

What is the energy strategy in Kosovo?

The main policymaking document in the energy sector in Kosovo is the Energy Strategy (hereafter: the Strategy). The Strategy is drafted by the Ministry of Economy, covers a period of ten years and has to identify the main challenges that the sector faces and outline the policies to develop the sector.

How secure is electricity supply in Kosovo?

Security of electricity supply depends on a fleet of aged coal-fired power plants built between the 1960s and 1980s owned and operated by the Kosovo Energy Corporation, one of the biggest public enterprises in the country. The uptake of renewables has been slow with a limited number of support measures in the last decade.

What is the energy mix in Kosovo?

The other generation capacities in Kosovo come from hydropower plants while renewables are less represented in the energy mix although their representation has been rising in the last decade. Currently, Kosovo has 137 MW installed wind capacity and 10 MW installed solar capacities.

Why is Kosovo at an early stage of energy transition?

The fact that Kosovo is at an early stage of its energy transition means that it is still possible to ensure that the main policies and interventions can be just and equitable to all groups.

Should electricity prices increase in Kosovo?

Noting the eventual increase in electricity prices, the media representative added that that is acceptable in Kosovo's context: "If it means my child (if we have higher electricity prices due to less coal in the energy mix and more renewables) will be healthier, and I will live longer, (or) at least on average the general population will."<sup>18</sup>

How many units are there in Kosovo?

Kosovo A, built between 1962 and 1975, has five units, out of which only three are operational, namely, A3, A4, and A5, with a combined installed capacity of 610 MW. Kosovo B was built between 1983-4 and has two units, both of which continue to be operational and each with an installed capacity of 339 MW.

In March 2023, the Kosovo Parliament adopted the Energy Strategy 2022-2031, committing to fully decarbonizing the energy sector.<sup>17</sup> The strategy represents a pivotal step in Kosovo's energy transition and is focused on five strategic objectives: Improving system resilience; Decarbonization and promoting renewable energy; Increasing energy

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plants for generation. Thus, this high reliance on lignite power plants makes the energy system unflexible, leading to unstable security of supply, unreliable, and dependent on imports, despite the regular restorations.

In 2023, the Parliament of Kosovo adopted the Energy Strategy for 2022-2031 (hereafter: the Strategy). The Strategy, drafted by the Ministry of Economy and endorsed by the Government, is the highest policy-setting document of the energy sector. The Strategy is unique insofar as it rejects the possibility of new coal-based generation

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Kosovo's recent Energy Strategy sets an ambitious vision to achieving a just energy transition for the country between 2022-2031. The main pillar of the Strategy is to accelerate renewable deployment, focused on utility-scale wind and solar PV. Kosovo plans to integrate 1200 MW of RES over the next 10-years. 100 MW Solar Engineering, P ...

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