



Press Release

Statement regarding public claims on the causes of wildfires

While HEDNO crews are deployed across all wildfire fronts, working tirelessly to support firefighting operations and restore electricity supply, unfounded public claims continue to be made attributing responsibility for wildfires to the electricity network without any supporting evidence.

The tendency to blame HEDNO whenever a wildfire breaks out, without substantiated evidence, neither contributes to establishing the facts nor helps protect the public. Instead, it fosters misconceptions and, in some cases, appears to advance short-term interests and self-serving agendas by obscuring responsibilities at local level.

According to data from the Single Coordinating Centre for Operations and Crisis Management (ESKEDIK) for 2025, only 1% of recorded wildfire incidents were actually attributed to the electricity network (compared with approximately 3% in the United States, for example).

HEDNO will continue to cooperate fully with the competent authorities and to support the local communities affected by wildfires, while calling on all parties to act responsibly, base their statements on verified evidence and respect the established facts.

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