

## **TERNA: AUTHORISATION PROCESS LAUNCHED FOR NEW POWER LINE IN THE PROVINCE OF SYRACUSE**

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**Rome, 17 May 2023** - Following the launch by the Sicily Region of the authorisation procedure for the new Syracuse power line necessary to improve the reliability and security of the electricity transmission service, Terna, the Italian national transmission grid operator, has published the notice identifying the plots of land potentially impacted by the project.

Specifically, the project, in which Terna will invest approximately € 12 million, involves the installation of a 5.6 km underground cable that will connect the existing Melilli electrical substation to the ERG NuCE utility substation located within the petrochemical site in the municipality of Priolo Gargallo, in the province of Syracuse.

Upon completion of the works, Terna will demolish around 4 km of existing overhead power lines, delivering environmental benefits for the local area.

The planning documents will be available for consultation at the offices of the Sicily Region, the Department of Energy and Public Utilities and at the Municipality of Priolo Gargallo (SR). Written observations may be submitted to the Sicily Region and, for information purposes, to Terna within 30 days of publication of the notice.

In its 2023 Development Plan, Terna - which operates over 4,500 km of high- and extra-high-voltage power lines and 78 electricity substations across the region - has allocated investments of € 3.2 billion to Sicily over the next 10 years, making it the priority investment region in Italy.