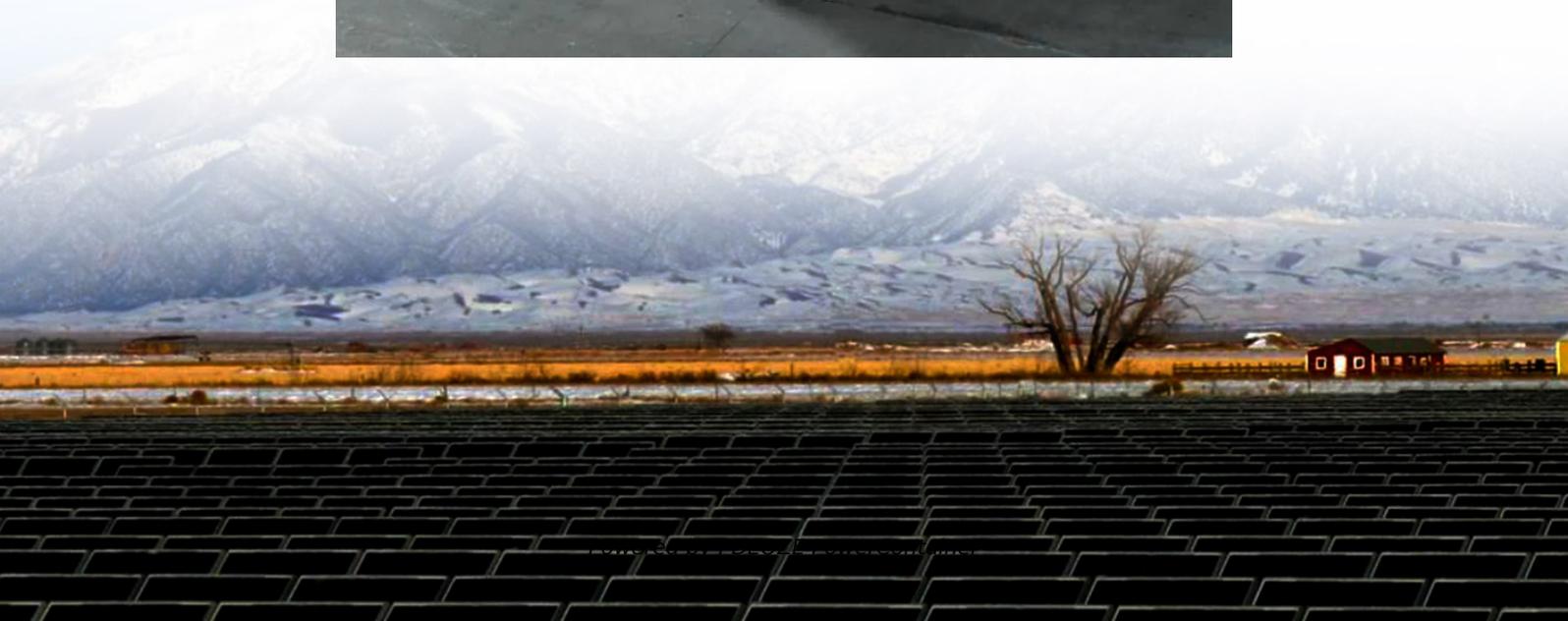


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Overview

The Energy Strategy of the Republic of Kosovo 2022–2031, adopted by the Assembly of Kosovo on March 8, 2023, sets the strategic direction for the development of Kosovo's energy sector over the next decade. What is the energy strategy for Kosovo?

The Kosovo energy strategy includes increasing RES capacity to 35% of electricity consumption by 2031. Aiming for 600 MW wind, 600 MW solar PV, 20 MW biomass & at least 100 MW of prosumer capacity, to reach a total installed RES capacity of 1600 MW by 2031. Lignite exploitation in Kosovo started in 1922.

Who regulates the energy sector in Kosovo?

Regulation of activities in energy sector in Kosovo is a responsibility of the Energy Regulatory Office (ERO). An additional factor in the energy sector in Kosovo is Ministry of Economic Development (MZHE), which has the responsibility of dealing with issues that have to do with energy. MZHE prepares legislation and drafts strategies and projects.

How inherited issues have affected the energy sector in Kosovo?

The inherited issues after the war in Kosovo and the transition period have had an immense effect on the progress of this sector. Regulation of activities in energy sector in Kosovo is a responsibility of the Energy Regulatory Office (ERO).

Why are electricity prices increasing in Kosovo?

When electricity prices have increased significantly. In general, the development of Kosovo's energy sector has lagged behind due to a lack of investments for almost four decades, while post-war interventions have been more focused on maintaining the functionality of outdated and poorly managed power.

Why does Kosovo waste 30% of its available energy?

Today, Kosovo wastes 30% of its available energy due to energy efficiency, outdated infrastructure, and commercial losses such as theft. The outdated electrical grid and technical losses account for an additional 37% of energy waste.

What percentage of energy is produced in Kosovo?

Around 90% percent of energy production in Kosovo is from lignite, a soft coal that produces toxic pollution when burnt. Official figures show Kosovo has the world's fifth largest lignite reserves of 12-14 billion tonnes. Our Standards: The Thomson Reuters Trust Principles.

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