

### TRANSMISSION GRID - TO EMPOWER BUSINESS GROWTH AND WELFARE OF THE SOCIETY

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## PRESENT: LESSONS LEARNED AND NEW ACHIEVEMENTS FOR BUSINESS GROWTH



## **NordBalt**

The first Lithuanian-Polish power link

- 163 km transmission line Alytus-Elkas •
- 500 MW HVDC converter station in Alytus •
- Total project cost € 580 million: € 150 million in • Lithuania and € 430 million in Poland
- EU funds € 213 million in Poland and € 35 million • in Lithuania
- **Operations since 9 December 2015** ٠
- Implemented in cooperation with PSE, the Polish TSO

The first Lithuanian-Swedish power link

- 450 km of submarine cable
- 700 MW capacity •
- HVDC converter stations in Klaipėda and Nybro •
- Total project cost € 552 million •
- EU funds € 131 million •
- **Operational since 18 February 2016** ٠
- Implemented in cooperation with Svenska • kraftnät, the Swedish TSO



## The challenges: time, people, money

- Average time of infrastructure projects implementation in Europe 10 years
- Two technologically complex projects of regional importance in parallel
- Specialists involved in two projects simultaneously
- Major financial investment required in short time

## From challenges - to lessons learned

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Environmental A complex and completely new process of environmental assessment The sensitive neighborhood to people, natural reserves, rare species Crossing the Curonian Lagoon and Curonian Spit - Natura 2000
Legal Establishing a legal practice (crossing forests, mortgaged land plots, etc.) Establishing the right-of-way with land owners
Financial Applying and securing projects funds from CEF - a new financial source of EU Major financial investment required in short time
Technological State-of-art technology - first time in the Lithuanian power system Connecting asynchronous powers systems
International Crossing the NordStream Maneuvers of the Russian fleet in the Baltic Sea throughout 2014-2015



## LitPol Link





### Environment





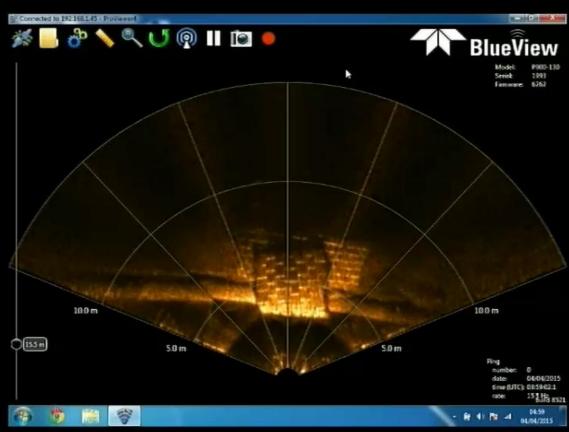
### Horizontal drilling under the Curonian Spit



## Crossing with the Nord Stream gas pipeline



Concrete mattresses under and on the cable at a depth of 60 m

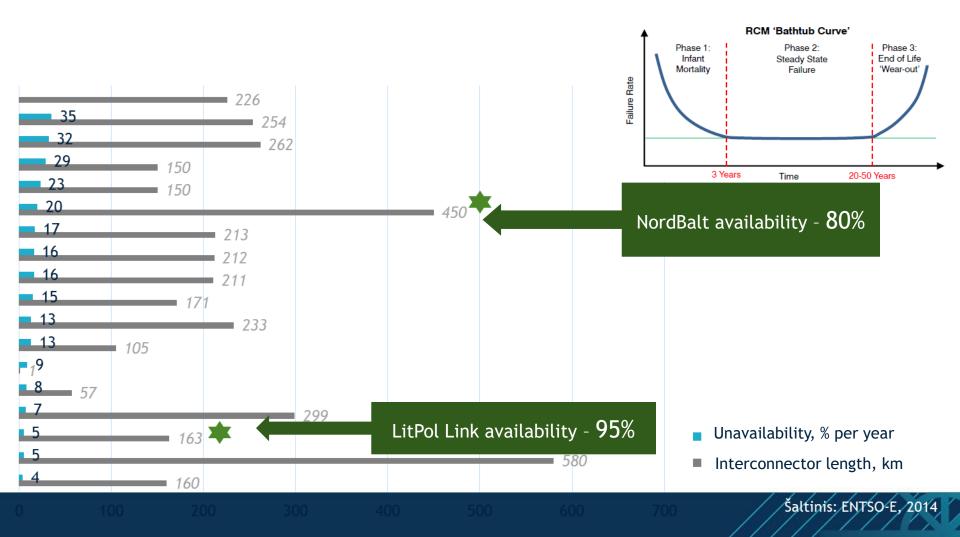


### Filling of the sea cable with rubble



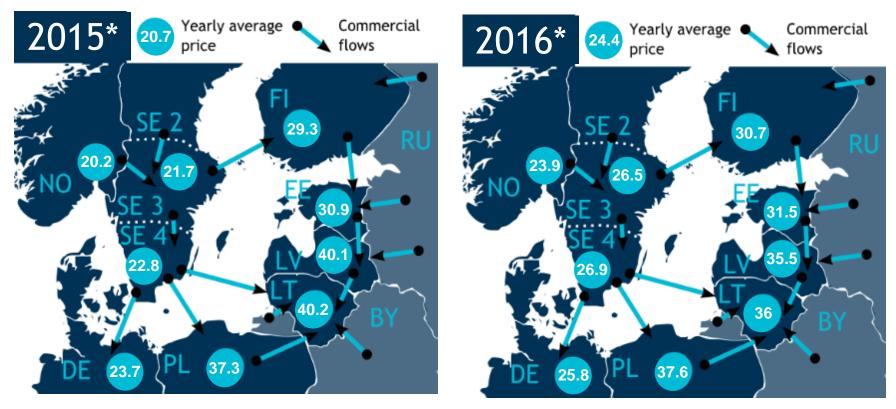


## **HVDC** interconnectors statistics





## Impact of new interconnections



- On average 10% price drop in Nord Pool Lithuanian bidding area during January September
- Import from Sweden to Lithuania
- Power flows from Lithuania to Poland dominate

## Investments into grid projects make visible impact

#### Until 2016

- Highest electricity prices in Lithuania and Latvia
- No interconnections with Western Europe

#### From 2016

• Power links with Sweden and Poland

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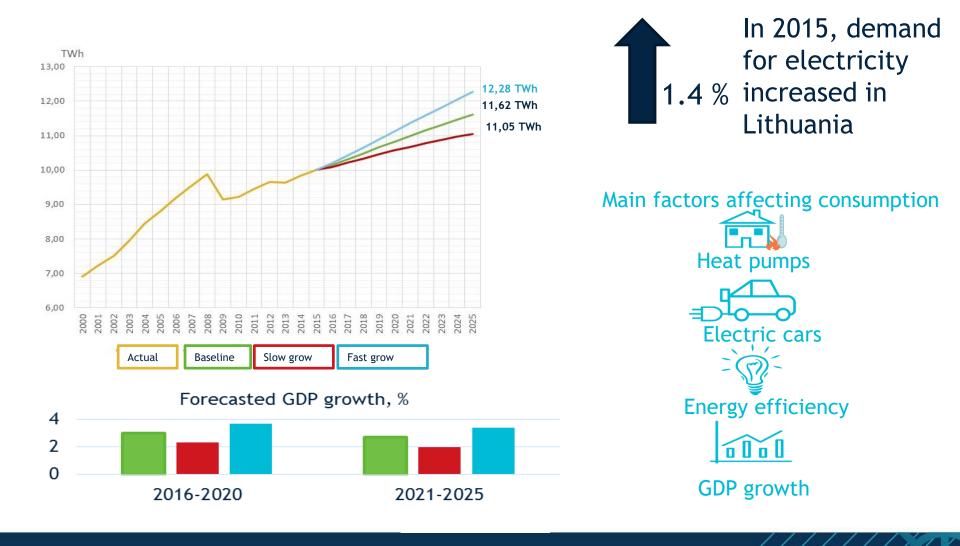
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- Sweden is the biggest import partner
- 23% drop in electricity market price
- Lower electricity tariff for consumers



## FUTURE: NEW GRID DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

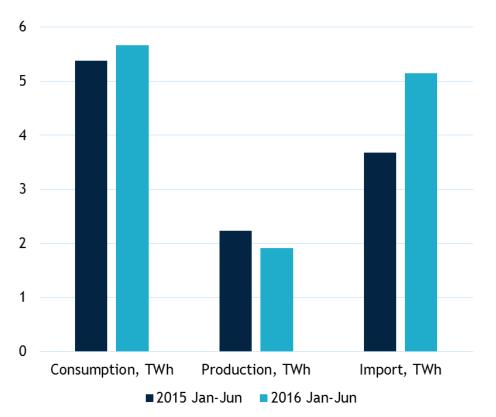
## Demand for electricity keeps growing





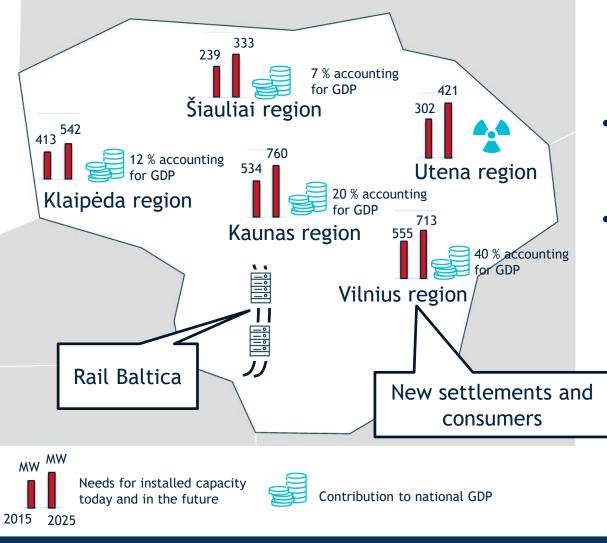
## Record electricity consumption in first half of 2016

- Consumption increased by 5.3%
- Driving forces 4.7% growth in industry and service sector
- 73.6% of consumed electricity imported
- 14% decrease in production
- 27% growth in wind energy



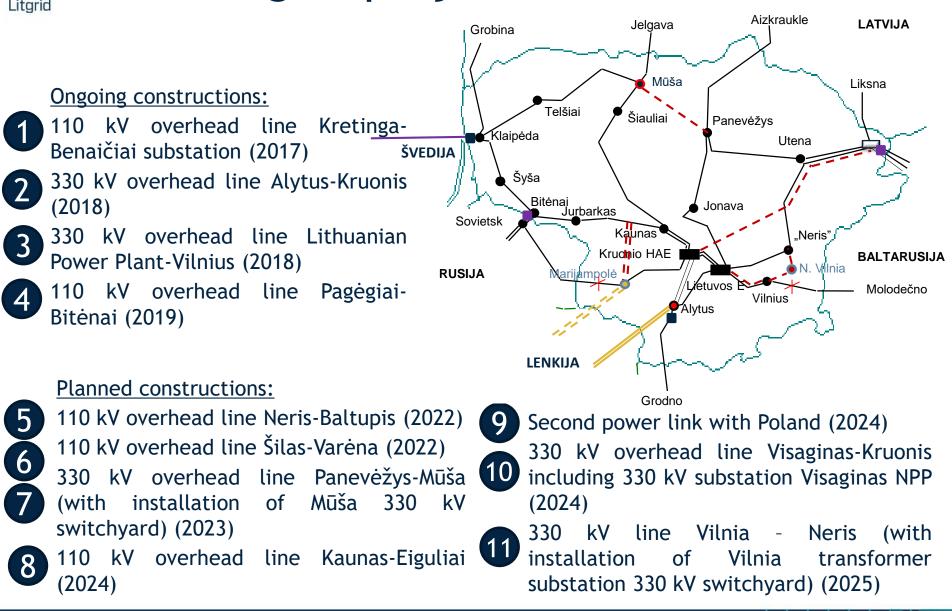


## Grid development for system reliability and new consumers



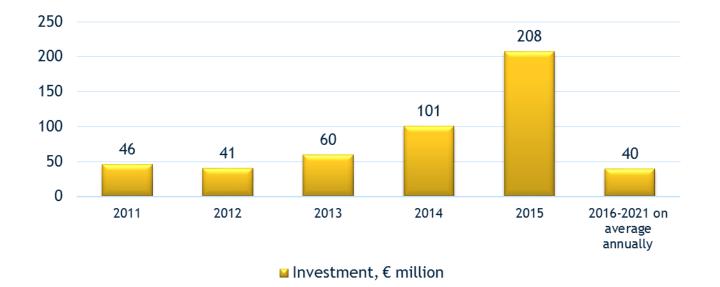
- Development of the transmission grid is based on consumer's needs
- Needs for electricity grow in the largest regions

## New grid projects 2016-2025





## Investments go to system security and reliability



- High level of investment during 2014-2015 due to interconnection projects implementation
- The investments of 2016-2021 period primarily go to grid enforcements and system reliability and security
- By 2025 total investment in the grid is about  $\in$  671 million



## THE NEXT 10 YEARS WILL BE CHALLENGING FOR THE POWER SYSTEMS

# Relying on import is a challenge to system security and reliability



14 European countries imported more than 10% of consumed electricity in 2015 In Baltic, old generation decommissioned faster than new installed



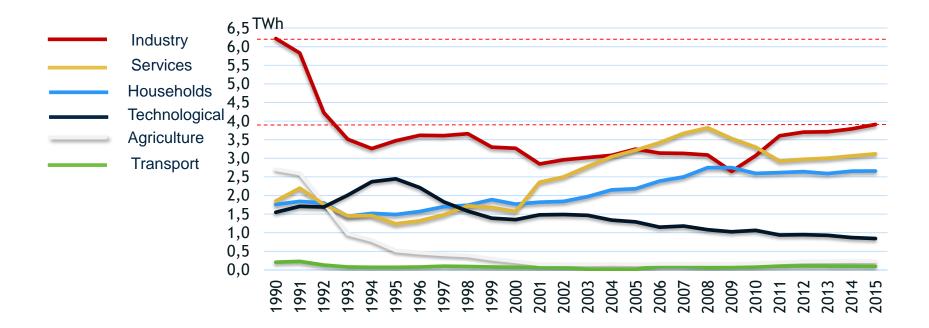
In 10 years, import capacities will be not adequate for system



## USING THE TRANSMISSION GRID FOR WIDE OPPORTUNITIES

## Lithuanian grid usage data shows the opportunities that could be explored

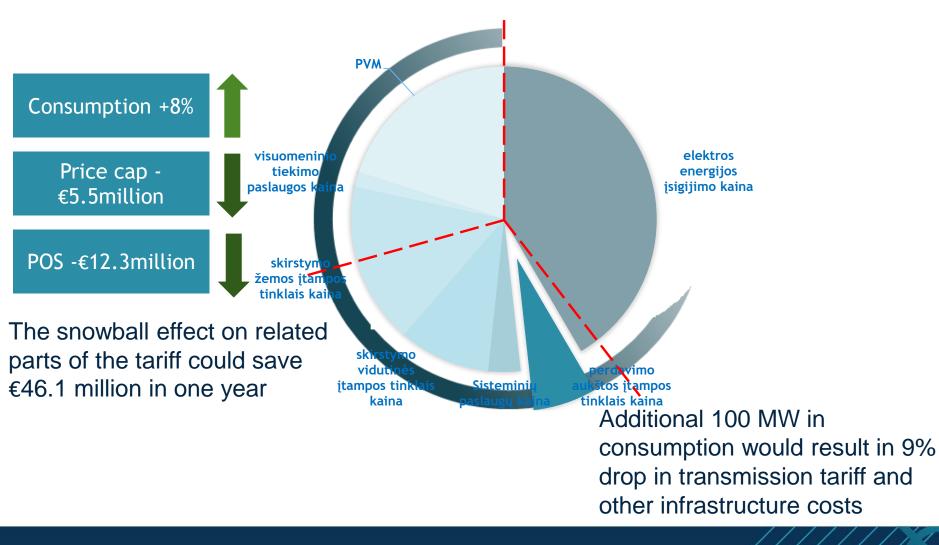
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- Two thirds of grid potential is currently used by the industry
- Transport sector has biggest opportunities to grow



## Additional 100 MW consumer -€46.1 million in savings for everyone





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