

TERNA PRESENTS RESULTS OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON THE NEW “GR.ITA 2” CONNECTION BETWEEN ITALY AND GREECE

Online meeting to be held on 31 January to present solutions selected for the route

The new interconnection will guarantee safe operation of the grid and increase the efficiency of markets and services, consolidating Italy’s role as Mediterranean energy hub

Rome, 25 January 2024 - On 31 January, Terna—the Italian transmission grid operator led by Giuseppina Di Foggia—will present the results of public consultation to authorities and citizens of the seven municipalities affected by the planned “GR.ITA 2” connection.

During the online meeting, to be held on Teams from 5.00 p.m., the solutions selected for the route will be presented. These decisions are the result of dialogue with local communities in the context of public consultation on the new infrastructure that will cross the southern Italian municipalities, in the province of Lecce, of Galatina, Soleto, Sternatia, Martignano, Calimera, Carpignano Salentino and Melendugno. At the end of this phase, Terna will launch detailed planning ready for authorisation.

The meeting is part of the participatory planning process launched by the company in 2022 with the support of the regional authority of Puglia and the municipal councils. During the public consultation phase prior to submission of the project for authorisation, concluded on 12 December 2023, five meetings were held to illustrate the details of the proposed project to local stakeholders, examining alternatives defined on the basis of comments received during voluntary consultation and listening to the feedback, opinions and requests of citizens.

Two 250-km submarine cables with up to 1,000 MW of power and two 50-km underground DC cables will connect the landing site in Melendugno to Galatina through the municipalities of Soleto, Sternatia, Martignano, Calimera and Carpignano Salentino. The new conversion station that will be connected to the national grid via an underground AC cable will be built in Galatina.

Doubling the interconnection between the Italian peninsula and Greece will ensure safe management across the South. Efficient energy procurement will be made possible by

enabling new resources via electricity market coupling and maintaining the exchange of energy between the countries, even when maintenance is being carried out.

All the information needed to participate in the virtual meetings as well as the project documentation is available on the dedicated webpage:
<https://www.terna.it/en/projects/public-engagement/italy-greece-grita-2>

The email address for further information or updates remains active: infoGRITA2@terna.it