

The Government has adopted a National Strategy for Coal Phase-out and the Restructuring of Coal Regions in accordance with the Just Transition Principles (Strategy). The adoption of the Strategy and the earliest possible start of its implementation is necessary for the energy transformation of Slovenia, its two coal regions and all those connected with the coal industry, in order to ensure a just transition as fast and comprehensively as possible, in particular for all affected workers and their families.


The Strategy puts at the forefront the just transition of two Slovenian coal regions - the Savinja-Šalek region and the Zasavje region. In accordance with its purpose, the Strategy envisages 2033 as the year when the Republic of Slovenia will cease to use coal for electricity production at the latest, defines the process of comprehensive social and economic restructuring of both regions, identifies appropriate financial resources at national and EU levels and the manner in which the process of just transition is managed, defines the key aspects of the closure of the Velenje Coal Mine in technical terms, in terms of impact on the employees and community and in terms of environmental protection and preservation, and creates synergies in the implementation of just transition between the regions through joint projects, transfer of best practices and experience.

At Holding Slovenske elektrarne d.o.o. (HSE), the largest producer of electric energy in Slovenia and already the largest producer of electric energy from RES, we support all activities and efforts on both, the EU and SLO levels in the direction of decarbonisation whereby HSE will adjust its operations and day – day business in accordance with the adopted Strategy. The latter is the basis for the adoption of the Velenje Coal Mine Gradual Closure Act under which R Slovenia will allocate additional resources for the gradual closure of Premogovnik Velenje Coal Mine, remediation of degraded areas and the controlled gradual closure and financially sustainable operations of PV Coal Mine. In the period until 2033, the production of electric energy from Coal units will be reduced and gradually abandoned, with the aim of replacing the production of electric energy from Termoelektrarna Šoštanj with renewable sources while maintaining all the benefits of the current power plant location. Based on that our plan are investments in projects that will be economically viable, but at the same time in line with the adopted strategic guidelines in the field of decarbonisation of society and sustainable development. The main focus will be investments in solar power plants, wind fields, exploitation of geothermal energy, construction of new HPPs on the middle Sava river and increasing the capacity of existing HPPs on the Drava and Soča rivers.

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