

The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, EBRD plans to hire a consultant to provide support to the Serbian authorities in preparing and implementing renewable energy auctions, and to advise on how to improve the efficiency of the balancing costs arrangements for renewable energy in the country. EBRD has launched an invitation for expressing interest in providing consultancy services for the implementation of renewable energy auctions in Serbia.

According to EBRD's notice, the assignment is expected to start in July 2020 and should last for a total of 24 months and its cost is estimated at 1.3 million euros. The deadline for the submission of expressions of interest is 8 June.

Since 2009, Serbian authorities have promoted investment in renewable energy projects through feed-in tariffs. However, they are currently considering transitioning to a new mechanism, where renewable energy projects will be selected and the level of support received will be determined on the basis of auctions. This transition ties-in with requirements to transpose EU acquis under the Energy Community Treaty.