

# Bulgaria: NEK open tender for EBRD financed Vacha1 HPP modernization

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Bulgaria's National Electric Company (NEK) invited bids for 5-million-euro (\$6.4 million) rehabilitation and extension project of Vacha-1 hydro power plant (HPP), located in the southern Smolyan province, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) said on Friday.

The scope of the project includes design, supply, installation and commissioning of equipment for 110 kV high voltage switchyard and other technological upgrades, EBRD added.

The project will be financed with a grant from the Kozloduy International Decommissioning Support Fund (KIDSF), administered by the EBRD. KIDSF was established to cater for the decommissioning of four units of the Kozloduy nuclear power plant and to mitigate the negative consequences of their early closure.

The new scope to the Project, which has a total estimated cost of EUR 5 million, includes the **Rehabilitation of "Vacha - 1" Hydro Power Plant 110kV switchyard and other HPP systems of integrated control.**

The project scope includes design, supply, installation and commissioning of 110 kV high voltage equipment: disconnectors, circuit breakers, surge arresters, power lines protections, telecommunication equipment, auxiliary equipment, control system and other HPP equipment and systems related to it.

Procurement will be carried out in accordance with EBRD Procurement Policies and Rules with the exception of country eligibility restrictions defined within the KIDSF Rules and will be open to Tenderers from the following eligible countries as of 1 July 2013: the EU member states, Switzerland and countries of EBRD operation. All goods and services must also originate from an eligible country.