

Even during the lockdown caused by the coronavirus pandemic, the energy system is stable, said Petar Djokic Minister of Energy and Mining of the Republic of Srpska (RS) adding that the Government and the relevant Ministry are preparing new major investments in the energy sector for this year.

Minister Djokic stressed that Investment activities are continuing wherever possible and in this way the Government wants to secure new capital that will enter RS, because new investments will be crucial for the recovery and sustainability of its economic system. He cited some of the new investments in the energy sector, such as the wind farm Grebak near Nevesinje, solar power plant near Bileca, Hrgud wind farm and the solar power plant near Trebinje.

During his visit to coalmine and thermal power plant (RiTE) Ugljevik, he said that the operation of the plant is stable, it has performed all planned activities in the past year, especially regarding the investment in the new desulfurization facility, which will enable the plant continue operation under strict environmental standards.

The agreement on the installation of flue gas desulfurization system between RiTE Ugljevik and Japanese Mitsubishi was signed in July 2016. In late 2017, Japanese Yokogawa Electric Corporation announced that it will deliver a control system for a flu gas desulfurization system for TPP Ugljevik. The project will be managed by Yokogawa's Austrian subsidiary and the Serbian Office of Yokogawa Europe. The facility will extend the plant's operational life until 2035 and will help Bosnia and Herzegovina meet the environmental requirements for joining the EU. The facility entered trial operation in late 2019.