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APULIA REGION WITH TERNA SIGNS AGREEMENT TO MONITOR RENEWABLE CONNECTION REQUESTS

Goal: optimise planning information flow for new electricity infrastructure

Rome, 22 November 2023 - Terna - Italy's national electricity grid operator led by Giuseppina Di Foggia - and the Apulia Region signed an agreement on the operational aspects of their partnership. The goal is to improve the planning and placement of new electricity infrastructure in the area and coordinate the development of works to meet the environmental and energy targets outlined in Italy's regional environmental energy plan and during the consultation stage.

Specifically, it will be possible to monitor grid connection requests for renewable systems by sharing information and data.

The terms of the five-year agreement include creating a control room to address specific topics, as well as roundtables on exchanging data, consultation, managing local requirements and regulatory clarification. A dedicated platform will be the main channel used to exchange information with institutions such as regional authorities, the Italian Ministry of the Environment and Energy Security, and the Italian Regulatory Authority for Energy, Networks and Environment (ARERA). Terna will digitise status data for renewable production plants and information on the process of connecting to the national transmission grid, significantly cutting time frames.

The Puglia Region and Terna have agreed to foster discussions and participatory planning with local authorities, stakeholders, and the public. The idea is to share decisions about structure placement, cut project execution times, and guarantee an even more efficient and sustainable electricity grid for the area while respecting the environment.

One example of a key project Terna has planned for Puglia - included in its 2023 - 2032 Development Plan - is to build a new substation and the associated connections to the national grid in Torremaggiore, in the province of Foggia. The company also plans to double the submarine connection between Italy and Greece. The company will invest over **1.9 billion euro** in Puglia over the plan period, making it the region with the second largest investment.

*"Updating an old agreement signed with Terna in 2008", explained **Alessandro Delli Noci**, Councillor for Economic Development, "we have reached a new agreement to share*



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expertise and data of mutual interest, which will support the development of electricity infrastructure in line with the area's needs and energy planning goals. Monitoring European regulations and identifying and evaluating initiatives aimed at promoting sustainable development are the underlying goals of this agreement, and I would like to thank Terna for this".

*"By signing this important memorandum, Terna has once again confirmed its collaboration with the Puglia Region on a shared journey towards our energy transition goals. The agreement highlights our company's high esteem for dialogue with the local area, the sustainability of projects, and the focus on environment and local communities", said **Enrico Maria Carlini**, Head of Electricity System Planning and Authorisations.*