

Serbian Minister of Mining and Energy Zorana Mihajlovic stressed that it is important to be as efficient as possible, therefore, the Government will try to prepare draft national energy and climate plan (NECP) much before December 2021. Mihajlovic said that the preparation of an integrated NECP is strategically important for Serbia and, along with the adoption of four mining and energy laws, the Government is moving toward a whole new energy policy. She added that Serbia is beginning the preparation of an energy development strategy, as the Law on Climate Change and the Strategy of Low-Carbon Development have been adopted and these are all important steps toward a new energy policy of the state. Within the project, The Draft Integrated National Energy and Climate Plan (NECP) for 2021-2030 will be prepared, with a vision until 2050. It will define the goals of increasing energy efficiency, renewable energy sources and reduction of emission of greenhouse gases for 2030 and also the policies and measures for their fulfillment, in line with the orientation of Serbia toward a greener and cleaner energy, it is added. Deputy Finance Minister Marko Jovanovic emphasized the importance of the EU's pre-accession help and said that its results were apparent in many fields. He added that environmental-energy projects such as this one best reflected the significance of that help when it comes to the citizens' quality of life. The main goal of the project, worth 900,000 euros, which is financed by the European Union through the IPA 2017 program is to upgrade the regulatory framework for the energy policy and to harmonize with the requests of the Energy Community and the EU acquis, which will contribute to the integration of energy and climate goals. Among other things, the project envisages public consultations and consultations with the Energy Community, the preparation and adoption of the Report on the Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment and the adoption of the NECP by the Government of Serbia.