

North Macedonia: Strong interest for the construction of solar power plants on state land

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According to the Ministry of Economy of North Macedonia, a total of 82 domestic and foreign companies have submitted bids for the construction of solar power plants with combined installed capacity of 35 MW on state-owned land. The tender was launched in June.

Two locations were offered: one at Sveti Nikola municipality with capacity of up to 25 MW and the other at Makedonski Brod municipality with capacity of up to 10 MW. Locations are available for solar power plants with capacities of 10, 5, 2 or 1 MW. Plots will be awarded to investors which request the lowest premiums and the ceiling price is set to 15 euros/MW. The state will facilitate administrative procedures, while investors will be required to produce project documentation, including an environmental impact assessment study, and procure the equipment. The price of connection to the electricity network will be between 20,000 and 30,000 euros.

Similar tender, for the construction of solar power plants with total installed capacity of 27 MW on privately owned land, has been launched in July.

Currently, North Macedonia has 18.4 MW of installed capacity in solar power, but has recently adopted a program which envisages introduction of new 200 MW in solar power by the end of 2021