

The process for building New Generation capacities in Kosovo was led from WB and the Transaction advisor is in its final phase of issuing the ToR for Tender – we are talking for the capacities of 2000 – 2100MW lignite base PP as a fully private investment.

Four consortiums are short listed who will compete. Kosovo has verified lignite reserves about 13 billion Tons with ideal ratio of excavation 1:1.

Also there is just finished the Feasibility study for HP ZHUR (accumulation) of around 300MW capacity with estimated 390GWh yearly production which will mainly serve balancing and peak energy for Kosovo.

There are as well some preliminary talks about two units close to existing PP Kosovo B of capacity 2 x 250MW which could come faster in operation as substitute of very old PP Kosova A from the '60s.

On the Transmission side Kosovo is in interconnection with 400kV lines with Serbia, Montenegro and FYROM.

Most probably first part of next year will begin the work on new 400kV line with Albania which will significantly improve the flow of electricity in the region, eliminate congestions and increase security and stability of the transmission system at all.

Also second 400kV line toward FYROM has been initiated as a necessity as the new generation capacities will appear.

KOSTT as a operator in Kosovo last year has significantly improve the operation and the reliability of its system both in technical and legal and regulatory level. KOSTT is contributing as well in the regional activities through SEE TSO TF and the mechanisms like Balancing, Congestion Management and particularly on establishment of CAO (Coordinated Auction Office – part of 8 Region).

I reiterated once again the still unresolved issues with our neighbour EMS (Serbian TSO) who is benefiting from the transit and Capacity Allocation of our Transmission Capacities which is KOSTT operating, maintaining and managing.

The issue is now on the level of DG TREN and Energy Community Secretariat and only during July and September the meetings with EMS are organized and we do hope that it will be solved.

On the other hand I consider – beginning from me as a member that we should be more active to support you in this very important activity and bring Institute in desired and merited level.

More close cooperation with new established bodies like ENTSO-e and ENTSO-g will be of interest for us as they are now covering both technical and commercial issues of transmission of electricity and gas.