

# Challenges & Measures in Supporting the Energy Transition to Renewable Energy

*The Greek Power System towards  
the Green Transition and RES  
development prospects*



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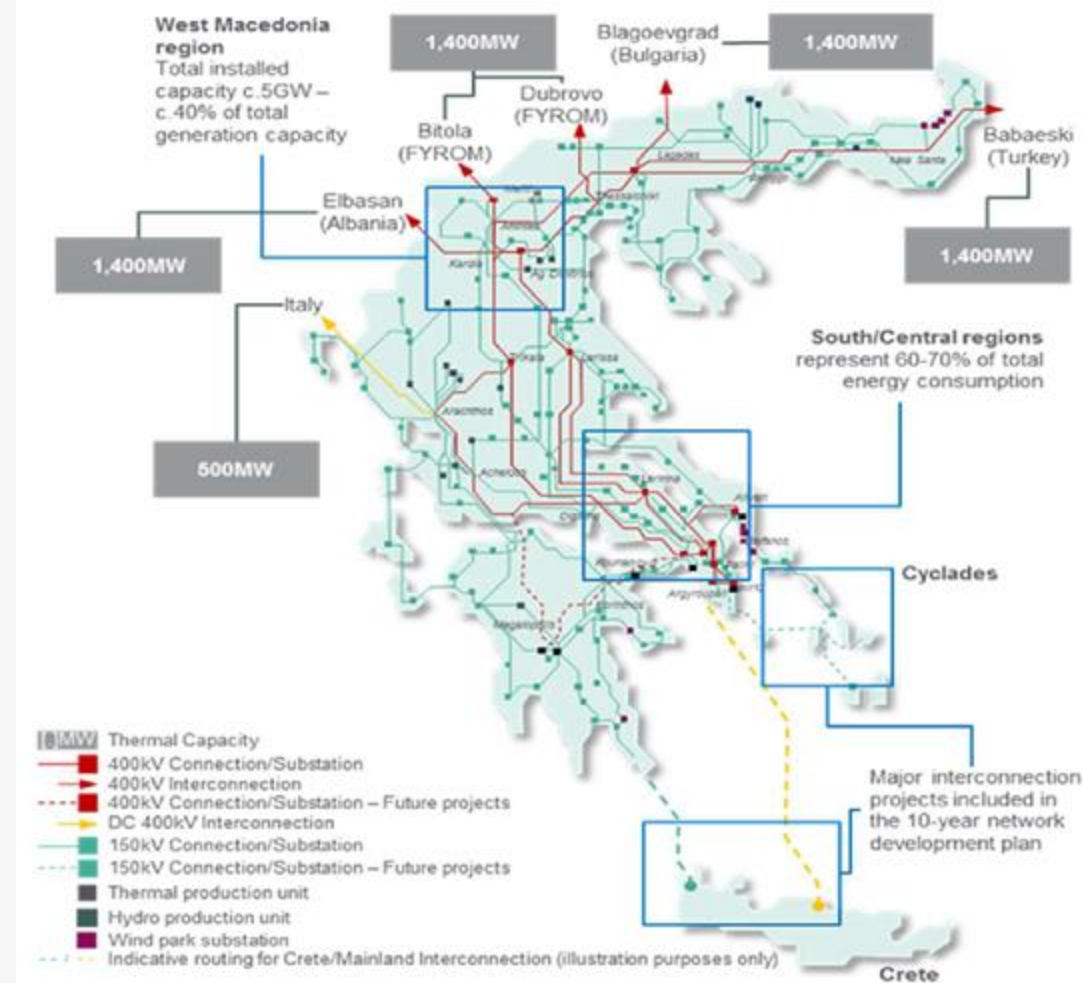
# The Green Transition: evolving role of TSOs

- **Guarantee security** and while...
- Facilitating RES integration
  - System balancing?
  - Generation flexibility (fast ramping)?
  - Voltage control?
  - Reduced inertia?
- Facilitating the market integration
  - TSO operated balancing markets already in place.
  - Considerable cross-border exchanges for balancing are foreseen.
- Need for significant network development



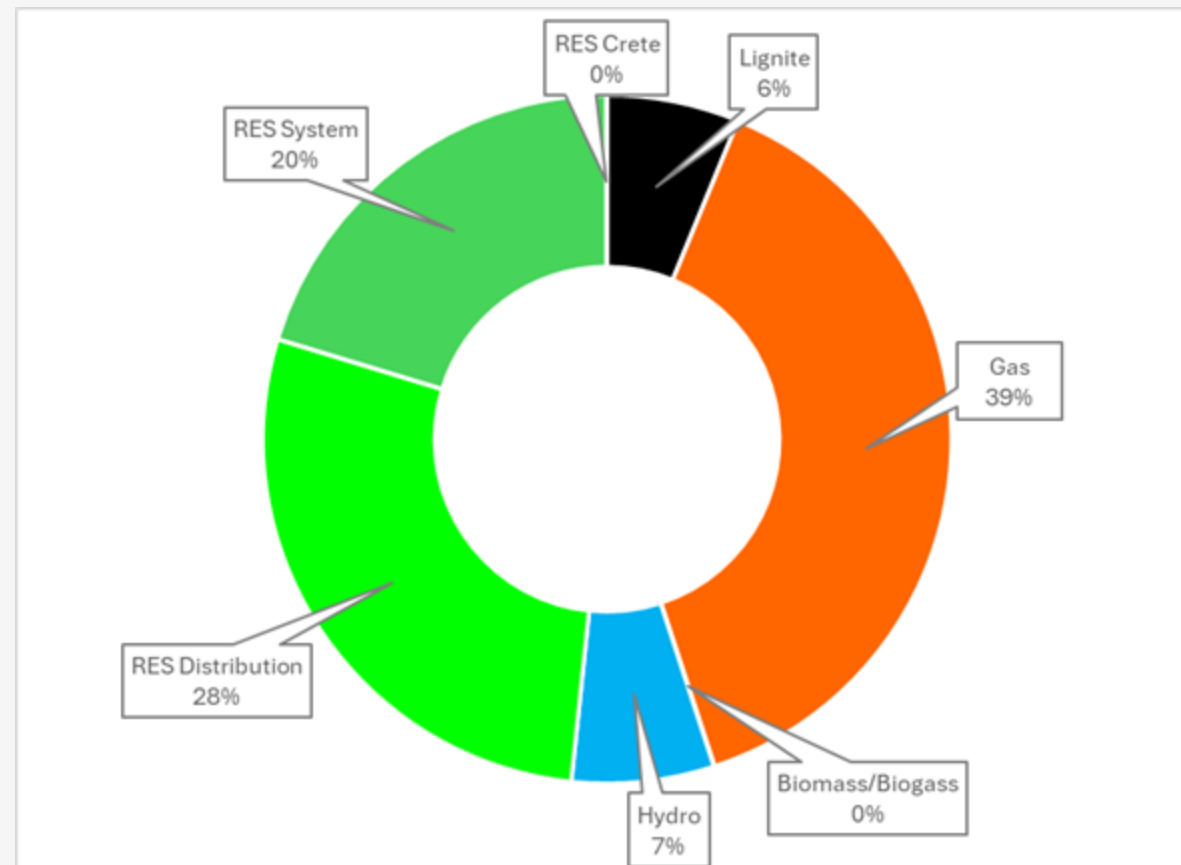
# Hellenic Electricity Transmission

- Interconnected Greek mainland & islands system in High Voltage (150kV) and extra- HV (400kV)
- Backbone of 3, double-circuit, 400kV lines
- Submarine cables to Crete, Ionian islands and Cyclades islands
- Cross-border Interconnections

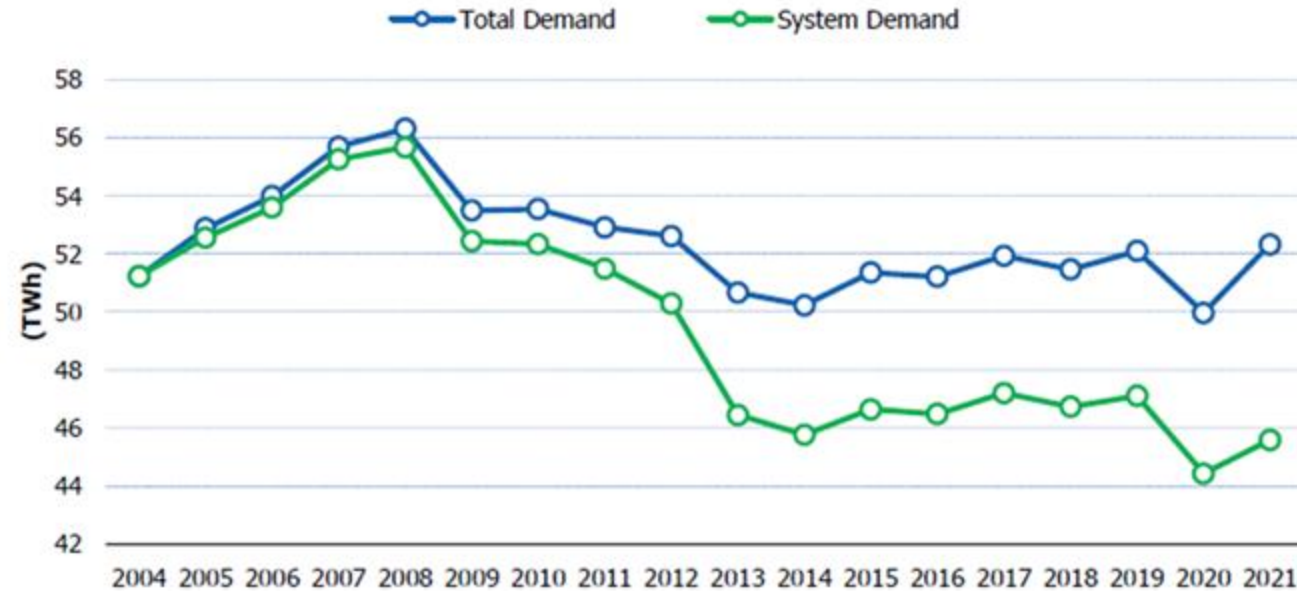


# Synthesis of Generation capacity (2024)

Fuel	GWh	(%)	Energy Mix	
Lignite	3.236,309	6%	45%	CO2
Gas	20.189,906	38,74%		
Biomass/Biogass	16,398	0,03%		
Hydro	3.482,476	6,68%	55%	Green Energy
RES Distribution	14.610,390	28,03%		
RES System	10.568,467	20,28%		
RES Crete	13,988	0,03%		
Total	52.117,934	100%	100%	



# Impact of Dispersed Generation on Demand



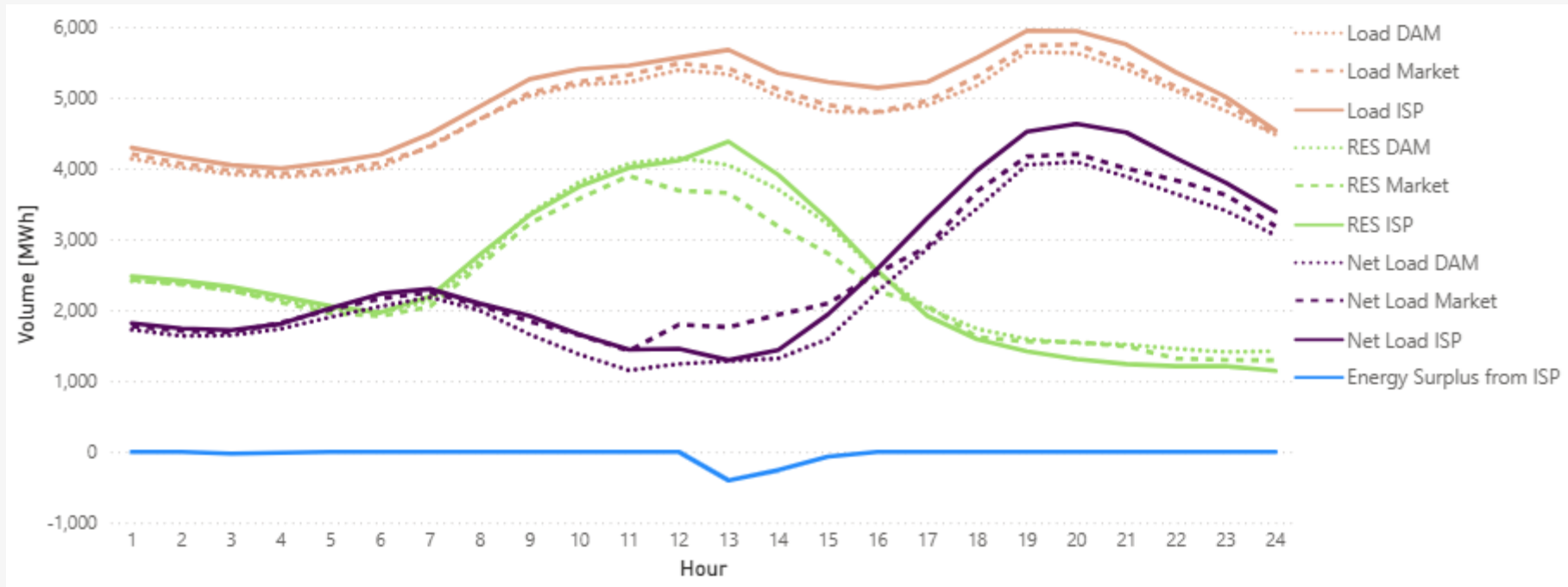
## Dispersed RES generation

- 2010: 1.2 TWh
- 2020: 5.5 TWh
- 2021: 6.7 TWh

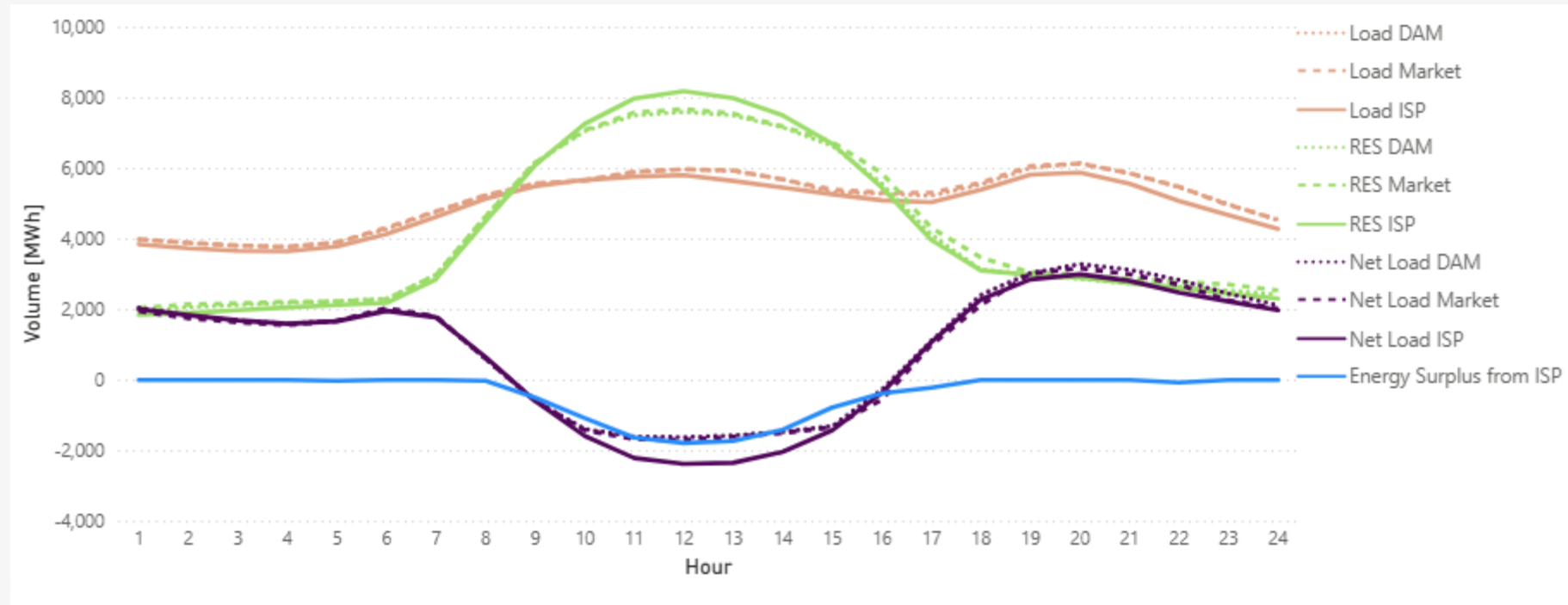




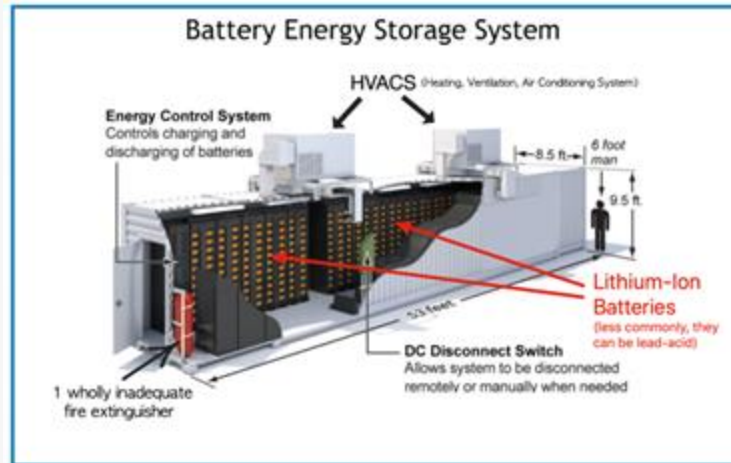
# Daily operational profiles - weekday



# Daily operational profiles – weekend day



# Battery Energy Storage Systems





# A crucial decade

## National Energy & Climate Plan targets

- Energy Consumption reduction
  - ✓ consumption in 2030 should be lower than in 2017 16.1Mtoe in 2030
- GHG emissions reduction
  - ✓ over 42% compared to 1990, or over 56% compared to 2005
- RES share increase in electricity consumption
  - ✓ 61% - 64% in 2030

## Revision of NECP (Fit for 55, REPowerEU)

- Targets become even more ambitious to accelerate the transition
- RES amounting to 25GW expected in 2030

## NECP provisions

- Phase out of lignite units by 2028
- 28 GW of RES foreseen in 2030 including large hydro
- 6 GW of storage
- Interconnection of all major islands
- Building new and upgrade existing international interconnections



# INTERCONNECTION OF THE ISLANDS / Main Objectives

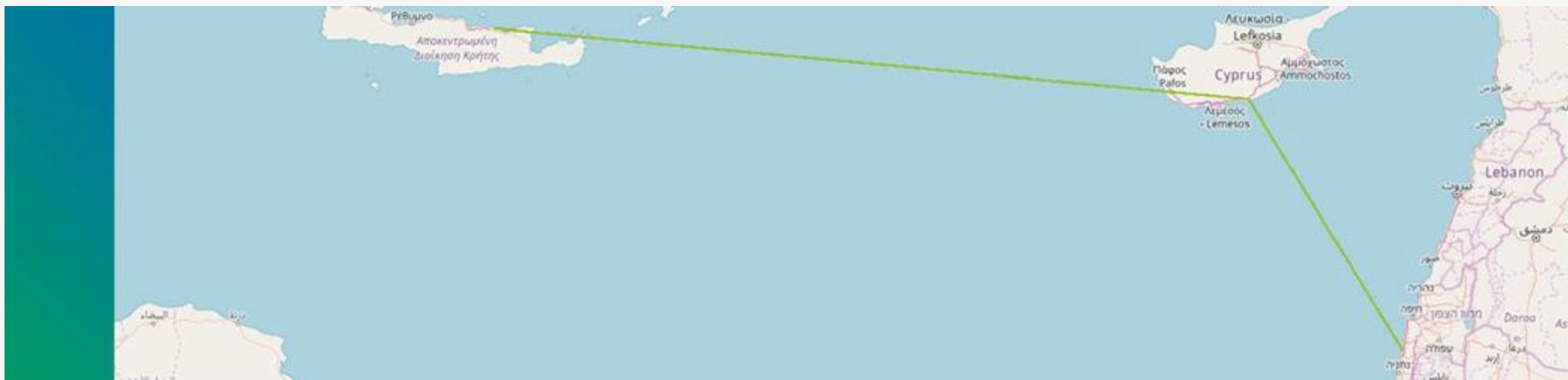
- 1 Security of Supply - Adequacy
- 2 Reliable and Stable operation of islands power system, leading to important benefits on tourism sector and the general economic activity
- 3 Reduced environmental impact on islands due to phasing out of the thermal power plan
- 4 Reduced cost of electricity production, more efficient power supply
- 5 Reduced charges of services of general interest for all the consumers
- 6 Exploitation of wind, solar and other RES potential of islands
- 7 Reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and associated environmental costs
- 8 Reduce of the country's dependence on oil



# EU islands interconnections

## Interconnection Greece – Cyprus – Israel (project Stage 1 expected 2026)

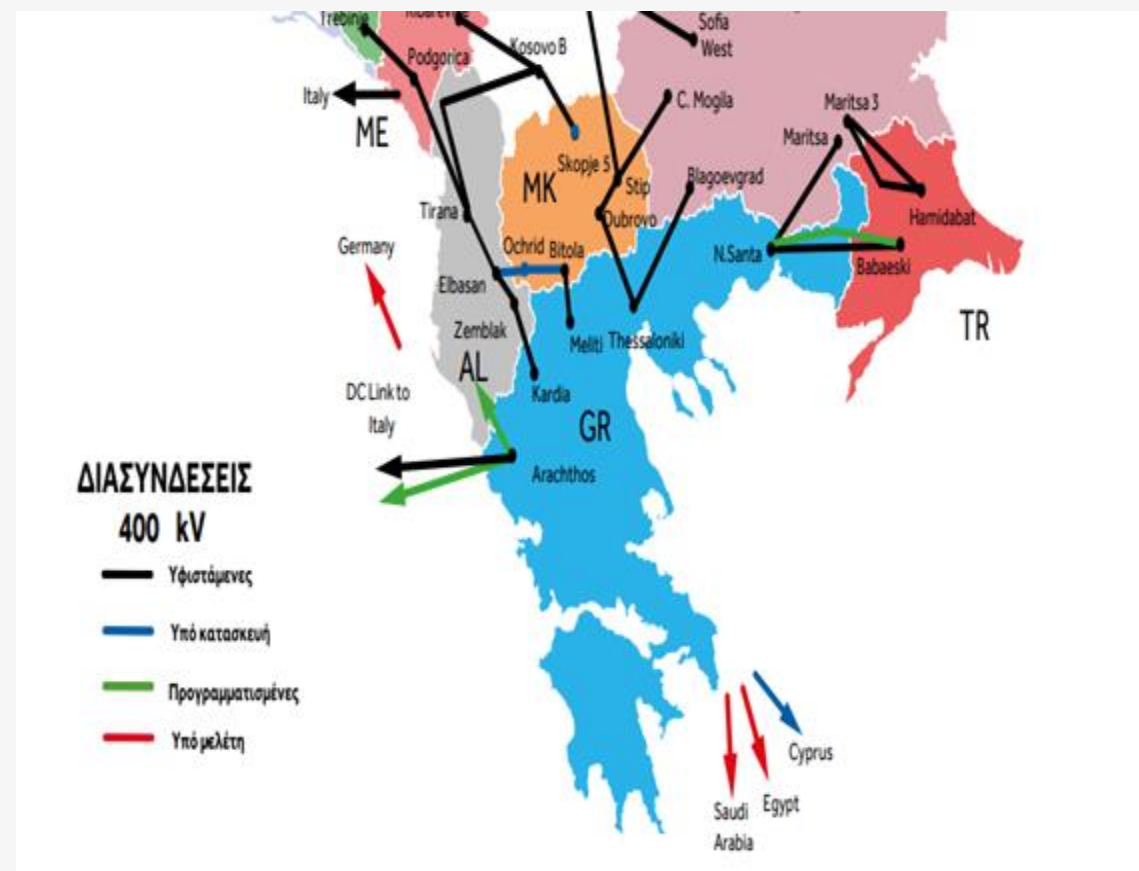
- 1GW electricity interconnector between GR (Crete island), CY & IL
- 1,200km submarine HVDC cable, 3 converter stations
- Breaking Cyprus electrical isolation
- Project of Common Interest
- Budget 2.4B€
- Potential participation of IPTO in the share capital of the interconnection



# International interconnections

New interconnections will increase NTC on all borders

- Greece – Turkey (planned)
- Greece – Italy (studies in progress, implementation plan to be finalized soon)
- Greece – Egypt (under investigation)
- Greece – Albania (planned)
- Greece - Cyprus – Israel (EuroAsia Interconnector Stage 1: 1GW Crete–Cyprus)
- Greece – North Macedonia (reinforcement under consideration)



Note: Acc. to **Independent Power Transmission Operator (IPTO) – Greece**: *Public Consultation on the Preliminary Ten-Year Network Development Plan 2025-2034*

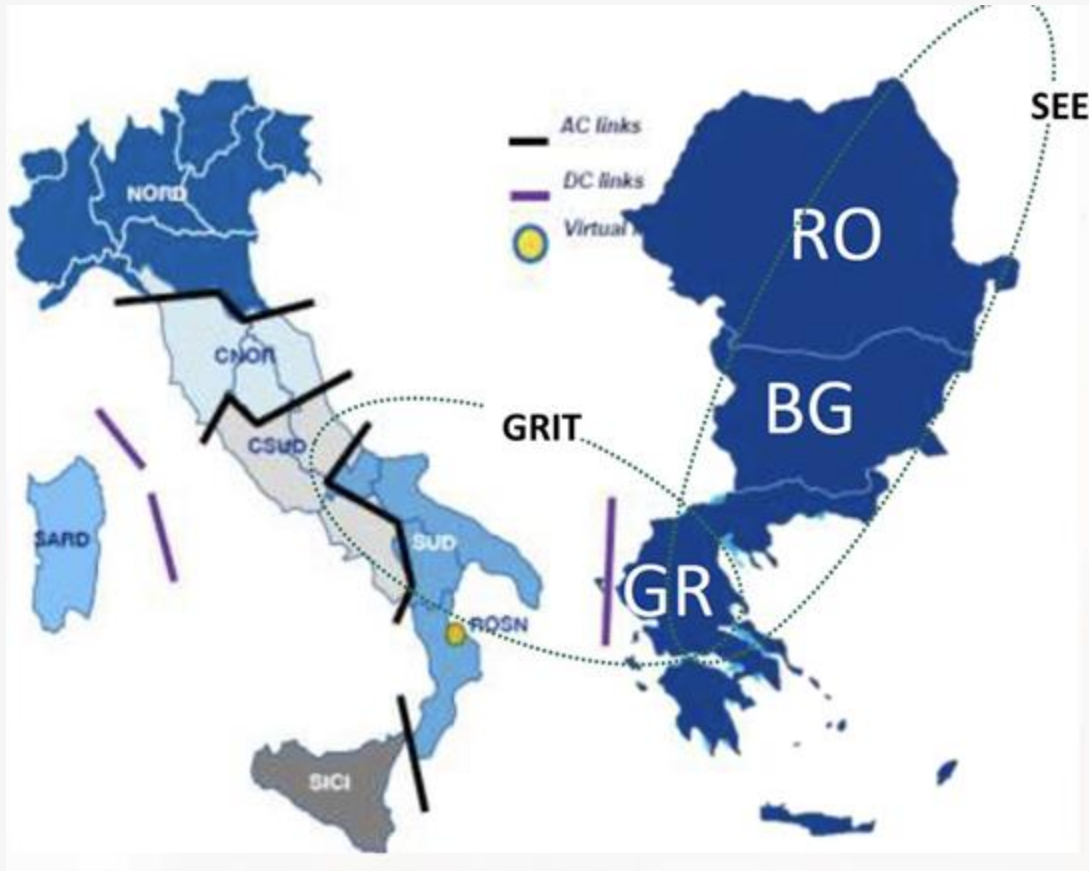


# NTC values in import direction on the Greek borders

Σύνολο A→B	2023-2025 NTC (MW) A→B	2023-2025 NTC (MW) B→A	2030 NTC (MW) A→B	2030 NTC (MW) B→A	2035 NTC (MW) A→B	2035 NTC (MW) B→A
GR-AL	400-450	400-450	600	600	600	600
GR-BG	950-1000	1100-1150	1400	1700	1400	1700
GR-CY	0	0	1000	1000	1000	1000
GR-IT	500	500	500	500	1500	1500
GR-MK	600-650	600-650	1100	850	1100	850
GR-TR	218	166	660	580	1260 <sup>[35]</sup>	1180 <sup>[35]</sup>
GR-EG			3000	3000	3000	3000
GR-DE					3000	3000
GR-SAU					tbc	tbc

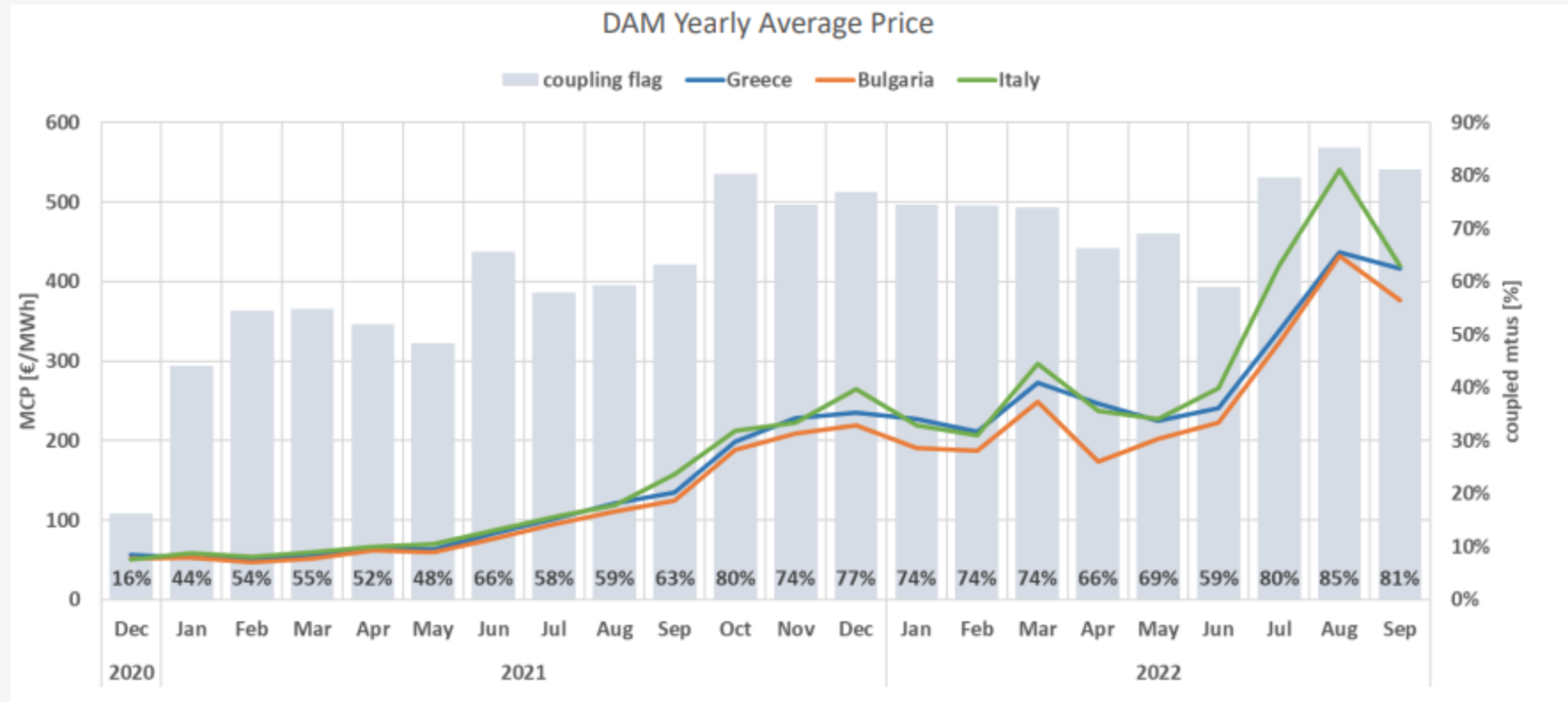
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# Selene Coordination Centre



- Common Grid Model (CGM)
- Coordinated Security Analysis (CSA)
- Coordinated Capacity Calculation (CCC)
- Short Term Adequacy (STA)
- Outage Planning Coordination (OPC)
- Critical Grid Situation (CGS)

# The coupled Day-Ahead Market and Intraday Market



# European Platforms for the exchange of balancing energy

Imbalance netting : IGCC



■ IGCC Member  
■ IGCC Non-operational Member  
■ IGCC Observer

aFRR: PICASSO



■ PICASSO Member  
■ PICASSO Observer

mFRR: MARI



■ MARI Member  
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RR: TERRE



■ Member  
■ Non-operational Member  
■ Project member  
■ Observer





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