

# Strategische reserves

UG – WG Belgian Grid  
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## Overview

- **Context**
- **Organization & next steps**

## Context: Plan Wathelet

The “Plan Wathelet” is a broad plan initiated by Secretary of State for Energy Wathelet with the aim of guaranteeing Belgian electricity security of supply in the (near) future.

**As such, the “Plan Wathelet” consists of several elements:  
(based on the government decision of 5 July 2013)**

- Reinforcement of the profitability of existing power plants and thereby avoiding their decommissioning
- A public tender aiming for 800 MW of new gas-fired units
- 10 year lifetime extension of the nuclear plant Tihange 1
- **Creation of strategic reserves**
- Increasing interconnection capacity
- Improving demand side participation

# From “Plan” to implementation of strategic reserves

- **Government Decision of 16/12**

## How do strategic reserves look like?

*(based on the information available on the public website of M. Wathelet)*

- At the end of the year (by 15/11 at the latest) Elia analyses the situation and the risks for security of supply for the winter of the next year
- Based on this analysis, the administration will provide an advice
- Based on this advice, the Minister for Energy decides on the need and, if any, the size of strategic reserves
- Elia will then organize a tender for this strategic reserve
- Have to participate: all production units for which closure is announced + all production units which are temporarily shut down
- Can participate: demand side (large consumers, aggregators)
- CREG will control the contracted prices and approve the functioning rules for using the reserve in order to guarantee that the reserve won't negatively impact the market.

## When can there be strategic reserves?

- **First, the legal framework should be created.**
  - ➔ The government has initiated the necessary steps to amend the Electricity Law
- **Second, the volume should be set.**
  - ➔ the Minister for Energy has to take a decision on the required volume for strategic reserves.
- ➔ **The first winter with strategic reserves in place might already be winter 2014/2015**
- ➔ **Given the above possibility, Elia is proactively preparing the necessary steps**

# Task Force “Implementation Strategic Reserves”



## Goal:

- Inform about strategic reserves implementation track
- Consult on the specific items

## Invited for the TF ISR (cf. TF balancing)

- Representatives from UG members
- Representatives from non-UG members with an interest in strategic reserves
- CREG
- Administration

➔ The concerned parties are very recently informed by e-mail and requested to assign their representatives

The TF ISR will report on its activities to the plenary UG.

**President:** Emeline Spire

**Secretary:** Patrik Buijs

**First TF ISR meeting:** 17 February 2014, 16h-17h30

Agenda and exact schedule will be communicated on 10 February 2014, at the latest.