

PRESS RELEASE

HEDNO: Agios Nikolaos region the most suitable one for the construction of the new Distribution Center in the city of Rhodes

HEDNO's Management, positively responding to the invitation of the Municipal Council Chair, participated in a work meeting of the "Multi-Party Committee for the examination of alternative proposals for the installation of a new power Distribution Center by HEDNO" with the Mayor of Rhodes and representatives of local authorities, in the presence of the representative of the competent Minister of Environment and Energy, held on Friday, 8 July 2016, to discuss the construction of a new Distribution Center in the city of Rhodes.

During the meeting, HEDNO's executives, headed by the Company's Chairman and CEO, Mr. N. Chatziargyriou, presented in detail all the data of the submitted alternative proposals overtime and analyzed the serious disadvantages of the alternative locations for the construction of the new Distribution Center, mainly focusing on technical problems, the environmental burden and matters of the project's timely construction, which, as it was especially highlighted, is considered a matter of immediate priority for the smooth electricity supply of the city of Rhodes and its further development.

As Mr Chatziargyriou stressed, the new Distribution Center is absolutely necessary for the electricity supply of the city of Rhodes, and repeated that, otherwise, in the event of damage of the Rodinio Distribution Center now used for the electricity supply of the city, there is serious risk for long black-outs.

In the framework of the meeting, HEDNO's Management presented studies with detailed measurements of electric and magnetic fields in Distribution Centers operating in cities, whose results are many times lower than the limits of safe exposure of the public and the working staff set by the State.

Furthermore, Distribution Centers operating in densely-populated centers of big European cities and city centers with big tourist traffic and development, corresponding to the one of the city of Rhodes, such as Larnaca, Limassol and Ayia Napa in Cyprus and Herakleion in Crete, confirming that the construction of Distribution Centers within densely-populated cities is the most appropriate one.



On the other side, the construction of Substations outside the cities they supply requires the construction of many Medium Voltage lines of big length that are not usually feasible to be implemented, and, at the same time, they cause severe environmental burdens without ensuring safe, adequate and fixed electrification.

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