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for Renewable Energy Investment in Kosovo

GETTING STARTED

Welcome to the A-Z Guide for Renewable Energy Investment in Kosovo! This comprehensive resource has been crafted to assist investors, developers, and entrepreneurs in navigating Kosovo's regulatory landscape when embarking on the exciting journey of establishing solar, wind, or other renewable energy ventures. Whether you are a seasoned professional or new to the world of renewable energy, the A-Z Guide will walk you through the essential steps required to progress your project. By following this guide, you will gain valuable insights into the regulatory requirements, permits, documentation, and key stakeholders involved, ultimately facilitating your mission to harness clean and sustainable energy sources in this dynamic market.

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INTRODUCTION

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This comprehensive resource is designed to be your go-to companion when venturing into the world of renewable energy in Kosovo. Whether you are a seasoned professional or new to the field, this guide offers a clear roadmap to navigate the intricate regulatory landscape required to establish solar, wind, or other renewable energy projects in this dynamic market.

Our mission is to simplify the often-complex permitting process, providing you with essential insights, expert guidance, and practical tips. As Kosovo prioritizes renewable energy development, this guide empowers you to contribute to a greener and more sustainable future while ensuring compliance with the regulatory framework.

The Energy Strategy of the Republic of Kosovo 2022-2031 serves as a blueprint, outlining the trajectory and key measures guiding the development of Kosovo's energy sector over the upcoming decade. Emphasizing wind and photovoltaic technologies supported by renewable auctions, public investments, and prosumer participation, the Strategy anticipates a substantial rise in renewable energy capacity. Innovative technologies and new renewable capacities will gradually supplant coal, aiming to achieve coal phase-out by 2050.

Kosovo's commitment to the Energy Community has prompted compelled the alignment of its climate, energy, and environmental legislation with the European Union (EU) standards. A comprehensive legal and regulatory framework overhaul is in progress to facilitate the execution of the Energy Strategy. The pledge to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050, as part of the Sofia Declaration on the Green Agenda for the Western Balkans signed in 2020, has reinforced Kosovo's commitment to EU-related legislation.

Within the A-Z Guide, you will find all the information you need to understand the regulatory requirements, permits, documentation, and key stakeholders involved.

We invite you to embark on this renewable energy journey with confidence, and together, let us light up Kosovo with the promise of a brighter and cleaner future.

DISCLAIMER:

This guide is provided for informational purposes only and is not intended to be a legal document. Always consult with appropriate authorities or seek legal advice for specific questions or concerns.

What are the main things to know as an investor when kickstarting a RES project in Kosovo?

RES investors in Kosovo can sell the electricity generated by their projects through the market (without any support scheme) or through a support scheme awarded through competitive bidding process (auctions). The following requirements are in place to meet all the requirements to implement a new RES project in Kosovo:

A complete Application for Authorization for construction of new generating capacities, as outlined in Table 1 below, which includes among others:

- A TSO or DSO Connection Agreement, as outlined in Table 2 below;
- An Environmental Consent and Permit, as well as a Construction Conditions and Permit, as outlined in Table 3 below;
- Payment of applicable taxes, as outlined in the Authorization section below;
- The Generation License, as outlined in the Authorization section below.

ENERGY REGULATORY OFFICE (ERO) REQUIREMENTS

Renewable energy investors interested in developing RES projects outside the competitive bidding process must submit a formal request to the Energy Regulatory Office (ERO) for authorization to construct new generation capacities from renewable energy sources. Prior to that they must obtain all the required documents and permits from relevant Kosovar institutions before submitting, as outlined in Table I of this document.

According to the Law on the promotion of the use of renewable energy sources: when an investor is selected as the winner in a competitive bidding, such as auction process, announced by the Government, authorization from the Energy Regulatory Office (ERO) is not required.

New Generation Capacities – means the facility that produces electricity or thermal energy with its primary source from Renewable Energy or Fossil Fuel.

Renewable Energy Source – means non-fossil sources, namely wind, solar (solar thermal and solar photovoltaic) and Geothermal Energy, Ambient Energy, tide, wave and other ocean energy, hydropower, Biomass, landfill gas, sewage treatment plant gas, and Biogas.

Competitive Bidding Process – a transparent, non-discriminatory bidding procedure, that provides for the participation of a sufficient number of companies where financial support is granted based on the most successful bids submitted by the bidders in a competitive process.

Strike Price – the final price that the Privileged Producer of electricity will benefit, as the result of being awarded in a Competitive Bidding Process.

Contract for Difference – a type of financially settled support whereby a sliding premium, constituted by the difference between the Reference Price and the Strike Price, is settled between the Renewable Energy Operator and the Privileged Producer. If the Reference Price is lower than the Strike Price, the Renewable Energy Operator pays the difference to the

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Support Contract – the contract based on which the Privileged Producer is granted support under a Support Scheme in the either a i) Power Purchase Agreement/PPA, ii) a Contract for Premium or iii) a Contract for Difference.

Renewable Energy Operator - The Renewable Energy Operator is the entity responsible for purchasing electricity from Privileged Producers under Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) and managing the Renewable Energy Support Fund to cover support scheme costs, while also acting as the counterparty in settlement of payments under the Support Contract.

Renewable Energy Support Fund - The Renewable Energy Support Fund covers the costs of the Support Scheme and Renewable Energy Operator through funds collected from all energy suppliers, based on consumer kWh usage. Suppliers are required to provide payment insurance to guarantee their obligations. Consumers are exempt from the obligation if they purchase Guarantees of Origin or have contracts with Renewable Energy Producers not supported under this law. The Regulator sets the methodology to ensure sufficient funds and financial liquidity for the fund's operation.

Guarantees of Origin - Regulator regarding Guarantees of Origin for electricity. The Regulator is tasked with issuing these guarantees and maintaining a register, ensuring its accuracy, reliability, and protection against fraud. Transmission and distribution system operators must provide the Regulator with data on the electricity produced for which Guarantees of Origin are issued. Additionally, within nine months of the law's enactment, the Regulator is required to establish secondary legislation that governs the reporting of produced electricity measured at the point of transfer into the transmission and distribution system, along with monitoring processes. The Regulator also has the authority to charge a reimbursement fee for issuing and transferring Guarantees of Origin, which will be collected through a fee for participation in the system based on the justified costs of maintaining the register.

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License for the generation of the electricity - a document issued by ERO enabling the holder to perform activities in energy sector, that require a license in accordance with provisions of Laws eelated to Energy Sector.

Certificate of Occupancy – means the document issued by a competent body that verifies compliance of the construction with the construction documentations and applicable construction codes, and which verifies that the construction is suitable for usage.

Environmnetal impact Assesment – identifying and evaluating possible projects impacts on environment, consulting environmental and public authorities, taking into account the EIA report and the results of consultations in decision making defining a method for oreventing, avoiding mitigation or rehabilitating harmful impacts in environment and human health, as well as prociding information on the decision.

Construction conditions – means the technical terms and conditions of construction that serve as a basis for drafting the construction of construction documents for a project of Category III, accordng to the definition in accordance with the procedure of chapater 2II of the Administrative Instruction Nr. 01/19.

The following A-Z Guide applies to large-scale RES development:

One of the first steps for large-scale renewable energy projects in Kosovo is inclusion in municipal development plans and zonal maps. This early-stage requirement ensures that the project aligns with local land use policies and urban planning strategies. Securing this approval is critical for obtaining the necessary permits and licenses, as it demonstrates that the project fits within the municipality's long-term development vision, paving the way for further regulatory approvals and implementation.

The following documents are required by ERO to apply for the authorization for construction of the new RES generation capacities

Application Form	Institution	Legal Basis	Supporting Documents	Responsible Agency
<p>APPLICATION FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NEW GENERATING CAPACITIES</p>	<p>ENERGY REGULATORY OFFICE</p>	<p>RULE ON AUTHORIZATION PROCEDURE</p>	<p>Application form</p> <p>Business certificate issued by the Agency for Business registration in Kosovo, including the decision of the board of the company on the authorized representative for Application.</p> <p>Evidence on financial capability of the Applicant, and of mother company, including financial reports, Financial Reporting and Auditing, depending on the classification of the enterprise.</p> <p>Evidence on financial capability that the Applicant possesses at least ten (10%) percent of the investment amount. Such evidence shall be backed with bank statements issued not earlier than five (5) days from the Application date.</p> <p>Business solvency certificate of the Applicant, including the certificate of solvency of the mother company, certifying that the Applicant or the mother company is not under bankruptcy.</p> <p>Evidence from the tax authorities that the Applicant, including the mother company, has no tax obligations.</p> <p>Evidence on the legal and property rights where the New Generation Capacity is going to be constructed.</p> <p>Technical and financial feasibility study, for the project with an installed capacity above 1 MW.</p> <p>Precontract or Contract on Engineering, Procurement and Construction.</p>	<p>ERO</p> <p>Bussines Registration Agency</p> <p>Applicant/Audit Licensed</p> <p>Company/Applicant</p> <p>Court</p> <p>Tax Authority</p> <p>Municipal Cadastral Office</p> <p>Applicant</p> <p>Applicant</p>

Application Form	Institution	Legal Basis	Supporting Documents	Responsible Agency
APPLICATION FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR CONSTRUCTION	ENERGY REGULATORY OFFICE	RULE ON AUTHORIZATION PROCEDURE	<p>Business plan containing technical parameters of the project and the finance plan describing the way of financing, including the total investment cost and the manner of finance; economic and financial evaluation of the project including the financial statements; static and dynamic evaluation of investment.</p> <p>Municipal act that confirms the proposed energy project is allowed by Municipal development or spatial plans.</p> <p>Connection agreement with the relevant system operator. Environmental Consent issued by the relevant entity, if for the subject project is required.</p> <p>Water permit (if required).</p> <p>Construction permit and dynamic implementation plan.</p>	<p>Applicant</p> <p>Relevant Municipality</p> <p>KEDS or KOSTT</p> <p>MESPI or relevant institution</p> <p>Municipality/ Applicant</p>

2 TSO (KOSTT) OR DSO (KEDS) REQUIREMENTS

TSO Network Code and DSO Grid Code, defines the criteria for connection points in TSO and DSO levels pertaining to the new generating capacities of renewable energy source projects. The required technical information (connection offer) from TSO (KOSTT) or DSO (KEDS) should be obtained from the relevant institution depending on the connection level.

- Up to 5 MW new generating capacities apply by default to DSO.
- RES projects below or equal to 10 MW may apply to the DSO or TSO (depending on the site and grid availability).
- Above 10 MW new generating capacities apply by default to the TSO.

The following documents are required by the TSO (KOSTT) or DSO (KEDS) to apply for the Connection Offer:

Institution	Supporting Documents	Responsible Agency	Institution	Supporting Documents	Responsible Agency
TSO	Application for connection form	Applicant/TSO	DSO	Application Form	Applicant/DSO
	Tax for application	Applicant		Info for destination of the project	Applicant
	Design Study or PFS	TSO or third party		Business Certificate of construction company	Business Registration Agency
	Scheme of planning	Applicant		Electrical Project for the facility that will be constructed	Applicant
	Meteorological information	Applicant		Summary of electrical project	Applicant
	Type of fuel	Applicant			

Both institutions, the TSO and DSO, require Technical Approval prior to signing the Connection Agreement and energizing the facility into the transmission or distribution systems. The time and duration for obtaining the necessary Connection Agreement by TSO or DSO is as follows:

Transmission System Operator (KOSTT):

Days	ACTIONS
DAY 0:	<p>The applicant submits the Connection Application to the transmission network operator together with a proof of payment via mail or directly to the Archive Office of KOSTT, (if the application is submitted by post-mail, the counting of days begins when KOSTT accepts the application).</p> <p><i>Note: prior to the submission of the Connection Agreement application, the applicant is required to have acquired the Construction Conditions approved by Ministry of Environment Spatial Planning, and Infrastructure (MESPI).</i></p>
DAYS 1-30:	<p>KOSTT reviews and draws conclusions if the connection planned by the Connection Application is (or isn't) technically and economically possible and in accordance with the provisions of the Grid Code, and if it meets the conditions and doesn't represent a problem for the safe operation of the transmission system.</p>
DAYS 31-90:	<p>KOSTT prepares a Connection Offer which it sends to the Applicant together with the draft Transmission Network Connection Agreement.</p>
DAYS 91-120:	<p>The Applicant reviews the Connection Offer for the transmission network submitted by KOSTT, which can then be signed.</p>
DAYS 121-150:	<p>The Applicant and KOSTT review/negotiate and sign the Transmission Network Connection Agreement.</p>

Distribution System Operator (KEDS):

Phases	Process
Phase 1	(APPLICATION): In this phase, applicant submits the application for connection to DSO, along with the required documentation.
Phase 2	(CONNECTION OFFER): Based on the application submitted from applicant, DSO will prepare a connection offer within 30 calendar days (from the day of submission of the application). If additional information is required, DSO will inform applicant within 10 days of submission of application to provide additional information. The deadline for connection offer can be extended for an additional 30 calendar days for more complex connections. In such an event, DSO is obliged to inform the applicant in written.
Phase 3	(ACCEPTANCE OF CONNECTION OFFER OF DSO): If the applicant wishes to accept the connection offer, it is obliged to accept that offer in accordance with all its terms as stipulated in methodology. After accepting the offer, the applicant will sign a construction agreement and make the payment in accordance with connection offer of DSO within 30 days of submission of Connection Offer. At this phase, draft connection agreement will be attached to Connection Offer.
Phase 4	(CONSTRUCTION WORKS): At this phase, the applicant may choose DSO or another licensed contractor to perform the necessary works for construction of electrical network for connection.
Phase 5	(TECHNICAL ACCEPTANCE): After completion of construction works for implementation of electrical network for connection, the applicant will issue a request to DSO for technical acceptance. Within 10 working days, DSO will organize the technical team for inspection at site and issue positive or negative report based on the findings. If positive, DSO must immediately approve the connection from the DSO, and a copy of the technical acceptance is also handed over to the applicant.
Phase 6	(CONNECTION AGREEMENT): After the construction works have been completed and technically accepted by DSO, the connection agreement can be signed. Connection agreement is considered closed/done on the day when it's submitted (signed) to DSO.
Phase 7	(CONNECTION/ENERGIZING): After signing the connection agreement, DSO will implement the connection/energizing the assets within 5 days from commissioning.

3 ENVIRONMENTAL AND CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS

Implementation of renewable energy projects in Kosovo involves prudent consideration of construction and environmental requirements. The Law on Environment Protection No.03/L-025 and Law on Construction No.04/L-110 approved by Kosovo Assembly stipulate in detail the environmental and construction requirements related to the development of energy generation projects.

To obtain authorization from the Energy Regulatory Office (ERO) for constructing new renewable energy generation capacities, investors are required to have both Environmental Consent and a Construction Permit.

According to the Law on the Promotion of the Use of Renewable Energy Sources, authorization from the Energy Regulatory Office (ERO) is not required when an investor is selected as the winner in a competitive bidding process, such as an auction announced by the Government.

Environmental Consent

Law No. 08/L-181 on Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) requires potential investors developing projects to obtain Environmental Consent from the Ministry of Environment, Spatial Planning, and Infrastructure (MESPI). The issuance of Environmental Consent is contingent upon the Environmental Impact Assessment report for each project. Projects will undergo individual examination based on criteria outlined in the law, which will determine whether an EIA is required or not.

The process of issuance of the Environmental Impact Assessment requires the following steps:

- Application (request) submitted should be, in compliance with requirements stipulated in the Law 08/L - 181. The complete request for review will be published on public notice board in the Municipality, the official website of the Municipality and the Ministry five (5) days from the date the applicant submits the request together with required documents
- Ministry is responsible within thirty (30) days to inform in written format the applicant whether their project is likely to have significant effects on the environment and requires Environment Impact Assessment or not. In exceptional cases, such as complexity of the project, size and location, the EIA Commission may postpone the deadline and notifies applicant in writing on the reasons for the postponement. This deadline cannot be longer than sixty (60) days from the day the request for application has been submitted.
- The decision on selection is published on public notice board in the Municipality, the official website of the Municipality and the Ministry five (5) days from the day of issuance of the decision.

- If no report of EIA is required, the case is proceeded to Municipality for issuance of Municipal Environment Permit. In contrary, if Ministry determines that the projects require EIA, the process is forwarded for further review.
- Upon receiving the response from Ministry that EIA is required, Applicant will be responsible to prepare an Environmental Impact Assessment report which should be conducted by a licensed legal and natural person, in accordance with AI 10/2017.
- EIA report submitted by Applicant will be sent for review within five (5) days from the day of the receipt to the Commission in Ministry. Ministry may in certain cases require the opinion of external experts for EIA report.
- Public and interested parties will be informed electronically and through public notification and will be enabled to participate in all stages of EIA. The public consultation period on the EIA report cannot be shorter than thirty (30) days. Report will be published in Ministry's webpage for written comments from public and interested parties.
- The EIA report will be subject of public debate which will be organized by Ministry in cooperation with Applicant and relevant Municipality. Ministry is responsible to reflect the input received through public debate within twenty days (20) days after the session. EIA Commission may require from applicant to update or change certain elements of EIA. Applicant will fulfill the documentation within (30) days, whereas the changes required should be implemented within a deadline of (10) days and submitted to Ministry.
- The decision on Environmental Consent shall be prepared by the Ministry within ninety (90) days from the date of receipt of the EIA Report and public consultation period is over. After decision is taken, the Ministry notifies the applicant and the Municipality in which the project will be implemented. The decision for approval or rejection of environmental consent, along with the attached conditions, are published on the official website of the Ministry and Municipality five (5) days from the issuance of the decision.
- The approved Environment Consent will have a validity of two (2) years. Environment Consent precedes the Construction Permit or other permits as stipulated in Law for Environmental Impact Assessment article 7 paragraph 5.

The investor must obtain permits required for building renewable energy facilities. According to the Law on Construction No.04/L-110 and the related Administrative Instructions (AI 06/2017 for categories I and II, and AI 01/2019 for category III), these laws outline the criteria and procedures for applying and receiving a Construction Permit.

For renewable energy projects over 10 MW, the Ministry of Environment, Spatial Planning and Infrastructure is responsible for issuing permits, as stated in Annex I, Article I, Paragraph 18 of the Construction Law. These projects are classified as Category III, involving high-risk or national interest construction.

For projects under 10 MW, the local municipality issues the permit, as per Article 19, Paragraph 2, classifying them as Category I or II, which involve low to medium risk. The process of obtaining a Construction Permit involves two stages.

STAGE I: the competent body shall establish the construction conditions within fifteen (15) days of receipt of an application for construction conditions category I construction works and thirty (30) days for categories II and III.

STAGE II: the Construction Permit shall be issued by the competent body within thirty (30) days of receipt of an application for a construction permit for category I and forty-five (45) days for categories II and III.

In areas with an existing urban regulatory plan, Stage I procedures are not required if the plan specifies all necessary conditions. These plans are public and accessible through municipal websites or by request. Where no urban regulatory plan exists, applicants must submit construction conditions based on a 50-meter radius from the land plot's boundaries. The public is informed and given the opportunity to comment on construction permit requests, and the competent body may approve the applicant's proposal or set its own conditions. If the competent body does not respond within the required timeframe, the applicant's proposed conditions are automatically applied.

Construction Conditions for III category are proposed to be conceptual project based on the conditions and characteristics of the surroundings at fifty (50) meters distance from the boundaries of the cadastral parcel in which the applicant intends to build according the Construction Law Article 18 paragraph I.

For category III of construction works the applicant may request a pre-application meeting to determine whether other construction conditions are required for health protection, public safety and the environment protection.

The request for construction conditions must be accompanied with the documents required with AI Nr 01/2019 (as shown in table below)

Once the applicant submits the completed request for construction conditions the competent body:

Within seven (7) days since the day of the receipt of the completed construction conditions request the competent body shall:

- Visit the construction site in coordination with applicant to verify the submitted data are in accordance with the existing situation and that the proposed construction conditions meet the requirements of this the AI no01/2019.
- In coordination with applicant makes public notice for submitting comments on the proposed construction conditions by submitting a letter or email to competent body.
- The public notice is published on the site and in one of three daily newspapers with the aim of informing public about the start of procedures for the construction purpose.

- The public announcement content is presented in Annex 5 of AI no01/2019.
- Within two (2) days after the end of the comment period, the competent body shall or review the remarks or comments received during this period and present them at stakeholders meeting.
- Within five (5) days from the end of comment period, the competent body in coordination with the applicant shall set the date of the meeting with stakeholder committee.
- After the assignment of the date for submission of the project idea set forth in article 13, paragraph 11, the applicant submits the conceptual project under the AI and in accordance of any claim of the interested parties.
- The responsible officer must ensure that the conceptual project is complete and conforms to the provision of AI 01/2019 and the additional request of stakeholders committee.
- The checklist from the documentation/additional information requires is given in Annex 3 of AI 01/2019.
- In case of deficiencies in the submitted construction documentation, shall required the applicant that within fifteen (15) days to provide the required documentation.
- If responsible official sees the need for other stakeholder meetings, then will hold additional meetings.
- Within thirty (30) days from the date of delivery on the completed Project Idea, the competent body shall approve the construction conditions.
- In case of non-approval of construction conditions, the competent body is obliged to issue a written decision based on a refusal of the request for construction conditions.
- Construction conditions approved by the competent body or by the Law (principle) the silence is acceptance, will be valid for two (2) years, with the possibility of extension for another (1) year, if it does not change the existing state of the spatial planning document.
- The decision of construction conditions does not prevent the competent body from requiring the correction of errors in the construction documentation and other data.
- The competent body is authorized to suspend or revoke the construction condition decision, if it is issued incorrectly or based on inaccurate or incomplete data, or in violation of any law, regulation, sub-legal act or provision of technical regulations in power.

The following steps are required to obtain the Construction Permit from the relevant Ministry:

- Application accompanied with supporting documents in accordance with Law on Construction article 20 paragraph 3.
- Once the evidence of the payment of Construction Permit fee has been submitted by the Applicant, the responsible official at Ministry shall, within thirty (30) days for category I and within forty-five (45) days for category II and III, issues the Construction Permit from the date of submission of the application.
- If the responsible official of the Ministry has not informed the applicant of its decision within such period, the Construction Permit will be deemed issued.
- In event of incomplete application information for a construction permit, the responsible official shall notify the applicant of the steps necessary to complete the application within eight (8) days for Category I and within fifteen (15) days for Categories II and III. If corrections are necessary, the applicant shall correct the application within eight (8) days for category I construction works and fifteen (15) days for categories II and III construction works.
- If the applicant does not meet the required deadlines after notification, the responsible official may reject the application.
- The Construction Permit shall become void if the applicant does not begin construction within one (1) year from the date of issuance of the Construction Permit. The period of validity of the Construction Permit may be extended for on (1) year at the request of the applicant.

In contrary, if the renewable energy facility falls below the 10 MW capacity as stipulated in article 2 of Annex 1 of the Construction Law, the Construction conditions and Permit will be subject to the relevant Municipality.

The assurance of the required documents, namely Environment Consent and Construction Permit, and fulfillment of the conditions required, enables the operator to apply through a regular procedure for an Environmental Permit, in accordance with Article 31 of the Law for Environment Protection and AI. No. 04/2022 on Environmental Permit, in the Ministry of Environment, Spatial Planning and Infrastructure. The process is as following:

- The application will be reviewed by a Commission within thirty days (30) from the day of receipt of the request. If the submitted documentation is not considered complete, the Commission notifies the operator to complete the required documentation within thirty (30) days. In case the application is incomplete, the applicant will be notified to submit the required documentation within forty-five (45) days. If within the deadline the documentation is not completed, the Ministry terminates the procedure.

- The Environmental Permit is issued when it is ascertained by the Ministry that the operator meets the conditions set out in the AI 04/2022. The validity of Environmental Permit is five (5) years.

After the applicant has secured all required documentation, including the Environment Permit and Construction Permit, as well as constructed the generator, the operator must apply for the Occupancy Certificate. The application for Occupancy Certificate must be accompanied with the following documents:

- signed protocols verifying the completion of all the cycles/phases of construction defined for the construction works in the construction documents.
- evidence of positive results of testing conducted pursuant to the Code.

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The following documents are required for obtaining Environmental Consent, Environmental Permit, Construction Condition and Construction Permit from the Ministry or Municipality:

Applica- tion form	Institu- tion	Supporting Documents	Responsible Agency
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSENT	MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT , SPATIAL PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE	Application form (filled and signed from responsible person)	Applicant/Ministry
		EIA report in 4 hard copies and 1 electronic copy must contain:	
		1. Project characteristics:	Applicant
		1.1 work program for construction and use	Applicant
		1.2 desription of technology	Applicant
		1.3 and other activities which can be required	Applicant
		2. Location of the project	Applicant
		2.1 Plan with limits of the project	Applicant
		2.2 Detailed description of the site	Applicant
		2.3 Maps and photographs showing the location of the project	Applicant
2.4 Existing plans for use of the territory where the project is located	Applicant		
2.5 The municipal Assembly consent on realizing of such activity	Applicant/Municipality		
3. Copy of business certificate	Business Registration Agency		
4. Possessions list certificate of real property rights	Applicant/Municipality		
5. Copy of the plan with coordinates	Applicant/Municipality		
6. Situation plan	Applicant/Municipality		
7. Public and stakeholders' consultation data (MOM, presented materials, list of participants, photos etc.)	Applicant		
8. Contract about use of parcels and facilitates in case applicant is not the owner	Applicant		
9. Evidence on project investment amount	Applicant		
10. Payment invoice for fee for the environment consent service	Applicant		

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSENT	MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT ,SPATIAL PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE	> Phase I Construction Conditions	
		1. Application Form (filled and signed)	Applicant/Ministry
		2. Copy of the plan and ownership certificate from Cadastral	Municipality/Applicant
		3. Applicants copy of ID	Municipality/Applicant
		5. If applicant is not owner of the cadastral parcel, prove that applicant is authorised to submit the application	Municipality/Applicant
		6. The proposed construction conditions from applicant	Municipality/Applicant
		7. Consent for road access	Municipality/Applicant
		8. Initial Consent/KEDS	Applicant/KESD
		7. Consent for the provision of road access	Applicant/MESPI
		10. Electrical Energy Approval/KEDS	Applicant/KEDS
		11. Consent in principle (technical conditions)/KOSTT	Applicant/KOSTT
		12. Consent from the Kosovo Telecom	Applicant/Kosovo Telecom
		13. Consent from the Regional Water Supply Company in the Respective Municipality	Applicant/regional water company
		14. Consent for the Provision of Road Access- Municipality	Applicant/Municipality
		15. Consent regarding to the report related to the risks from accidents/Fire Elaboration	Applicant/AME
		16. Consent for protected areas	Ministry/Municipality
		17. The extract of the spatial planning document provided by the Spatial Planning Institute and the Municipality	Applicant/MESPI/Municipality
		18. Digital recording of the cadastral parcel to which it is applied and the attached cadastral parcels as well as the existing buildings within the diameter of fifty (50) meters	Applicant
		19. Pictures of the surrounding environment of the cadastral parcel for which the request was submitted and pictures of the existing buildings within the diameter of fifty (50) meters	Applicant

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INSTRUCTION PERMIT OVER 10 MW	RELEVANT MUNICIPALITY	<p>>Phase 2 Construction Permit</p> <p>1. Application Form filled and signed (Annex 12 of AI nr 16/2014 Paragraph 2.1</p> <p>2. Copy of plan and certificate of ownership not older tan 6 months. If the applicant s not owner of the cadastral parcel the applicat should have the authorization</p> <p>3. Consent for environmental impact assessment</p> <p>4. Administrative legal act establishing the conditions of construc-tion</p> <p>5. Three copies of main Project which must include:</p> <p>5.1 Architecture project together with the conceptual project</p> <p>5.2 Structure Project</p> <p>5.3 Machinery Installation Project</p> <p>5.4 Project of electrical installations</p> <p>5.5 Hydro-technical installation project</p> <p>5.6 Geometric Elaborate</p> <p>5.7 Geodetic Elaborate;</p> <p>5.8 Elaboration of site-building organization</p> <p>5.9 Elaboration of construction physics</p> <p>5.10 Elaborate Fire Protection</p> <p>5.11 Other</p>	<p>Applicant/Ministry</p> <p>Applicant/Municipality</p> <p>Applicant/Ministry</p> <p>Applicant</p>

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CONSTRUCTION PERMIT LESS THAN 10 MW	RELEVANT MUNICIPALITY	<p>>Phase I Application for Construction Condition Category I and II</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Application Form 2. Geodetic survey of the cadastral parcel and the adjoining cadastral parcels from orthophoto and existing building within fifty (50) meters from the boundary lines of the cadastral parcel where the applicant proposes to build 3. Photos of the surrounding environment of the cadastral parcel 4. Conceptual design 5. Copy of plan and certificate of property from Cadaster 6. Preliminary consents from Institutions and Public Services: Electricity, Water and Sanitation, District Heating if applicable, Environment Consent, Fire Protection Consent and similar. 	<p>Applicant/Ministry</p> <p>Applicant</p> <p>Applicant</p> <p>Applicant</p> <p>Applicant/Municipality</p> <p>Applicant/Relevant insitutions</p>

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CONSTRUCTION PERMIT LESS THAN 10 MW	RELEVANT MUNICIPALITY	>Phase II Application for Construction Permit Category II	
		1.Application Form filled and signed	Applicant/Municipality
		2. Copy of plan and the ownership of certificate	Applicant/Municipality
		3.Approval for connecting in technical infrastructure utilities	Applicant/ Relevant Utility
		4.Approval of EIA	Applicant/Ministry
		5. Fire protection consent	EMA/Ministry
		6.Administrative legal act establishing the construction condition	Applicant
		7. Copies of professional licenses of those who prepared the project	Applicant
		8.Technical design including:	Applicant
		8.1 Architecture design with Schematic design	Applicant
		8.2 Structural design	Applicant
		8.3 Mechanical Installation design	Applicant
		8.4 Electrical installation design	Applicant
8.5 Hydro-technical installation design	Applicant		
8.6 Geo-mechanical Elaborate	Applicant		
8.7 Construction site organization elaborate	Applicant		
8.8 Construction physics elaborate	Applicant		
8.9 Fire Protection elaborate	Applicant		
8.10 Other	Applicant		

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ENVIRONMENTAL PERMIT	MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND SPATIAL PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE	1. Environmental Permit Application form (Annex 1 of AI, 04/2022)	Ministry/Applicant
		2. Environmental Permit Application (Annex 2 of AI 2022)	Ministry/Applicant
		3. Business certificate	Applicant/Business Registration Agency
		4. Environmental consent decision issued by the Ministry	Applicant/Ministry
		5. Evidence of the conditions set out in Annex 2 of the AI 04/ 2022	Applicant
		6. Fulfilling the environmental conditions set by commission after conducting the site visit	Applicant
		7. Depending on the activity:	
		8. Certificate of Occupancy from the Municipality/Ministry, to allow the exercise of activity in accordance with the application for environmental permit and environmental consent	Applicant
		9. Water permit use for water use and water discharge by RRBA	Applicant
		10. Consent from EMA	Applicant
		11. Other previously issued permits related to the respective activity	Applicant
		12. Invoice for payment of the service fee for the environmental permit	Applicant
		13. The documentation and fulfillment of the environmental conditions should be submitted to Ministry in five (5) physical copies and one (1) electronic form (CD) signed by responsible person of the company	Applicant

4 AUTHORIZATION

Once the necessary documents and permits have been obtained, as stipulated in the Table I of this document, RES Investors will apply for the Authorization to the ERO, including payment of applicable taxes. The Application with all accompanying documents should be submitted in written format in one (1) original and one (1) electronic form. When the Application is submitted as electronic application through internet the Applicant submits only one (1) electronic copy.

The RES Investor is also responsible for publishing in (2) daily electronic newspapers information about its RES project application, namely:

- A short summary of the application content.
- Information allowing stakeholders to express interest or lodge objections regarding the project with the ERO within 8 days from the date of announcement.

The notification published in the media will also be published in the ERO website. If ERO receives any objection on the subject Application, it will provide a copy of such objection to the Applicant and publishes the same one on the ERO website.

The deadline for reviewing the application for new generating capacities is (30) calendar days from the day ERO informs the RES Investor that the application process is complete. For reviewing each Application, ERO establishes a working group within the ERO, comprised of three (3) to five (5) members. The role of the working group is to prepare a report which will include the following:

- Technical, economic and financial capabilities of the Applicant.
- Compliance of the project with the energy strategy, or any other policy document for renewable energy sources.
- Location of the new generation capacity.
- Technical solution for connection to the network.

If ERO considers that the RES Investor has fulfilled all the requirements, it will issue a Decision on Authorization for a duration of twenty-four (24) months, confirming the right of the RES Investor (Applicant) to commence with the construction. The deadline can be adjusted for an additional (12) months, if justified by RES Investor.

Upon issuance of the Decision on Authorization, ERO requires within (30) days from the RES Investor (Applicant) to submit a financial guarantee, issued by a commercial bank or insurance company effective for covering the period from the issuance of Authorization until the finalization of the construction of the Energy Project. The financial guarantee amount will differ based on the project value as follows:

- For projects with a value up to € 500,000.00 the Applicants pays a value of 10% of the project value;
- For projects with a value from € 500,001.00 up to € 1,000,000.00 the Applicants pays a value of 8% of the project value.
- For projects with a value above € 1,000,001.00 the Applicants pays a value of 7% of the project value. (If the said amount was submitted by RES Investor (Applicant) during competitive bidding procedure such as auction for renewable energy, it will not be required by ERO)

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When an investor is selected as the winner in a competitive bidding, such as auction process announced by the Government, authorization from the Energy Regulatory Office (ERO) is not required.

The Ministry is responsible for developing and implementing the Competitive Bidding Process, as outlined in the Law on the Promotion of Renewable Energy Sources. For each process, the Ministry issues a decision to initiate the bidding and prepares the necessary documentation. An Evaluation Commission is established by the Ministry, which includes representatives from the Regulator, Renewable Energy Operator, Environment Ministry, and two representatives from the Ministry, one of whom serves as the chairman. The Ministry will adopt secondary legislation within three months of the law's entry into force to define the procedures for the bidding process.

The **support scheme** for generating electricity from renewable energy sources operates through mechanisms such as a Power Purchase Agreement, Contract for Premium, or Contract for Difference between a Privileged Producer and a Renewable Energy Operator. The support is implemented through:

- Feed-in premiums
- Feed-in tariffs

Upon being selected as the winning bidder, the investor must sign a Project Development Agreement with the Ministry within the deadline established in the bidding process. The Privileged Producer is exempt from obtaining construction authorization under the Law on Energy and the Law on the Energy Regulator but is still required to secure all necessary permits for building the power plant, as mandated by law.

The energy generation license will be issued by the Regulator in accordance with legal requirements. Additionally, within seven days of issuing the occupancy certificate for the power plant, the Ministry will provide a completion certificate, confirming the commencement of the project.

5 FINAL AUTHORIZATION

Investors in Renewable Energy Sources (RES) planning to build new generation capacities exceeding 5 MW must apply for energy generation license in accordance with the Law on Energy Regulation and the Rule on Licensing of energy activities in Kosovo. However, for new electricity generation capacities up to 5 MW, energy generation license is not required.

Once the RES Investor has completed the construction of new generating capacity, ERO will consider the project finalized upon submission of the Certificate of Occupancy for the Energy Project, issued from the competent authority. The Environmental Permit issued for the renewable energy sources project for construction of new generation capacities, shall be a condition for commencing of commercial operation.

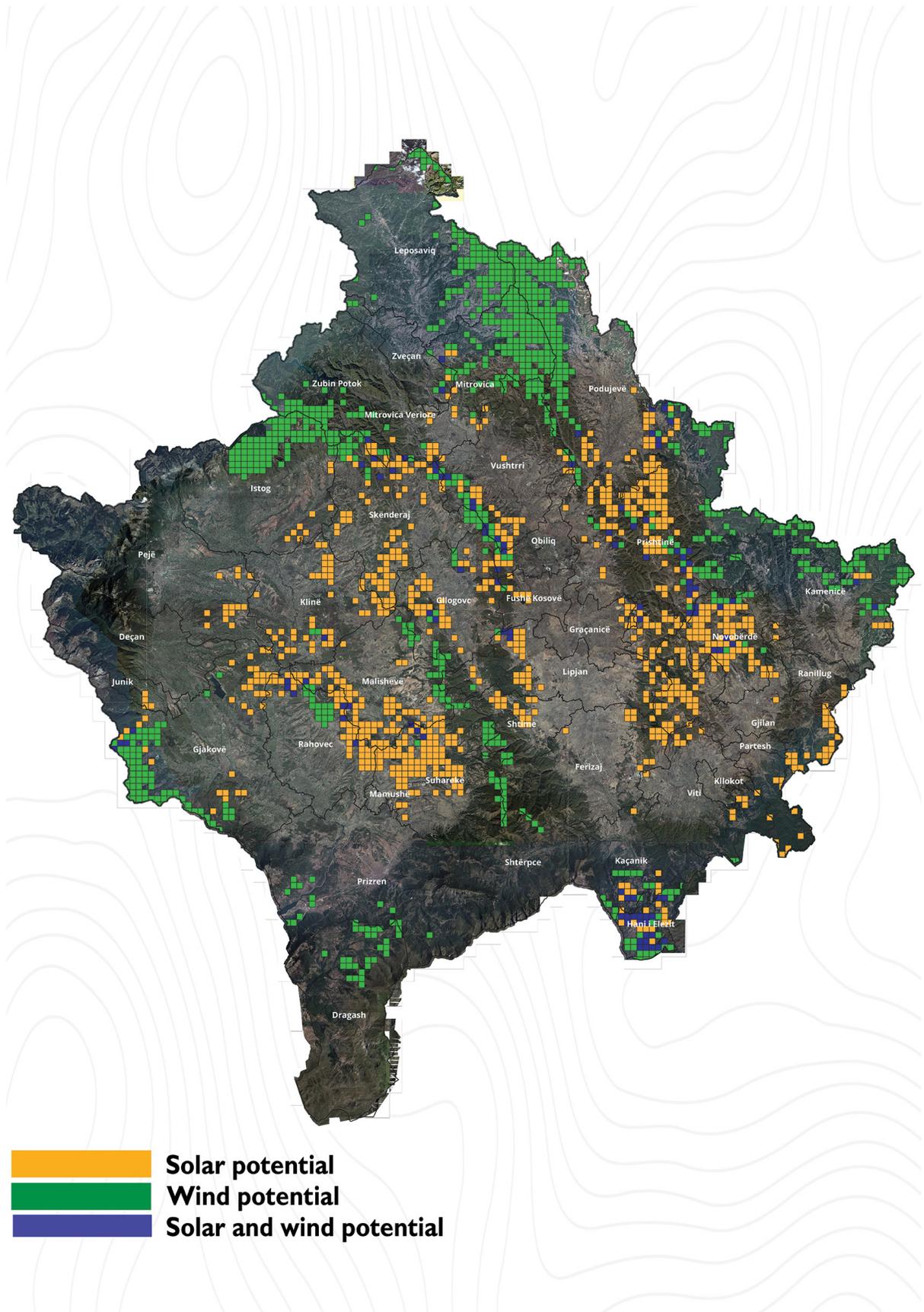
Currently, RES Investors in Kosovo can sell their electricity output generated from RES under market-based conditions or competitive bidding process (auctions). Investors opting to sell their generated output with unregulated prices based on the open market conditions, will not be guaranteed a Power Purchase Agreement with market operator. For opportunities related to competitive bidding process (auctions), type of awards and contracts please visit Kosovo's Renewable Energy Portal at the following link:

<https://reskosovo.rks-gov.net/auction/>



Kosovo Renewable Energy Potential Map: Wind and Solar Datasets

<http://geoportal.rks-gov.net>



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ENERGY REGULATORY OFFICE - ERO

Energy Regulatory Office Authorization Procedure for RES Projects:

<https://tinyurl.com/mtepwk4>

Energy Regulatory Office Regulation on Licensing of Energy Activities

<https://tinyurl.com/4vhpvdej>

Amendment to Energy Regulatory Office Regulation on Licensing of Energy Activities [https://](https://tinyurl.com/5fx786hw)

tinyurl.com/5fx786hw

Energy Regulatory Office Regulation on Prosumers for RES Projects

<https://tinyurl.com/mrxapjvu>

Energy Regulatory Office Methodology for Calculating Reference Price for RES Projects [https://](https://tinyurl.com/4hw3axje)

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Energy Regulatory Office Rule on General Conditions on Energy Supply

<https://tinyurl.com/yc5927h4>

KOSOVO DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM OPERATOR - KEDS

KEDS Process for Connection into the Distribution Grid

<https://tinyurl.com/4wky6m94>

KOSOVO TRANSMISSION, SYSTEM AND MARKET OPERATOR - KOSTT

KOSTT Grid Code

<https://tinyurl.com/2s3u6uye>

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, SPATIAL PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Law on Spatial Planning (Construction conditions)

<https://tinyurl.com/38v9n4by>

Procedure for obtaining construction conditions and construction permit

<https://tinyurl.com/4c3rse6e>

Law on Construction

<https://tinyurl.com/4ystvp2n>

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Law on Environmental Protection

<https://tinyurl.com/2w58h55m>

Law on Environmental Impact Assessment

<https://tinyurl.com/y9j9mh9h>

Administrative Order for Environmental Consent

<https://tinyurl.com/3k8bctmx>

Administrative Order for Environmental Permit

<https://tinyurl.com/3rxjbu2j>

Administrative Order for Issuance of Environmental Permit

<https://tinyurl.com/mwy7xpfk>

Administrative Order on Taxation for Construction Permit

<https://tinyurl.com/5n8v4nh9>

Administrative Order on Taxation for License Issuance for Environment Protection

<https://tinyurl.com/3bak5nj4>

Administrative Order on Tariffs for Calculating Costs for Environmental Impact Assessment

<https://tinyurl.com/5ekffstk>

Administrative Order on the List of Documents Required for Environmental Permit

<https://tinyurl.com/3k8bctmx>

Administrative Instruction on utilization and support of energy generation from renewable sources

<https://tinyurl.com/yeywbhz8>



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