

Statkraft has installed three additional floating solar units at Banja reservoir in southern Albania

Europe's largest renewable energy producer Statkraft, in collaboration with Norwegian supplier Ocean Sun, has installed three additional floating solar units at Banja reservoir in southern Albania, bringing the floating solar plant's total capacity to 2MW. The installation of three additional floaters, rated at 500kW each, was completed during December 2022 as part of the second phase of the Banja project. The floating solar system is producing electricity according to expectations and confirms the positive results seen from the first floater, operational since April 2022.

In 2023, the 2MW system is expected to generate almost 3GWh of electricity. The plant represents Ocean Sun's first multi-ring system and as such an important milestone for the company, demonstrating its ability to provide utility-scale projects.

In December 2018, Statkraft Renewables Albania filed a request to the Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure for a construction permit for a floating solar park, which was later obtained. After the installation of solar panels on the Banja reservoir, the company will consider similar plant at the Moglice reservoir.

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