

VSB Croatia, a member of the international company VSB Group, plans to build a 329 MW wind farm near Imotski in Dalmatia.

VSB Croatia plans to build the Imotski Zone - a series of wind farms with a total capacity of 329 MW, which will produce 700 GWh of electricity per year, Slobodna Dalmacija reported. The Zona Imotski project would have a capacity higher than the currently largest wind farm in Croatia - Senj, with a capacity of 156 MW, but it would be different when you look at the announced projects because the recently presented wind farm Lički Medvjed, with a capacity of 425 MW.

VSB Group is engaged in the development, construction and management of wind farms and solar power plants and has so far installed 1 GW capacity, and manages power plants with a capacity of almost 2 GW. In early 2020, the Swiss investment company Partners Group took over 80 percent of this German company.

The wind farm near Imotski will be built in six municipalities: Proložac, Lovreć, Lokvičići, Podbablje, Zagvozd and Runovići. The annual production of electricity will be enough to supply the entire Split-Dalmatia County, which has about half a million inhabitants. The investment is estimated at three billion kuna or almost 400 million euros.

Ante Renić, director of VSB Croatia, stated that the Zona Imotski project is the first large project that VSB is developing in Croatia. He pointed out that the construction of a wind farm would enable the development of the economy in this area, because the energy network will be renewed and expanded.

The Zona Imotski project is still in its initial stages and is currently awaiting bylaws to obtain energy approval from the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development. At the same time, an environmental impact assessment is being carried out.

All wind turbines will be built, as stated, in accordance with the good practices of the VSB Group, so each turbine will be at least 500 meters away from houses and 200 meters from roads and other infrastructure facilities.

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