Press release

System reinforcement in Euskadi

Red Eléctrica completes extension work on the Abanto substation to strengthen supply and boost economic and industrial activity in Bizkaia

The extension involved adding two new bays to supply local businesses and meet the demand of a major industrial consumer.

Red Eléctrica's investment in this extension amounted to nearly €3 million.

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Red Eléctrica, the Redeia subsidiary responsible for electricity transmission and system operation in Spain, has completed the extension work on the Abanto 400 kV electrical substation, in Bizkaia, to bolster the electricity supply in an area of significant economic activity.

The project involved installing two new bays. The first supplies local businesses, such as those located in the Abanto-Zierbena Technology Park, thereby helping to boost their competitiveness, while also strengthening the electricity supply to municipalities in the area.

Meanwhile, the second bay meets the demand of a major industrial consumer. With this extension, Red Eléctrica is boosting industrial competitiveness and enabling the development of new projects that advance the decarbonisation of Basque industry.

'Once again, Red Eléctrica is anticipating the needs of the Basque industrial and business sector, delivering infrastructure ready to meet the challenges of its growth and development. The extension of the Abanto substation is an example of long-term vision, enabling us to strengthen the security and capacity of the electricity supply in a strategic area for Bizkaia, facilitating the growth of economic activity and progress towards decarbonisation. Having a well-prepared transmission grid is key to boosting the region's competitiveness', said Antonio González Urquijo, Manager of Redeia's Northern Regional Office.

Red Eléctrica has invested nearly €3 million in this extension, which is included in the current Electricity Transmission Grid Plan and in the list of projects eligible for European Union funding under the NextGenerationEU Recovery, Transformation and Resilience Plan.

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This project and the other investments carried out by Red Eléctrica in the region are aimed at improving the electricity system and supporting Euskadi in consolidating its position as a powerhouse of industry and sustainable economic development.

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