

EDF increases its shareholding in Austrian energy supplier ESTAG from 20% to 25%

EDF has just bought GDF SUEZ's 20% holding in SIA (Société d'Investissement en Autriche). It is now the sole shareholder of this holding company, which owns 25% of Austrian energy supplier ESTAG (Energie Steiermark) alongside Land of Styria, which owns the remaining 75%.

ESTAG has around 40 subsidiaries in Austria and employs more than 1800 staff in the fields of energy, waste management and associated services. Its two major subsidiaries are SSG (Steweag-Steg), the leading electricity distributor and wholesaler for the Styria region, and STGW (Steierische Gas Wärme), a gas carrier and wholesaler in the same region.

EDF is also active in Austria through one of the Group's German company, EnBW, which has a stake in Austria's first energy distributor and wholesaler, EVN.

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