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DTEK receives €11 million grant from the French government to build Ukraine's first digital substation



- €11 million grant from the French Government for digital substation
- Project to cost €15 million (€11 million French grant and €4 million DTEK investment)
- DTEK and GE Vernova to begin construction in Q3 2025
- New substation to supply power to more than 65,000 homes and businesses

[DTEK](#), Ukraine's largest private energy investor, has received €11 million grant from the French government to build Ukraine's first digital substation. The project will be delivered using technology from [GE Vernova](#) and cost €15 million, funded by the €11 million French government grant and a €4 million investment from DTEK.

The project approval signifies the deepening relationship between France and Ukraine, and highlights strong international support for strengthening Ukraine's energy resilience and security.

DTEK CEO Maxim Timchenko said:

"We are extremely grateful to France for this important support. This grant allows us to take one step further in rebuilding Ukraine's decentralised energy system. A modern, digitalised power grid is a critical element to enhancing resilience, boosting performance and efficiently meeting both current and future demand. This digital substation is more than just infrastructure. It's a foundation for economic recovery, energy independence, and stronger ties between Ukraine and France. We also thank GE Vernova for the strategic collaboration and look forward to what we can achieve together."

Pierre Heilbronn, France Special Envoy for Ukraine's Relief and Reconstruction welcomed the project as a significant milestone in French-Ukrainian cooperation in the energy sector and said: *"France is committed to support Ukraine's recovery, not only by restoring its infrastructures but also by providing modern equipment, engineering and commissioning services in order to bring Ukraine closer to EU standards. In that respect, France will sponsor the collaboration between GE Vernova and DTEK on a landmark project which will increase Ukraine's energy system immediate resilience, and pave the way for future transformative projects."*

Philippe Piron, CEO of GE Vernova's Electrification Systems businesses added:

"GE Vernova is proud to continue supporting Ukraine's energy reconstruction and grid modernisation. This digital substation brings a forward-looking approach to a more resilient energy infrastructure. We are committed to delivering advanced solutions that will help ensure a stable, efficient, and sustainable power supply for Ukrainians."

The substation is among 19 key energy infrastructure projects approved earlier this month in Paris under the €200 million "Fund for Ukraine", an agreement between

the Ukrainian and French governments, dedicated to rebuild critical infrastructure, including the energy sector.

[DTEK Grids](#), which is responsible for implementing the project, will partner with GE Vernova Grid Solutions SAS. GE Vernova will provide advanced digital power equipment and technology, which enables remote monitoring and real-time diagnostics to enhance grid reliability and significantly reduce electricity losses.

Preparatory work for the substation has already begun, with full construction scheduled to begin in the third quarter of 2025. Once completed, the substation will provide stable and efficient electricity equal to the equivalent of 65,000 households and businesses in one of Ukraine's war-affected districts. The exact location cannot be named for security reasons.