

TERNA: THE NEW CONVERTER SUBSTATION OF THE ADRIATIC LINK TO BE LOCATED IN FANO (PU)

**The decision is the result of public engagement, the analysis of the comments received
and the results of additional surveys conducted by Terna on the relevant issues**

Terna will invest approximately €1 billion for this project

Rome, 31 March 2022 – Following public engagement initiatives, the analysis of the comments received and the results of additional surveys conducted by Terna in the affected areas, Fano, in the province of Pesaro and Urbino, has been identified as the site of the new converter substation in Marche to serve the Adriatic Link, the direct current undersea power line that will connect Abruzzo and Marche.

The definitive location of the new substation was announced today during an online community information event, in which Terna's engineers also provided information on the other location solutions: the “Metaurilia” area to the south of Metauro as the landing point of the undersea cable, and the Bellocchi industrial area for the underground cable that connects to the converter station. The latter will extend for approximately 16 km and will mainly follow pre-existing routes located away from residential areas, thus protecting the environment and the landscape.

The selection of these definitive solutions is the result of a long process of engagement and dialogue with the region which, from December 2020 to today, translates into over 90 meetings with regional and municipal authorities, associations and citizens.

Approximately 250 km long, 210 of which are undersea, the Adriatic Link will improve the electricity exchange capacity between the various regions of the country, above all between the Centre-South and the Centre-North, thanks to the increase in power of approximately 1,000 MW, improving the efficiency, reliability and resilience of the entire transmission grid, and specifically in Le Marche, helping to close the region's energy deficit which, according to the latest data, is at about 70%.

The project, in which Terna will invest over €1 billion and involves around 120 direct and satellite companies, is at the forefront of technology and environmental sustainability and will serve to push the development and integration of renewable sources, contributing to the decarbonisation of the Italian electricity system in line with the goals and targets in the



Integrated National Energy and Climate Plan (NECP).