

Four wins in one year: JSC “Prykarpattyaoblenergo” expands its presence in European innovation projects

In 2026, the company secured four successful applications under the Horizon Europe programme, while two other international projects are already underway

2026 has been a particularly important year for the international and innovation activities of JSC “Prykarpattyaoblenergo”. Over the course of the year, the company **successfully secured funding four times under calls of the EU’s Horizon Europe programme.**

Earlier, we reported on the company’s first Horizon Europe success of 2026. Since then, three more positive developments have followed: just five weeks ago, the selection of the **NEXTELAR** project was announced. And last week, we received another piece of excellent news from the European Commission – **two more projects, RESCUE and GRIDFFIN, were selected for funding.**

These are no longer isolated successful applications, but the result of the company’s systematic work in the areas of innovation and international cooperation.

Participation in international research and innovation projects has become one of the practical tools for the development of JSC “Prykarpattyaoblenergo”.

Cooperation with European partners provides access to new technologies, opportunities to exchange experience with other distribution system operators, and the chance to contribute to the development of solutions for the energy sector of the future.

“For us, innovation is not simply about participating in research calls. It is an opportunity to work together with strong European partners, see new technologies at the development stage and assess their practical value for the energy sector. At the same time, we gain international experience in project management and develop our own expertise,” says **Andriy Grabchuk, head of the strategic planning department at JSC “Prykarpattyaoblenergo”.**

The company’s management systematically supports innovation and participation in international programmes, considering them an important component of the long-term development of JSC “Prykarpattyaoblenergo”.

The new international projects cover important areas of modern energy development.

RESCUE will bring JSC “Prykarpattyaoblenergo” together with European organisations and distribution system operators, including partners from the Netherlands. The project will focus on enhancing the resilience of electricity networks and developing modern approaches to the operation of energy infrastructure.

GRIDFFIN involves cooperation with distribution system operators from Greece and Italy. Its areas of focus include the development of resilient electricity grids, the integration of renewable energy, energy storage systems and other innovative solutions.

The two other projects secured earlier this year are also focused on the development of modern technologies and enhancing the resilience of energy infrastructure.

As a result, the company will be working on several of the key challenges facing the energy sector today – **digitalisation, grid resilience, and the integration of renewable generation, energy storage systems and new technological solutions.**

A successful Horizon Europe application is the result of much more than a few months of work. These four successes are the result of years of building partnerships, countless meetings and a tremendous amount of joint work with European organisations.

“Throughout 2024-2025, we held hundreds of meetings with partners, formed consortia, and coordinated technical solutions and the roles of the participants. Behind all this are thousands of pages of materials that had to be prepared, reviewed and agreed upon. Therefore, these successes are the result of a great deal of joint work by our team and international partners,” says **Volodymyr Shcherbiak, head of the project management group at JSC “Prykarpattiaoblenergo”**.

International partnership works both ways. The company gains access to new technologies and European expertise, while partners gain an opportunity to take into account the practical experience of a Ukrainian distribution system operator.

It is precisely the combination of scientific expertise, technological solutions and real-world experience in operating electricity networks that makes it possible to develop more practical and effective solutions.

Behind every international project are specific people who work with partners every day, prepare project proposals and represent the company in the European professional environment.

“I really enjoy being part of a team that is developing international partnerships. I am glad that I have had the opportunity to contribute to this work and become part of such a great result,” says **Veronika Latyshevska, engineer of the project management group at JSC “Prykarpattiaoblenergo”**.

The project management group plays an important role in developing this area. Particular recognition should be given to **Volodymyr Shcherbiak’s remarkable dedication and perseverance**, as well as **Veronika Latyshevska’s successful contribution to the team**, particularly her strong English language skills and ability to work confidently in an international environment.

Today, JSC “Prykarpattiaoblenergo” already has experience implementing international Horizon Europe projects. Within **eFORT** and **SECURE-NET**, the company is working with European partners on technological solutions, competence development and the practical application of innovation in the energy sector.

The new successes open the next stage of this work – with new partners, technologies and research areas.

For us, participation in Horizon Europe is not only an opportunity to attract international funding. It is a way to learn, exchange experience, build new partnerships and bring Ukrainian practical expertise into European innovation projects.

And that is why today’s achievements are not the final destination. **They are confirmation that Prykarpattiaoblenergo is consistently strengthening its own innovation capacity and becoming an increasingly active participant in the European energy landscape.**