

# Solar power integration with grid Kosovo

### How can Kosovo improve its energy sector?

The Group's commitment to helping Kosovo improve its energy sector is broad: projects are designed to improve energy efficiency, ease the policy and regulatory environment for renewable energy and energy efficiency, address the environmental legacy of the old power plants, upgrade power generation to meet demand, and improve water supply.

### Will Kosovo use solar energy for district heating?

In late December 2022, Kosovo became the first country in the Western Balkans Economy to use solar energy for district heating. Kosovo's Minister of Finance, Labour and Transfers, Hekuran Murati, said the project would ensure access to the central heating system for about 38,000 citizens.

#### Could solar power be used in Kosovo?

Different sources estimate different potential for solar and wind in Kosovo. These could be combined with Albania's existing hydropower to make a much more flexible electricity system, and in December 2019, the two countries agreed to set up a common electricity market.

#### What is the generating capacity of solar power plant in Gjakova?

The projected generating capacity is 136 MWin terms of alternating current, while the nameplate capacity is the peak in direct current, the statement reveals. Solar Energy Group plans to install the plant in the municipality of Gjakova, and production is expected to start in 2022, KOSTT said.

Advantages of RES integration - Reliable and secured transmission network - Priority in dispatching - KOSTT manages RES Found through Market Operator - Feeding Tariffs (for 150 MW wind/85EUR/MWh, 240MW HPP/63.3EUR/MWh, 14 MW Biomass/71.3EUR/MWh, 10 MW Solar (136.4 EUR/MWh -12 years) - Lack of electricity in region o Constrains of RES integration

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A photovoltaic system is being built on the areas where ash from the two coal-fired power plants at Kosovo A was previously deposited. It will have an installed capacity of up to 100 MW and produce 152 GWh of electricity annually.



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POLICY BRIEF Navigating Solar Investment Challenges in Kosovo 7 In this direction, this policy brief aims to shed light on the challenges that customers in Kosovo encounter when trying to invest in solar energy. The methodology used for this analysis combines desk research (official state documents and publications, EU documents,

The business-as-usual scenario proposed by a number of international donors, including the World Bank, assumes construction of a new thermal power plant, which will use coal to generate electricity. This new plant is proposed to be integrated into the Kosovo power grid by 2017.

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Kosovo is in need of energy alternatives for a more flexible energy system which could open opportunities for renewable energy. Solar power in Kosovo is still at a low percentage of less than 1%, and its future penetration is being held back by lack of investments and underdeveloped regulatory framework.

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