



How can  
Elia ensure  
that our  
industry  
remains  
competitive  
with other  
countries?

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If we want Belgian companies to remain competitive, our electricity price must be comparable to that of neighbouring countries. While our industries are energy-efficient, they are more energy-intensive than those of our neighbours. As well as the various taxes and surcharges, the electron price and transmission tariffs are key factors. Securing an identical electron price to those of neighbouring countries is an objective in itself. The capacity available at the borders at any given time is the primary determinant for this price.

“The Belgian electricity market is linked to markets in neighbouring countries via interconnectors. This means that we can always use the most efficient generating facilities to meet demand, regardless of whether they are in Belgium or abroad. The desired outcome is convergence between the Belgian electricity price and those of neighbouring countries.

Elia is playing an active role in designing the electricity system of the future to ensure that it remains reliable, sustainable and competitive against the backdrop of the energy transition. Our recent study ‘Electricity Scenarios for Belgium towards 2050’ is a tangible example of this.”