



## Press Release

## HEDNO Clarifications on the undergrounding works in the aftermath of extreme weather conditions

HEDNO, guided by a strong sense of responsibility—first and foremost towards public safety, as well as the resilience of critical national infrastructure and the protection of the environment—wishes to clarify the facts and address inaccurate public statements concerning the undergrounding of the R-350 line in the mountainous area of Mount Hymettus, following the recent severe weather events.

This is a flagship undergrounding project, implemented under the Recovery and Resilience Plan (RRP), and forms part of the country's broader strategic plan to upgrade and reinforce the electricity distribution network in response to the increasing impacts of the climate crisis.

Any attempt to associate the damage observed in Ano Glyfada, as well as the tragic loss of human life, with the undergrounding project is entirely unfounded and does not reflect reality. The project—covering a total length of approximately 5.5 km—has been designed on the basis of all required technical studies, and all necessary permits have been duly issued by the competent authorities, taking into account the full range of geomorphological, hydrological, and other relevant scientific data.

The exposure of a limited section of a medium-voltage cable is clearly the result of an unprecedented flooding event and in no way its cause. Notably, the trench remains intact along the majority of the project route, while extensive erosion has instead been identified in adjacent areas.

Undergrounding projects have long been requested by municipal authorities and local stakeholders. They make a meaningful contribution to civil protection, significantly reduce the network's exposure to extreme weather conditions, limit the risk of widespread faults and power outages, and strengthen the overall resilience of infrastructure in cases of wildfires and natural disasters.

It should also be noted that—contrary to information circulating publicly—HEDNO crews were on site from the very next day and have continued to operate without interruption, already carrying out the necessary restoration works. Citizens are strongly advised to remain particularly cautious and avoid approaching locations where electricity cables have been exposed, due to ground instability.



HEDNO remains in close coordination with the competent authorities and will continue to provide responsible updates on any developments, with the safety of residents as the overriding priority, the support of civil protection mechanisms, and the full restoration of any damage affecting the integrity of the project.

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