

Slovenia and Croatia plan to start negotiations on joint investments in the construction of the second block of the Krško nuclear power plant - a project that aims to meet the future energy needs of both countries, said Slovenian Prime Minister Janez Jansa.

“There are many possibilities for bilateral cooperation when it comes to covering the energy needs of both Slovenia and Croatia.” The competent ministries will soon examine the possibilities for such cooperation when it comes to joint investments in the second block in Krško, “Jansa said in a press release on Tuesday after a meeting with Croatian Prime Minister Andrej Plenković.

In December, the executive director of the Slovenian state energy group Gen-Energija, Danijel Levicar, said that the company would make the final investment decision on the construction of the second block of the Krško nuclear power plant (NEK) by 2027.

One nuclear reactor is not enough to cover the growing demand for energy in Croatia and Slovenia, given the electricity shortage facing the entire region of Southeast Europe, Levicar noted.

NPP Krško, located in Slovenia near the border with Croatia, produces about 40% of electricity in Slovenia. NEK is located about 100 kilometers from Austria and uses a Westinghouse reactor with a capacity of 2,000 MW. The Krško Nuclear Power Plant operating company is co-owned by Gen-Energija and Hrvatska elektroprivreda (HEP).

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