

PRESS RELEASE**The new state-of-the art Ambelokipoi Distribution Center is now fully operational, bringing multiple benefits to the citizens and the environment**

The Ambelokipoi Distribution Center has opened and is already fully operational. This Center is currently the greatest infrastructure project that ensures reliable, efficient and secure operation of the power grid in Athens.

With a 25 million euro investment, the new Center and the respective underground high voltage transmission lines use cutting-edge technology to ensure effectiveness, energy sufficiency and consumer supply in the wider Athens area.

It is a forward-looking project that secures coverage of energy demand of the Greek capital for at least twenty years onward. It also enhances the stability of the Attica high voltage system, whilst facilitating the process of modernization of power grid facilities by removing old substations from the network and by building new, modern substations that will bring multiple financial and environmental benefits to the consumers. The new state-of-the art facilities will bring drastic decrease in network losses (i.e., energy discharged into the environment) and will reduce carbon dioxide emissions and energy costs.

The new modern Distribution Centers built by HEDNO across Greece use innovative automation technologies to offer the “greenest” way of operation possible, in full compliance with the environmental standards, and will help towards an upgrade of the respective areas in terms of energy, economy and appearance.

HEDNO’s main objective has always been to ensure uninterrupted energy supply across the country, to provide improved services to all citizens and to help protect the environment. Therefore, HEDNO is in the process of implementing a five-year investment plan with a budget exceeding 12 billion euro that will incorporate several critical strategic projects for the modernization of the Electrical System in Greece.

It should also be noted that Distribution Centers operate within buildings properly equipped for downgrading high voltage to low voltage, which will then be distributed across the cities through underground transmission grids.

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