

TERNA PRESENTS THE RESULTS OF THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON THE WEST BRANCH OF THE TYRRHENIAN LINK

On 12 and 13 April, virtual meetings will be held to present the locations of the works to the Municipalities and communities affected by the new power line between Sicily and Sardinia

The undersea interconnection, in which Terna will invest approximately € 3.7 billion, will allow for the further development of renewable sources

Rome, 6 April 2022 – The presentation of the locations for the works in Sicily and Sardinia marks the conclusion of Terna's public consultation on the West Branch of the Tyrrhenian Link, the € 3.7 billion undersea power line that will connect Sicily to Sardinia and Campania.

The Italian national grid operator is hosting two “Terna meets” events, the first on 12 April with the Municipality of Termini Imerese in the Province of Palermo, and the second on 13 April with the Municipalities of Maracalagonis, Quartucciu, Quartu Sant’Elena, Selargius, Settimo San Pietro and Sinnai, in the Province of Cagliari.

The events, which will be held digitally on the Teams platform in compliance with precautions established due to the pandemic, will start at 17:00. Terna engineers and representatives will illustrate the two planned solutions to local authorities, associations and residents of the Municipalities located in the areas affected by the works.

The two “Terna meets” events mark the conclusion of the participatory planning process, characterised by dialogue and collaboration with local institutions, to identify, in particular, the sites for the future substations. Once the public consultation phase is complete, during which Terna considered the comments received, the company will submit the application to the Italian Ministry of Ecological Transition to begin the authorisation process for the infrastructure.

The construction of the Tyrrhenian Link, a strategic project for the Italian electricity system, will involve around 250 companies. The new infrastructure will allow for greater exchange capacity between the different market zones and a more effective use of the flows of energy from renewable sources. Furthermore, it will play a decisive role in improving the reliability of the grid, contributing to the safety of the electricity system and its ability to cope with the expected decommissioning of coal plants and the most obsolete fuel oil plants with a higher environmental impact.

The new interconnection is a state-of-the-art project that will involve the construction of two 1000 MW direct current undersea power lines, one from Campania to Sicily and the other from Sicily to Sardinia, for a total length of 950 km.

The infrastructure will be fully operational in 2028, but the first cable – related to the East Branch – will be up and running in late 2025.