

The new transmission lines will increase energy security in central Europe, transmission system stability and will improve the conditions for electricity exchange on the international market electricity. Last week, the Hungarian Energy and Public Utility Regulatory Authority (MEKH) gave permission for the start of commercial operation of 400 kV Gonyu-Bos-Nagygyorod and Sajoivanka-Rimaszombat cross-border transmission lines to neighboring Slovakia. Both projects were included in the list of Projects of Common Interest (PCI) by the European Commission and they were co-financed from the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) European instrument.

CEO of Hungarian electricity transmission system operator MAVR Andras Biczok said that the new Slovak-Hungarian interconnectors are important not only for the balance of the Hungarian electricity system. Expanding international connections ensure the balance of the single European electricity system in the busiest North to South route of electricity flows, while, on the other hand, provide the long-term security of supply in the northeastern region of Hungary.

MEKH President Janos Peter Horvath reminded that in January 2017, the limited cross-border capacities contributed to the extraordinary situation when the prices on the Hungarian electricity market were several times higher than the usual domestic and even western European electricity prices. By doubling the Hungarian-Slovak cross-border capacities, the occurrence of similar risky situations can be reduced.