

Wind Farm Construction Projects

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The subordinate instruments defining the purchase price of the electrical power obtained from renewable sources should finally be adopted in the following months, and after that Croatia could be packed in just a few years with wind farms worth almost a billion euros, says "Slobodna Dalmacija". Because of the years of postponing the issuance of the Regulations, only two small wind farms of the total power of 17 MW have been built in Croatia so far. It is assessed that the electrical power network could immediately take approximately 300-400 MW and after the adjustment, twice as that, therefore, 35 times more in comparison to the existing capacities. For installation of the new wind farms there are approximately one hundred suitable sites and the Investors' interest is such that it exceeds 20 times the current potentials for network acceptance, according to "Slobodna Dalmacija".

"A dramatic expansion is expected in the following years because the target is to encourage the production until 2010 from the renewable sources up to the ratio of 5.8 % in the total consumption of electrical power, while currently that ratio is approximately one percent, not including the major hydro plants' production. Currently there is approximately 1500 MW of the announced wind farm projects, in a relatively advanced stage of preliminary work and there is interest also for approximately 3500 MW. A number of investors are waiting at the door and first, the system should be put completely in order" says for the paper Goran Majstorović M.Sc. of the "Hrvoje Požar" Energy Institute.

"Slobodna Dalmacija" has pointed out the example of the first wind farm in the Splitsko-Dalmatinska County, worth Euro 12 million, of 12 MW, which SEM 1986 intends to build this year in Kostanje.

The major interest for construction of wind farms has been shown on the territory of Dalmatia, especially in Splitsko Dalmatinska County, where even 24 sites for such plants have been included in the phys

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