

The foundation stone for the 3.036 MW solar power plant was laid in Prapretno near Hrastnik at the ceremony attended by the largest Slovenian producer of electricity HSE's CEO Viktor Vracar, Minister of Infrastructure Jernej Vrtovec and other officials.

The investment in the Prapretno solar power plant is part of the recent wave of construction of new electricity production facilities utilizing renewable sources, a trend which is also compliant with the guidelines of strategic documents at the state level. The power plant will be located on the reclaimed and closed part of the Prapretno non-hazardous waste landfill and is a good example of reviving a degraded site: not only because the thermal power plant Trbovlje, which was considered an ecologically unfriendly facility, formerly operated on this site, but also due to the location being compliant with EU guidelines for reducing the country's carbon footprint.

The total estimated investment value of the installation of the Prapretno solar power plant with all associated equipment is 2.5 million euros million without VAT. The procedure for obtaining a valid building permit was completed in May 2021, and the start of operation and thus the first production of electricity is planned for this year. The construction of the Prapretno solar power plant is an example of good practice that combines the knowledge and potential of the HSE Group and their contribution to raising the proportion of renewable energy sourced from solar power plants, not only in the HSE Group's production portfolio, but in Slovenia as a whole.

CEO Viktor Vracar said that HSE Group already has experience in the field of solar electricity production. The company currently operates five solar power plants, and the sixth, the Prapretno solar power plant, will be the first in Slovenia to generate more than 1 MW of power and to have received a building permit. He also said that HSE's mission is to continue intensively investing in reliable and environmentally friendly sources of electricity.