

Elenia's Response to Storm Hannes: Rapid Restoration and Resilient Grids

In late **December 2025**, **Storm Hannes** swept across the Nordic countries, leaving tens of thousands of households without electricity. In **Finland**, it caused the **most significant disruption to electricity distribution since** storms Tapani and Hannu in **2011**. Dozens of network companies in western Finland reported nearly **190,000 customers without power**.

Our **Finnish member**, **Elenia**, was also affected. An estimated **20,000 trees fell on overhead lines**, leaving up to **76,000 customers without electricity** across around **100 municipalities** at the peak. **Elenia's emergency response organisation operated 24/7** to address the damage. It handled nearly 30,000 customer inquiries and 3,000 fault reports, which generated more than **2,800 repair tasks**. In response, **Elenia deployed** in addition to their personnel, approximately **300 installers, loggers and machine contractors** from its partners, as well as helicopters, drones, excavators, forestry machines, aerial work platforms and hydro vessels. Thanks to this rapid and comprehensive mobilisation, **Elenia restored electricity to more than 60,000 customers within a day**. In the worst-affected areas, however, some customers experienced outages lasting more than a week in winter conditions.

In the aftermath of the storm, Elenia's CEO, **Jorma Myllymäki**, highlighted the **importance of building weatherproof underground cable network** to improve the **security of supply** and increase the capacity and intelligence of the network as society becomes electrified. To date, **Elenia has built more than 35,000 kilometres of underground cable** and raised its underground cabling rate to over 66%, helping keep storm-related damage manageable.