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Today, Lex Hartman, Managing Director of TenneT and Marcello del Brenna, Member of the Europacable Executive Board, launched a Joint Paper endorsing partial undergrounding as a means to accelerate grid extensions in Germany. The paper was officially presented at a breakfast meeting in Berlin for members of the Bundestag followed by a press briefing.



Grid extensions are one of the critical bottlenecks to ensure the successful implementation of Germany's "Energiewende": more than 4.000 km of new Extra High Voltage (EHV) power transmission lines will have to be built and more than 4.000 km will have to be refurbished by 2022.

Quicker permitting procedures, thorough planning and higher acceptance by residents are the most important cornerstones for acceleration of grid extensions. Widening the range of technical possibilities for power transmission lines with partial undergrounding can offer an important contribution.

It is for this reason that TenneT and Europacable jointly strive to enable partial undergrounding as a technical standard option for future grid projects.

Specifically, we endorse:

- The appropriate deployment of partial undergrounding in sensitive areas in the context of an accelerated realization of EnLAG pilot projects;
- The creation of an evaluation programme for partial undergrounding accompanied by independent scientific experts;
- The creation of framework requirements for partial undergrounding for future projects of the German transmission grid following the completion of the evaluation programme.

For English: Click [here](#) to download the Joint Paper - Click [here](#) to download the press release

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