

North Macedonia: Bogdanci wind farm production 95 % above planned in January

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According to North Macedonian state-owned power utility ESM, the country's sole wind farm Bogdanci produced 15,968 MWh of electricity in January 2020, which is 95 % more than planned for that months. This is also one of the highest monthly results since the wind farm's commissioning.

In 2019, Bogdanci wind farm generated a total of 101,807 MWh of electricity, which is 6 % more than the annual plan. Wind production was accounted for some 2.4 % of North Macedonia's total electricity production.

Last week, ESM announced that it has launched a tender for the expansion of wind farm Bogdanci by additional 13 MW. According to tender notice, the deadline for the submission of bids for this, 21 million euros worth project, is 2 March. The project is financed through 18 million euros loan provided by German Development Bank KfW, while ESM will cover the remaining sum. The maturity of the loan is 12 years, with a 3 years grace period and interest rate of 1.15 %. Last September, ESM signed two contracts related to the project for the expansion of the Bogdanci wind farm with a consortium of German Fichtner and local company Geing. The first contract relates to consulting services for updating environmental impact assessment including geological and geotechnical testing. The second contract is for consulting services for the design, the preparation of tendering documentation, and the supervision of works. The value of both contracts is around 1.1 million euros. The expansion of the Bogdanci wind farm envisages the construction of 4 additional wind turbines with combined capacity of 13 MW. Currently, the plant's installed capacity amounts to 36.8 MW and it will be raised to 50 MW.