

Serbian Minister of Energy and Mining Aleksandar Antic announced at the opening of the third International Fair and Conference on Renewable Energy sources and energy Efficiency Renexpo, that the construction of several large wind farms with combined power output of 480 MW should start by the end of this year, which should be connected to the power grid in 2018 or early 2019 at the latest.

Minister Antic also announced that in the following weeks a smaller wind farm with the capacity of 6.6 MW will be connected to the power grid. According to him, Serbia has created the legal framework for investments in renewable energy and the result is that in a very short period of time the country managed to get 63 MW in renewable energy, mostly in small hydropower plants and solar farms, while about 10 % of that amount is provided by wind farms. Minister Antic reminded that Serbia's aim is to increase the share of renewable energy from 21 to 27 % by 2020.

Minister Antic also added that Serbia has great potential in biomass in the amount of about 3.3 million tons of oil equivalent which should be exploited in the future. Serbia also intends to increase energy savings and the goal is set to 9 %, transmits [Serbia-energy.eu](http://Serbia-energy.eu)