Effective electrical power system maintenance and testing is fundamental for safe and reliable operation, irrespective of size, type or industry. When high voltage equipment malfunctions, the consequences can be particularly catastrophic. Damage to the equipment itself can be very expensive, but is insignificant compared with the collateral damage and potential hazards to people and the environment.

An effective testing, inspection and maintenance programme is therefore essential for a well-functioning high voltage system. This will result in minimal operation failures and give asset managers and decision makers accurate information on how to prioritize operating system investment.

MULTI-DISCIPLINARY EXPERTISE

- State-of-the-art analysis and measurement capability including cable system, power quality, EMC, transformer, motor and generator assessment, at your location;

- Expert knowledge and operational experience in the field;

- A wide range of material analyses, including transformer oil analysis, carried out at our Linkebeek laboratories, as well as ground analysis and heat dissipation calculations arising from root cause analysis (RCA).

With expertise in every aspect of electrical power, ENGIE Laborelec guarantees the independence and objectivity of its solutions and recommendations.

BENEFITS

- **Maximum SAFETY** for people and equipment;
- **Maximum OPERATION**, with no unplanned impact on operations, using both online and offline measurement;
- **Optimum INVESTMENT** planning through identification of weak points in the HV system

All high voltage equipment is covered: cables, motors, generators, switchgear and transformers.
PREDICTIVE MAINTENANCE CAPABILITY
ENGIE Laborelec has a broad range of state-of-the-art measurement expertise capable of assessing all high voltage systems:
- Measurement of partial discharge activity, localization, trending, and interpretation through signal analysis;
- HV system component monitoring, (continuous or ad hoc), including:
  - Cable systems (cables, joints and terminations), underground cables and overhead lines up to 250 kV;
  - Switchgear, open and closed cells, air or gas insulated switchgear (AIS and GIS) installations;
  - Current and voltage transformers (VT and CT), connections and bushings;
  - Motors and generators.

PREDICTIVE MAINTENANCE TECHNIQUES
Online (in service) predictive maintenance services
For HV system component monitoring (continuous or ad hoc), measurement and analysis of partial discharge (PD), localization, trending and interpretation using multiple techniques.
- Acoustic emission (AE):
  - Airborne – ultrasonic parabolic microphone detection at 40 kHz CF
  - Contact probe for examination of closed cells
- Electromagnetic:
  - Transient earth voltage (TEV) 100 kHz - 80 MHz
  - Ultra high frequency (UHF) 150 MHz - 1000 MHz
  - Radio or high frequency current transformers (RFCT and HFCT)
- Ultra-violet (UV) cameras:
  - Corona detection, discharge to air
  - Tracking (surface discharge) at bushings and insulators
- Oil analysis for ageing and moisture ingress
- Infra-red (IR) cameras for heat detection

Offline (out of service) predictive maintenance services for HV systems
Condition measurement of cables, motors, generators, switchgear and transformers, including partial discharge, dissipation factor, insulating resistance and voltage withstand testing.

STRATEGY FOR PREDICTIVE MAINTENANCE
The Engie Laborelec strategy is to apply multiple measurements techniques and methods onsite in combination with visual analysis. Through specific measurement procedures and return on experience, we can pinpoint weak spots in an HV system at an early stage. This ensures maximum safety, maximum operation and optimum investment.

REFERENCES
ENGIE Laborelec works every day on predictive maintenance measurement for a wide range of customers in industry, and in energy production, distribution and transmission.
We deliver services at home and abroad complying with international standards and recommendations (IEEE, IEC and CIGRE).