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• CGES don’t expect any reduction of the load during the winter related to COVID 19.

• Two important transformers 400/110kV, 300MVA, which delivery was delayed for 6 months due to COVID 19, have been delivered to Montenegro and their installation will be finished until end of January 2021.

• There is no significant problems with infection of operational stuff in TSO, DSO and generation companies.
Information on operational security

- Maintenance works performed according yearly plan with certain time shift, due COVID-19 pandemic.
- CGES is included in all processes connected to operational security (NTC calculation, maintenance coordination, DACF, IDCF).
- The functioning of the system is stable. All facilities are functional and prepared for winter season.
Measures related to epidemiological situation

• CGES has established a team for preventive action and crisis staffs at two locations (CGES main building and NDC building) with preventive action tasks in order to prevent the import and spread of COVID-19 virus, i.e. to implement measures, recommendations and decisions adopted by the Government of Montenegro.

• Plan of engagement and organization of tasks has been prepared for all job positions in CGES.

• All business processes must be completed, so employees for which the workflow allows, perform work from home.

• In this regard, meeting and conferencing software via the Internet is installed, so regular activities, coordination and communication among employees, even in the case of work from home, are going smoothly.

• Vital work processes are organized in optimal way on order to minimize the risk of corona virus import and spread, as well as in case of infection or need for self-isolation/quarantine of more employees engaged in performing these tasks.

• In order to reduce possibility of infection system is operated from two locations: National Dispatching Centre and Reserve Dispatching Centre.
NECP development - overview

• NECP development process started in September 2020, financed by GiZ.

• Consulting team has prepared 2 Chapters so far, and the 3rd Chapter is under preparation.

• Modelling work has also started, the necessary data are collected and three scenarios (WEM; WAM & EUT) are under preparation.

• Beside national project coordinator and consultants (international and national), the technical Working Group (tWG) is participating in the process.

• The tWG consists of representatives from relevant Ministries, public institutions and NGOs, having reviewing and consultative role throughout the whole process.

• The first NECP draft is expected to be presented in March 2021.

• In parallel, study on Extension of the EU Energy and Climate Modelling Capacity to include the Energy Community and its Nine Contracting Parties is also in preparation stage.

• NECP targets should be in line with the study outputs, so NECP finalisation / adoption is expected end 2021.