

According to the data published by Bulgarian electricity transmission system operator ESO, the country's electricity generation increased by 5.55 % in the period between 1 January and 4 June this year, reaching a total of 19,721 GWh.

At the same time, Bulgarian electricity consumption rose by 7.65 % and amounted to 18,022 GWh. Electricity exports fell in the observed period, not surprisingly as a result of a month-long export ban introduced by the Ministry of Energy in mid-January as an answer to extremely low temperatures and significantly increased electricity consumption. In the first five months of 2017, electricity exports amounted to 1,699 GWh or 12.52 % less compared to the same period last year.

Electricity produced from renewable energy sources (RES) in the transmission system increased by 6.7 % in this period to 547,235 MWh, while its share in the country's distribution system rose by 2.95 % to 785,568 MWh.