

Bosnian power utility ERS is investing in renewable energy sources in an effort to diversify its energy portfolio. ERS submitted to the Government of the Republic of Srpska (RS) an offer to build a solar power plant Trebinje 1, a project worth some 50 million euros, but with lower power output than initially planned. Besides Trebinje solar power plant, the company is developing a project for a 48 MW wind farm Hrgud in eastern Herzegovina, whose construction should start by the end of the year.

A draft concession agreement for the construction of solar power plant in Zupci near Trebinje should be concluded by mid-August. According to the new proposal, its installed capacity is reduced to 73 MW with estimated annual electricity generation of 101.5 GWh. Total estimated value of the investment is around 50 million euros. The concession will be awarded for a period of 50 years and ERS should pay one-time fee of 250,000 euros, plus 0.275 eurocents per each kWh produced by the plant.

Initially, ERS planned to build a 100 MW solar power plant near Trebinje, with annual electricity generation of 147.7 GWh. The cost of this larger project was estimated at around 70 million euros.