

Public Consultation for the Allocation of Grid Connection Capacity for Electricity Consumption Facilities



On 3 February, the General-Directorate for Energy and Geology (DGEG) launched a **public consultation**¹ regarding the allocation of **capacity of connection to the Public Service Electricity Grid (RESP)** in **Zones of High Demand (ZHD)**.

This procedure follows **Order No. 1135/2026, of 2 February**, which acknowledges **the entire continental territory covered by the RESP as a ZHD**, in response to the exponential increase in connection requests for electricity consumption facilities with a capacity exceeding 20 MVA across mainland Portugal.

This exceptional procedure does **not apply** to:

- **Low Voltage (LV)** connection requests;
- Certain **Medium Voltage (MV)** and **High Voltage (HV)** connection requests that fall below the legally established thresholds.

Submission of expressions of interest

Interested parties may submit their expression of interest within a period of **20 business days**, i.e., **until 3 March 2026**.

The submission of an expression of interest requires the provision of a **bond** in favor of the RESP operator. The amount of the bond depends on the requested capacity and is calculated as follows:

Capacity	Amount per MVA
Up to 20 MVA	EUR 13.500
20-60 MVA	EUR 20.250
60-120 MVA	EUR 30.375
120-240 MVA	EUR 35.437,50
Above 240 MVA	EUR 40.500

The bond may be provided through:

- Bank deposit;
- Bank guarantee; or
- Insurance bond.

Each expression of interest shall correspond to a **single Consumption Facility**, and each Consumption Facility shall correspond to a **single Interested Party**.

Where an Interested Party intends to request capacity for more than one Consumption Facility, it shall submit **separate expressions of interest for each Facility**.

¹ Cf. [Announcement no. 16-A/2026](#), dated 3 February 2026.



Allocation of grid connection capacity

The allocation of capacity will be formalized through the issuance of a **grid connection capacity title for the Consumption Facility**, to be issued by the relevant grid operator.

The grid connection capacity title issued under this procedure is **non-transferable**, except in the cases provided for in Article 14(2) of Decree-Law No. 80/2023, as currently in force.

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