

Strategic Reinforcement of the Grid

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Pylon protesters hit out at EirGrid 'harassment'

Anti-pylon campaign gaining momentum
BATTLE TO HALT EIRGRID OVERHEAD POWER-LINES

By PAISY MARDLE
 MEMBERS of the North East Pylon Pressure campaign (NEPPP) will meet the Minister for Energy, Mr. Eamon Ryan TD, and the Chief Executive of EirGrid, Mr. Dermot Byrne in Dublin tomorrow (Friday) at 11am to discuss the campaign's concerns over the proposed overhead power lines in the region.

NEPP accuses EirGrid of "lies and distortions"

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underground issue we are currently finishing our own site specific report and will publish it within the next number of weeks. "Our panel of international experts, with more than 40 years experience, have reviewed EirGrid's report and find that it favours underground over overhead power lines."

Local Fine Gael deputy Seymour Cranford congratulated the NEPP on getting together the funds and expertise to commission the study, which, he said, added a lot to the discussion of the differences between the options and the possibility of a hybrid system. "The study will be published by the North East Pylon Pressure campaign which is supported by the local community."

Underground power lines are more expensive than overhead power lines and are more difficult to install. They are also more susceptible to damage from vehicles and animals. Overhead power lines are more visible and can be a source of electromagnetic interference (EMI) and radio frequency interference (RFI).

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Pylon protesters get their meeting with energy minister

The meeting was held at the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications in Dublin. The protesters were met by the Minister for Energy, Mr. Eamon Ryan TD, and the Chief Executive of EirGrid, Mr. Dermot Byrne. The protesters expressed their concerns over the proposed overhead power lines in the region and requested that the Minister and EirGrid take their concerns into account.

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Interconnected network of UCTE

01.07.2007

Scale 1 : 1 000 000

Legend

Nodes and stations

- Substation
- Power Plant
- Generator
- Generator control point
- Control point
- Substation

Lines

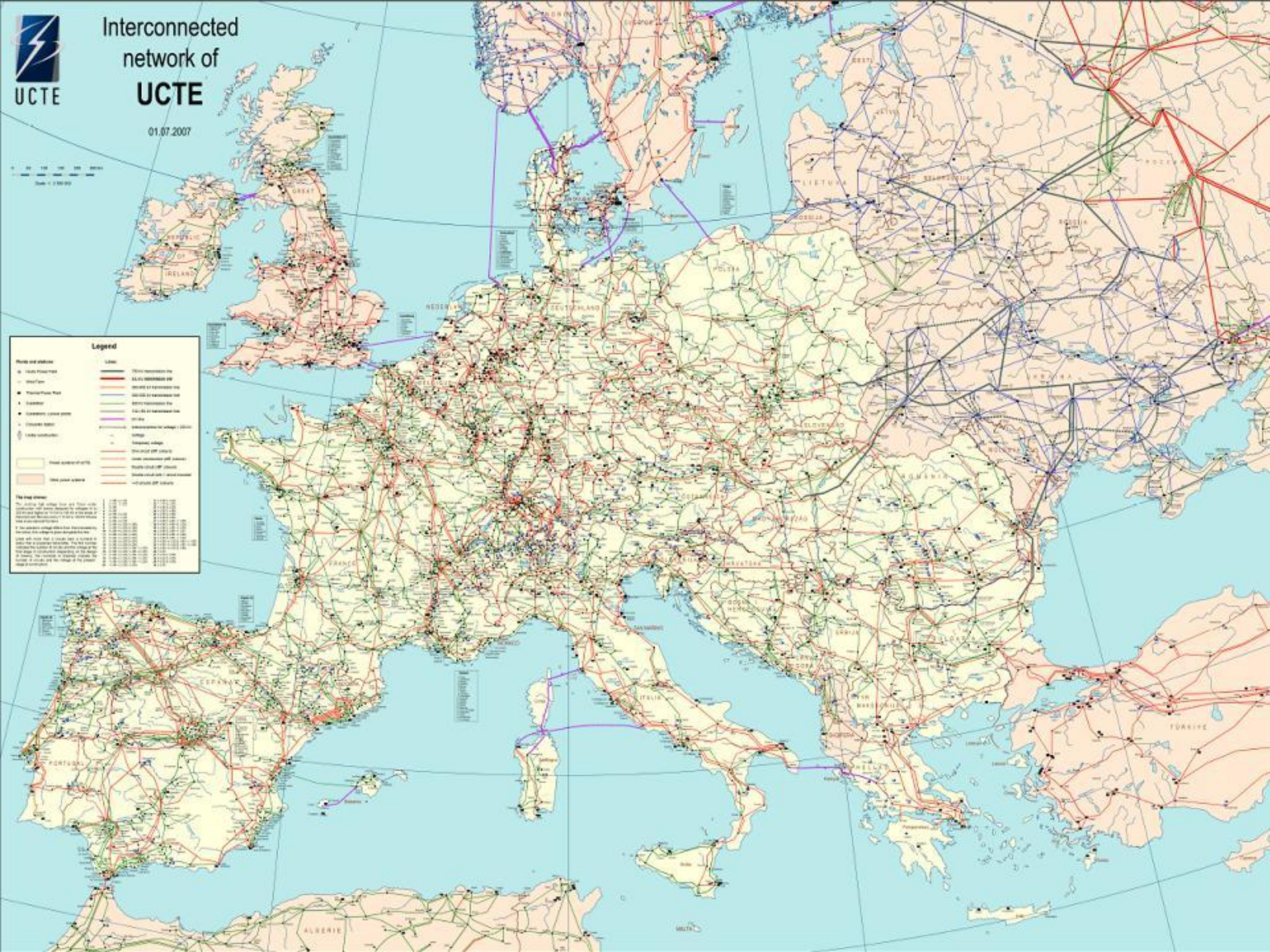
- 765 kV transmission line
- 400 kV transmission line
- 380 kV or 330 kV transmission line
- 220 kV transmission line
- 150 kV or 110 kV transmission line
- 50 kV
- Interconnector or bridge (cable)
- Bridge
- Power cable
- Overhead off-cable
- Overhead off-cable
- High-voltage off-cable
- High-voltage off-cable
- Overhead off-cable

Other symbols

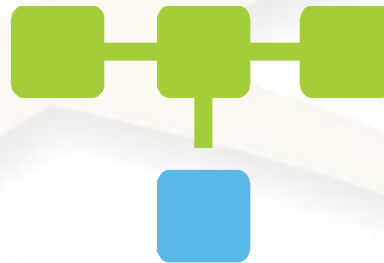
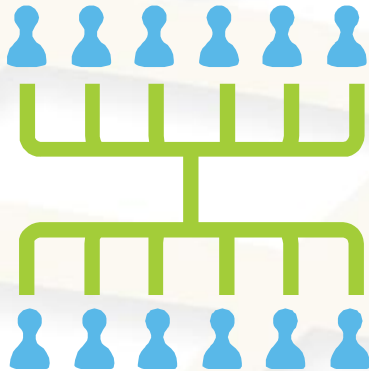
- Power capacity of 2000 MW
- Power capacity

The map shows:

- The UCTE area (yellow) from 1990. The area in red is the area of the UCTE in 2007. The area in orange is the area of the UCTE in 2007.
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Organisational Change



Planning/Environmental Policy



Stakeholder Engagement



Transmission Network Development Projects in Progress



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