Tunisia. The underground power line will have a continuous current of 600MW and will be connected to the Italian electricity grid through a DC-to-AC electricity converter substation. This will be created alongside the existing electrical substation of Partanna, using architecture and colours that fit the surrounding landscape and will be conveniently hidden by a natural barrier of trees. From Partanna to the coast there will be an underground cable running along existing road routes, leaving the environment and landscape unaltered including coastal landing areas.