

PRESS RELEASE

HEDNO: Acknowledgments to Attica Security Directorate for uncovering the ring behind electricity thefts - The investigation to find all illegal interventions to electricity supply meters continues without <u>stop</u>

HEDNO, on the occasion of uncovering the ring behind the illegal interventions to electricity supply meters for electricity theft in various Attica regions, repeatedly and as a profession for the last three years, would like to warmly thank the Attica Security Directorate for its effectiveness and perfect cooperation.

Both sides continue to cooperate closely to detect all illegal interventions committed by said ring, which, according to the evidence, was also active in other regions outside Attica. At this point, the over-the-time perfect cooperation between HEDNO with the Police Authorities in numerous cases all over Greece should be stressed.

The inspections carried out by HEDNO specialized crews have shown that the total number of tampered electricity supply meters is over 300 and the value of stolen electricity is believed to exceed the initial estimation of EUR 1.5 mil by far.

HEDNO shall continue the inspections all over Greece to combat electricity theft - in accordance with the new regulatory framework set forth by the Regulatory Authority for Energy - and also continues to make all of its resources available for its drastic reduction.

It is once again stressed that the illegal interventions in the electricity supply meters carry many risks for the citizens' safety and health, constitute criminal offences with very severe penalties, while this unlawful behaviour is a financial burden for all committed and law-abiding citizens.

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