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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 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 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 Final Authorization section below.

ENERGY REGULATORY OFFICE (ERO) REQUIREMENTS

The Energy Regulatory Office (ERO) is an independent body, which has the duty to regulate energy sector activities in Kosovo, including electricity, district heating, and gas. The ERO plays a leading role in the legal, administrative, and regulatory requirements for RES project development in Kosovo.

The Law on the Energy Regulator stipulates the construction of new renewable generating capacities is subject to Authorization Procedures from the ERO. No generation activity can be performed without obtaining a valid license from the ERO (including Authorization for construction of new generation capacities from renewable energy sources).

Note that generation capacities below **5 MW** are exempt from this licensing requirement.

Renewable Energy Investors, prior to filing out their formal request to the ERO for the Authorization for construction of new generating capacities from renewable energy sources, must obtain all required documents and permits from relevant Kosovar institutions, as outlined in this Guide further below.



Application Form	Institution	Legal Basis	Supporting Documents	Responsible Agency
APPLICATION FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NEW GENERATING CAPACITIES	ENERGY REGULATORY OFFICE	I. RULE ON AUTHORIZATION PROCEDURE	1a. Business Certificate issued by the Kosovo Business Registration Agency Decision of the board of the company on the authorized representative for Application.	Business Registration Agency Applicant
			1b. Evidence of financial capability of the Applicant and mother company, including financial reports and auditing.	Applicant
			1c. Evidence that the Applicant possesses at least 10 percent of the investment amount, in the form of bank statements issued not earlier than five days from the Application date.	Bank
			1d. Solvency Certificate(s), certifying that neither the Applicant nor mother company are under bankruptcy proceedings.	Court (in Kosovo and from where mother company is based)
			1e. Evidence from the relevant tax authority that neither the Applicant nor mother company have outstanding tax obligations.	Tax Authority (in Kosovo and from where mother company is based)
			1f. Evidence of the Applicant's legal and property rights to the land on which the RES project will be constructed.	Applicant
			1g. Technical and financial feasibility study for the RES project (if the installed capacity is above 1 MW).	Applicant
			1h. Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) contract or precontract.	Applicant
			1i. Business plan containing (i) the technical parameters of the project; and (ii) a financial plan, including the total investment cost and manner of finance, economic and financial evaluation of the project (including financial statements), and a static and dynamic evaluation of the investment.	Applicant
			1j. Municipal Act confirming that the proposed RES project is allowed under the relevant Municipal Development Plan or Spatial Plans.	Relevant Municipality
			1k. Connection Agreement with the relevant system operator (depending on the connection point).	KEDS or KOSTT
			1l. Environmental Consent (if required).	Ministry of Environmental Spatial Planning and Infrastructure
			1m. Water Permit (if required).	Ministry of Environment, Spatial Planning and Infrastructure
			1n. Construction Permit and dynamic implementation plan.	Ministry of Environment, Spatial Planning and Infrastructure or relevant Municipality

(Table 1: Required documents when applying to the ERO to receive regulatory authorization for a large-scale RES project)

An Applicant that secures support through a **competitive bidding process**, such as an auction, must provide proof of their selection as the winning bidder. The formal application should include only the last five mandatory documents, as specified in the provided table.

If any changes occur during the project development, the Applicant must promptly notify the ERO of any alterations to the required documents and submit the new originals.

ERO retains the authority to request any document listed in the table at any time, should they deem it necessary for review.

2 TSO (KOSTT) OR DSO (KEDS) REQUIREMENTS

New RES projects must sign a **Connection Agreement** with either the Transmission System Operator (TSO) or Distribution System Operator (DSO), depending on the connection level.

In Kosovo, the TSO is KOSTT and the DSO is KEDS.

The TSO Network Code and DSO Grid Code define the criteria for connecting RES projects at the transmission or distribution level:

- > **RES projects below 5 MW apply by default to the DSO.**
- > **RES projects below or equal to 10 MW may apply to the DSO or TSO (depending on the site and grid availability).**
- > **RES projects above 10 MW apply by default to the TSO.**

To sign a Connection Agreement, a new RES project must have a **Connection Offer** and **Technical Approval/Acceptance**.

Institution	Supporting Documents	Responsible Agency	Institution	Supporting Documents	Responsible Agency
2. TSO	2a. Application Form for Connection	Applicant	3. DSO	3a. Application form for Connection	DSO
	2b. Tax for application	Applicant		3b. Info for destination of the project	Applicant
	2c. Design Study or PFS	TSO or third party		3c. Business Certificate of construction company	Business Registration
	2d. Scheme of Planning	Applicant		3d. Electrical Project for the facility that will be constructed	Applicant
	2e. Meteorological Information	Applicant		3e. Summary of electrical project	Applicant
	2f. Type of fuel	Applicant			

(Table 2: The documents are required by the TSO (KOSTT) or DSO (KEDS) to apply for the Connection Offer, as required under 1k of Table 1)

The Procedure to Connect into Transmission Network and the Process for Connection into the Distribution Grid, included in the reference section below, provide further detail into this process.

Both KOSTT and KEDS require **Technical Approval/Acceptance** prior to signing the Connection Agreement and energizing the facility into the transmission or distribution systems.

The following sets out the process of receiving Technical Approval/Acceptance: is below. The time and duration for obtaining the necessary Connection Agreement by TSO or DSO is as follows:

KOSTT (TSO)

Days	Applicant actions	KOSTT actions
DAY 0:	Submits the Connection Application to KOSTT together with 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)	
DAYS 1-30:		Reviews the Connection Application and decides if the planned connection is (i) technically and economically feasible and in accordance with the provisions of the Grid Code; (ii) and meets all relevant conditions and does not endanger the safe operation of the transmission system.
DAYS 31-90:		Prepares a Connection Offer which it then sends to the Applicant together with the draft Transmission Network Connection Agreement.
DAYS 91-120:	Reviews the Connection Offer.	
DAYS 121-150:	The Applicant and KOSTT review and sign the Transmission Network Connection Agreement.	

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.

Investors seeking Authorization for new generating capacities must first obtain **Environmental Consent**, a **Construction Permit**, and an **Occupancy Certificate**.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSENT: Law no. 08/L-181 on Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) mandates that potential investors must obtain Environmental Consent from the Ministry of Environment Spatial Planning and Infrastructure (MESPI). The issuance of the Environmental Consent is contingent upon the Environmental Impact Assessment report, which evaluates the project's environmental impact. Projects are individually examined according to criteria established by the Law to determine if they necessitate an EIA assessment. The process of obtaining Environmental Impact Assessment involves several steps:

<p>Step 1</p>	<p>INITIAL ASSESSMENT: First, the application (request) must comply with the requirements specified in Law 08/L-181. The complete request is made public for review by being posted on the Municipality's public notice board, the official Municipality website, and the Ministry, five days after the applicant's submission with the necessary documents.</p>
<p>Step 2</p>	<p>PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION: Within 30 days, the Ministry informs the applicant in writing whether their project is likely to have a significant environmental impact requiring an Environment Impact Assessment. In exceptional cases, such as complex projects, size, or location, the EIA Commission may extend the deadline and provides written notification to the applicant stating the reasons for the extension, with a maximum extension period of 60 days from the date of the application submission.</p>
<p>Step 3</p>	<p>PUBLICATION OF DECISION: The Ministry's decision on project selection is published on the public notice board in the Municipality, the official Municipality website, and the Ministry, five days after the decision is issued.</p>
<p>Step 4</p>	<p>PROJECT PATHWAY: If no EIA report is required, the case proceeds to the Municipality for the issuance of a Municipal Environment Permit. If the Ministry determines that the project necessitates an EIA, the process is forwarded for further review.</p>

Step 5	EIA REPORT PREPARATION: Upon receiving notice from the Ministry that an EIA is required, the applicant is responsible for preparing an Environmental Impact Assessment report, to be conducted by a licensed individual or entity in accordance with AI 10/2017.
Step 6	EIA REPORT SUBMISSION: The EIA report, submitted by the applicant, is sent for review within five days from the date of receipt to the Commission in the Ministry. In some cases, the Ministry may require the opinion of external experts on the EIA report.
Step 7	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Public and interested parties are electronically informed and invited to participate in all stages of the EIA process. The public consultation period on the EIA report cannot be shorter than 30 days. The report is published on the Ministry's website for written comments from the public and interested parties.
Step 8	PUBLIC DEBATE: A public debate regarding the EIA report is organized by the Ministry in cooperation with the applicant and the relevant Municipality. The Ministry is responsible for incorporating feedback received during the public debate within 20 days after the session. The EIA Commission may request the applicant to update or modify certain elements of the EIA. The applicant must fulfill the documentation within 30 days, with required changes implemented within ten days and submitted to the Ministry.
Step 9	ENVIRONMENTAL CONSENT DECISION: The Ministry must prepare the decision on Environmental Consent within 90 days from the date of receiving the EIA Report, and after the public consultation period has concluded. Following the decision, the Ministry notifies the applicant and the Municipality where the project will be implemented. The decision, whether it approves or rejects the environmental consent, along with any attached conditions, is published on the official websites of both the Ministry and the Municipality within five days of issuance.
Step 10	CONSENT VALIDITY: The approved Environmental Consent has a validity of two years. It precedes the issuance of the Construction Permit or any other permits as stipulated in Law for Environmental Impact Assessment article 7, paragraph 5.

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT: Investors must secure the essential permits for constructing renewable energy facilities. The procedures for application and issuance of Construction Permits are determined by the Law on Construction No. 04/L-110, as well as the respective Administrative Instructions (AI): AI 06/2017 for category I and II of construction and AI 01/2019 for category III.

Annex I of the Construction Law, Article I, Paragraph 18 designates the Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning as the authority responsible for granting Construction Permits for renewable energy facilities with capacities exceeding 10 MW. These projects fall under Category III, categorized as high-risk or of national interest.

In contrast, local Municipalities, according to Article 19, Paragraph 2 of the same law, possess the authority to issue permits for construction projects below 10 MW, classified as Category I and II, signifying low to medium risk.

The issuance of a Construction Permit involves two distinct stages:

STAGE I: the competent body establishes the terms of construction, within 15 days of receipt of an application for terms of construction for category I construction works and 30 days for categories II and III;

STAGE II: the Construction Permit is issued by the competent body within 30 days of receipt of an application for a construction permit for category I and 45 days for categories II and III.

The following steps are required for obtainment of Construction Permit from the relevant Ministry:

Step 1	Application accompanied with supporting documents in accordance with Law on Construction article 20 paragraph 3.
Step 2	Once the evidence of the payment of Construction Permit fee has been submitted by the Applicant, the responsible official at Ministry shall, within 30 days for category I and within 45 days for category II and III, issues the Construction Permit from the date of submission of the application.
Step 3	In the event that the responsible official of the Ministry has not informed the applicant of its decision within such period, the Construction Permit will be deemed issued.
Step 4	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.
Step 5	If the applicant does not meet the required deadlines after notification, the responsible official may reject the application.
Step 6	The Construction Permit shall become void if the applicant does not begin construction within one year from the date of issuance of the Construction Permit. The period of validity of the Construction Permit may be extended for one year at the request of the applicant.

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

ENVIRONMENTAL PERMIT: 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 30 days 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 30 days. In case the application is incomplete, the applicant will be notified to submit the required documentation within 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 years.

OCCUPANCY CERTIFICATE: After the applicant has secured all required documentation, including the Environmental 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.

If the conditions, as provided by Law on Construction, have been fulfilled, the competent body shall issue the occupancy certificate, within 15 days for category I and within thirty 30 days for categories II and III, from the day of receipt of document.

Applica- tion form	Institu- tion	Supporting Document	Responsible agency
4. Environmental consent	Ministry of Environxment, Spatial Planning and Infrastructure	4a. Application Form (the name, address, status of the applicant and the name of the project)	Ministry
		4b. Proof of payment for the Environment Consent service	Applicant
		4c. Business Registration Certificate	Business Registration Agency
		4d. Certificate on immovable property rights	Municipality
		4e. Copy of the plan with coordinates in Kosova Ref System	Municipality
		4f. Land survey plan by licensed cadastral surveyor	Applicant
		4g. The contract for use of parcels in case the parcel is not owned by applicant	Municipality
		4h. The consent from Municipality for the project or notification information according to Municipality Development Plan	Municipality
		4i. The simplified project based on criteria set by the Law on EIA for the proposed project, the description of the project, the description of the impacts of the project on the environment.	Applicant
		4j. EIA Report based on the criteria set on Law on EIA	Applicant
		4l. Completed Questionnaire	Ministry/ Applicant
		4m. If Environmental Impact Assessment report required, the following documents must be submitted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application form • Plan with limits of the project • Detailed description of the site • Maps and photographs showing the location of the project • Existing plans for use of the territory where the project is located 	Applicant
		4n. Decommission plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decommissioning plan in case of closure of the project • Risk Assessment and emergency plan • The municipal Assembly consent on realizing of such activity • Copy of business certificate • Possessions list certificate of real property rights • Copy of the plan with coordinates • Situation plan • Public and stakeholders' consultation data (MOM, presented materials, list of participants, photos etc.) • Contract about use of parcels and facilitates in case applicant is not the owner • Evidence on project investment amount • Payment invoice for fee for the environment consent service 	Applicant Applicant Applicant Municipality Business Regis- tration Agency Municipalit Municipality Municipality Applicant Applicant Applicant Applicant

(Table 3: The following documents are required for obtaining Environmental Consent, Environmental Permit and Construction Permit from the Ministry or Municipality, continues next page)

Applica- tion form	Institu- tion	Supporting Document	Responsible agency
4. Environmental consent	Ministry of Environxmt, Spatial Planning and Infrastructure	4o. Phase I Construction Conditions	
		Application Form	Applicant/ Ministry
		Location Data of Construction Facility	Applicant
		Conceptual Project should include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Illustrative report: the overall concept of the project, the characteristics of the surrounding space within fifty (50) meters from the boundary lines of the cadastral plot of the project • Technical report: construction works and technical and technological characteristics of the project • Environmental, Health and Safety Report: Include Pre-Feasibility Study of the Environment, First Indications and Measures on Health and Safety at Work • Macro Location Study: Describes the context in which the project is located and includes the plan of site construction, graphical plan/ surface of parcel [to be further defined according to the respective project • Economic and financial study: The economic and financial framework of the project, including the assessment of expenditures 	Applicant
		Proposed construction conditions	Applicant
		4p. Phase 2 Construction Permit	Applicant/ Ministry
		Application Form	Applicant
		Copy of plan and certificate of ownership	Ministry
		Consent for environmental impact assessment	Ministry
		Administrative legal act establishing the conditions of construction, if required	Ministry
		Approvals for connection to technical infrastructure services.	Relevant utility
		Consent for fire protection.	Emergency Management Agency
		Approvals according to the requirements of the Cultural Heritage Law for construction work within the perimeter of cultural heritage.	Ministry/ Municipality
		Other consents	Applicant
		Main Project must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Architecture project together with the conceptual project • Structure Project • Machinery Installation Project • Project of electrical installations • Hydro-technical installation project • Geometric Elaborate • Geodetic Elaborate • Elaboration of site-building organization • Elaboration of construction physics • Elaborate Fire Protection • Other 	

(Table 3: The following documents are required for obtaining Environmental Consent, Environmental Permit and Construction Permit from the Ministry or Municipality)

Applica- tion form	Institu- tion	Supporting Document	Responsible agency
5. Construction Permit less than 10 MW	Relevant Municipality	5a. Phase I Application for Construction Condition Category I and II	Applicant/ Ministry
		Application Form	Applicant
		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	Applicant
		Photos of the surrounding environment of the cadastral parcel	Applicant
		Conceptual design	Applicant
		Copy of plan and certificate of property from Cadaster	Municipality
		Preliminary consents from Institutions and Public Services: Electricity, Water and Sanitation, District Heating if applicable, Environment Consent, Fire Protection Consent and similar.	Ministry/ Municipality
		5b. Phase II Application for Construction Permit Category II	
		Application Form	Applicant
		Copy of plan and the ownership of certificate	Applicant
		Approval for connecting in technical infrastructure utilities	Relevant Utility
		Approval of EIA	Ministry
		Fire protection consent	Emergency Management Agency
		Administrative legal act establishing the construction condition	Ministry
		Copies of professional licenses of those who prepared the project	Applicant
		Technical design including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Architecture design with Schematic design • Structural design • Mechanical Installation design • Electrical installation design • Hydro-technical installation design • Geo-mechanical Elaborate • Construction site organization elaborate • Construction physics elaborate • Fire Protection elaborate • Other 	Applicant

(Table 4: Construction Permit less than 10 MW)

Applica- tion form	Institu- tion	Supporting Document	Responsible agency
6. Environmental permit	Ministry of Environment, Spatial Planning and Infrastructure	6a. Environmental Permit Application form (Annex 1 of AI, 04/2022)	Ministry/ Applicant
		6b. Environmental Permit Application (Annex 2 of AI 2022)	Ministry/ Applicant
		6c. Business certificate	Applicant
		6d. Environmental consent decision issued by the Ministry	Applicant
		6e. Evidence of the conditions set out in Annex 2 of the AI 04/ 2022	Applicant
		6f. Fulfilling the environmental conditions set by commission after con- ducting the site visit	Applicant
		Depending on the activity:	Applicant
		6h. Certificate of Occupancy or usage document from the Municipality/ Ministry, to allow the exercise of activity in accordance with the applica- tion for environmental permit and environmental consent	Applicant
		6i. Water permit use for water use and water discharge by RRBA	Applicant
		6j. Consent from EMA	Applicant
		6k. Other previously issued permits related to the respective activity	Applicant
		6l. Invoice for payment of the service fee for the environmental permit	Applicant
		The documentation above and on the 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 com- pany	Applicant

(Table 5: Environmental permit)

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 original and one electronic form. When the Application is submitted as electronic application through internet the Applicant submits only one electronic copy.

The RES Investor is also responsible for publishing in two 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 thirty 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 to five members. The role of the working group is to prepare a report which will include the following:

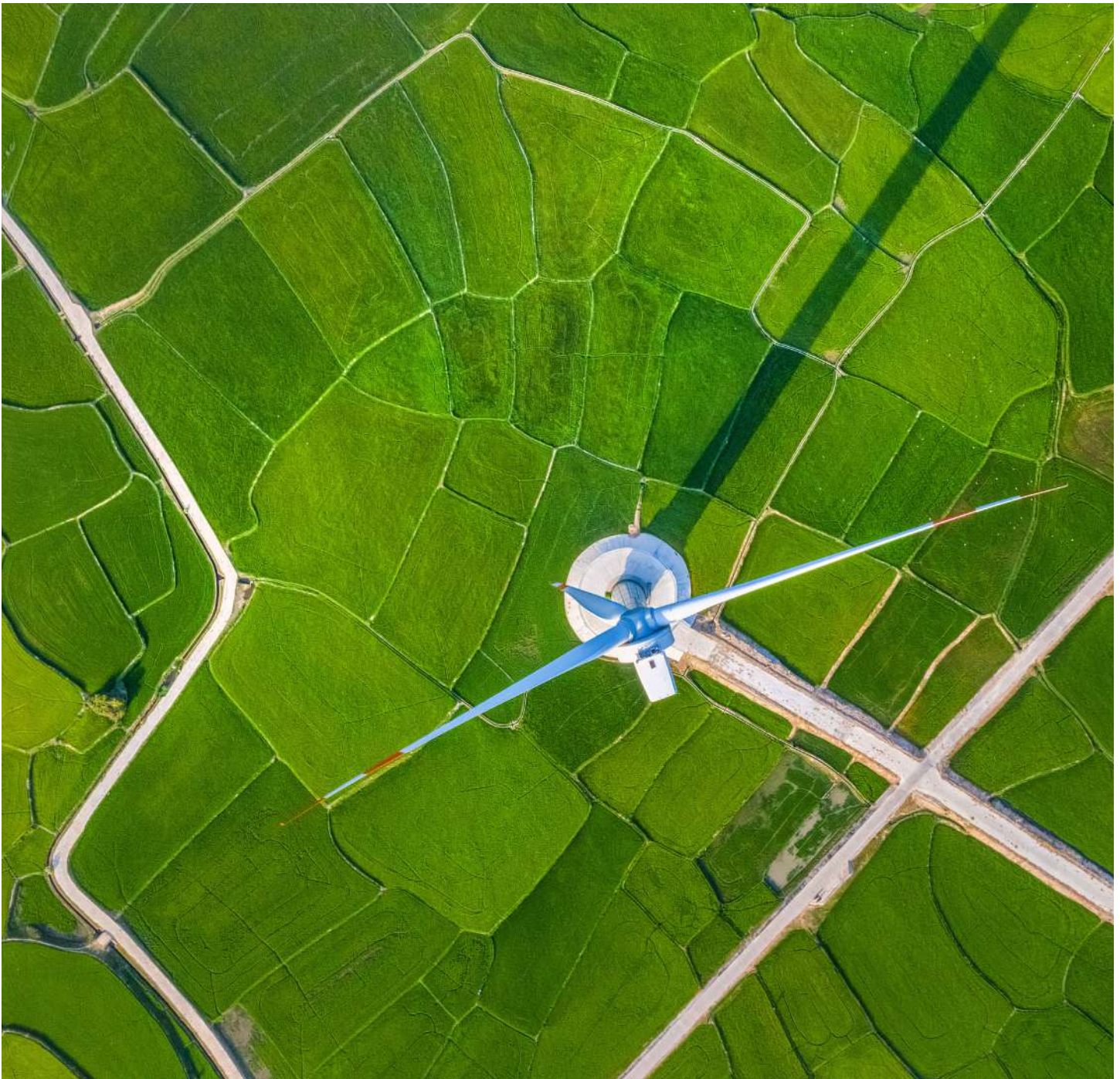
- Technical, economic and financial capabilities of the Applicant.
- Compliance of the project with the energy strategy, or any other policy document for renewable energy sources.
- Location of the new generation capacity.
- Technical solution for connection to the network.

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 months, confirming the right of the RES Investor (Applicant) to commence with the construction. The deadline can be adjusted for an additional twelve months, if justified by RES Investor.

Upon issuance of the Decision on Authorization, ERO requires within thirty 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.



5 FINAL AUTHORIZATION

The RES investors opting to construct a new generation capacities over 5 MW are required to apply for a Generation License, in compliance with the Law on Energy Regulation and Rule on Licensing of Energy Activities in Kosovo. However, new generation capacity of electricity not exceeding 5 MW does not require a generation license.

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 Energy Project for Construction of New Generation Capacities, shall be a condition for commencing of commercial operation.

Currently, 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).

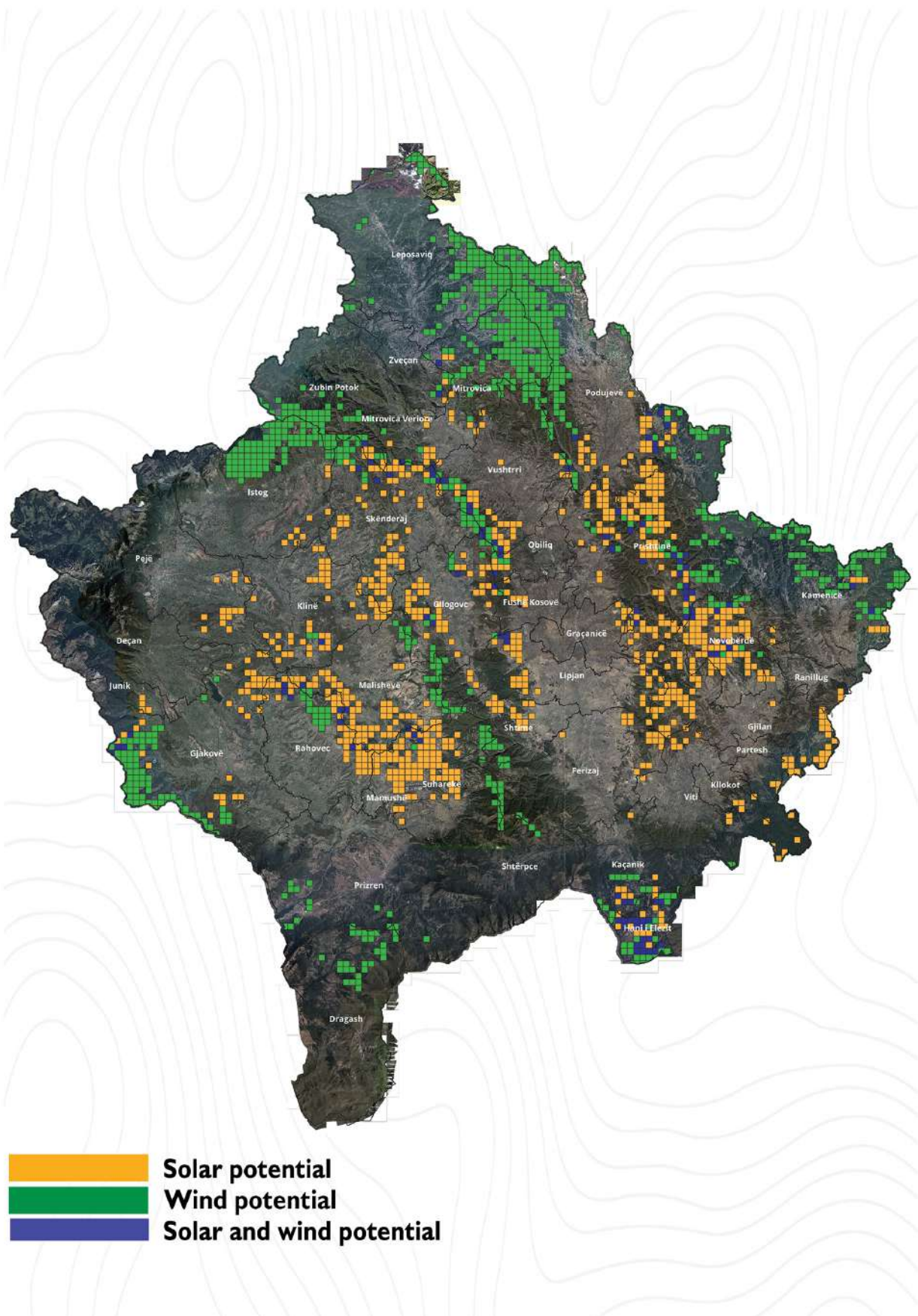
For opportunities related to competitive bidding process (auctions), type of awards and contracts please visit Kosovo's Renewable Energy Portal at the following link:

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



Kosovo Renewable Energy Potential Map: Wind and Solar Datasets

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



For more information on the legal, administrative, and regulatory requirements for initiating a RES investment, visit:

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>

Ammandament to Energy Regulatory Office Regulation on Licensing of Energy Activities

<https://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://tinyurl.com/4hw3axje>

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>

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KOSTT Grid Code

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

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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>

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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