

The tender was launched in early 2020, but the winners were selected after live bidding auction with three participants, which took place on 16 April.

The Government of North Macedonia said that it has selected Bulgarian company Solarpro Holding and Turkish company Fortim Energy Electric as partners for 100 MW Oslomej solar power plant.

The statement from the Government said that each company will build 50 MW solar power plant in public-private partnership with state-owned power utility ESM. Under the partnership, ESM will receive 18.5 % of electricity produced by Solarpro's plant and 18.1 % of electricity produced by Fortim's plant. ESM will provide the land on which the plants will be built. The agreement is valid for 35 years, after which the solar parks will be transferred to ESM. The plants will be built on the site of depleted Oslomej coalmine and its worth is estimated to 80 million euros.

CEO of Bulgarian Solarpro Holding Konstantin Nenov said that in addition to 50 MW Oslomej power plant, it previously secured a 10 MW solar license near Makedonski Brod. The company aims to reach 80 MW solar portfolio in North Macedonia in the next two years.