

Romania: Wind energy covers 15.5 % of electricity consumption

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Romanian Association for Wind Energy (RWEA) announced that the wind energy production accounted for 13.8 % of Romanian entire electricity production and 15.5 % of national gross consumption in the period between 6 and 15 January 2017.

During this period, Romania produced 2.12 TWh of electricity, of which 1.91 TWh was consumed in the country. Out of this amount, wind farms generated some 0.3 TWh of electricity. The production peaks were recorded on 6, 7 and 14 January when over a fifth of Romania's electricity production was from wind farms.

Romanian electricity consumption increased significantly in the past ten days due to extremely cold weather, which also led to an increase in electricity prices on the OPCOM electricity exchange. The maximum spot price on Monday, January was about 100 euros/MWh, which is 40 % more than two weeks ago when prices amounted to about 70 euros/MWh, while at the same period last year, electricity prices at the exchange were about 53 euros/MWh.

Although Romanian electricity production surpassed consumption in the last ten days, Romania had to import some electricity for domestic consumption, while the Government has adopted a set of emergency measures which allow the suspension of electricity exports in crisis situation.