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During September 2026, the Energy Regulatory Authority (ERE) continued to fulfil its statutory responsibilities for the regulation, monitoring and development of the electricity and natural gas sectors. Through the work of its Board and administration, ERE adopted important decisions and carried out activities relating to the licensing of operators, market supervision, improvements to the regulatory framework, stronger institutional cooperation and greater transparency for the public.

This issue of the Newsletter presents the main developments in ERE's activities during September 2026, including Board decisions, administrative licensing and authorisation procedures, electricity market developments and monitoring, regulatory processes and dispute resolution activities. It also highlights measures taken to further align the regulatory framework with developments in the sector and European standards.

In fulfilling its statutory mandate, ERE remains committed to ensuring a stable, predictable and transparent regulatory framework, thereby contributing to security of energy supply, competition and the further integration of Albania's energy market with regional and European markets.

For further information on ERE's activities, Board decisions, regulatory acts and ongoing procedures, readers are invited to visit ERE's official website: [www.ere.gov.al](http://www.ere.gov.al)



## LICENSING

### DECISIONS TO INITIATE LICENSING PROCEDURES

During September 2026, ERE initiated the licensing procedure for "EURON SOLAR-PV" sh.p.k. for electricity generation from a photovoltaic power plant with an installed capacity of 100 MW, located in the villages of Fushë and Povelcë, Fier Municipality, Fier County.



In accordance with the "Regulation on the Procedures and Time Limits for the Issuance, Modification, Transfer, Renewal, Recognition and Revocation of Licences in the Electricity Sector", as amended, ERE published a notice inviting any objections to the application before deciding whether to grant the licence. The notice was published in the print media, on ERE's official website ([www.ere.gov.al](http://www.ere.gov.al)) and on its [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#) accounts.



### DECISIONS ON LICENCE RENEWALS

During September 2026, ERE approved:

- the renewal of the electricity supply licence of "NOA ENERGY TRADE" sh.p.k. for a five-year period commencing on 3 December 2026;
- the renewal of the electricity supply licence of "Yildirim Energy Europe Albania" sh.p.k. for a five-year period commencing on 22 December 2026;
- the renewal of the electricity trading licence of "Yildirim Energy Europe Albania" sh.p.k. for a five-year period commencing on 22 December 2026.

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## Decisions on the Granting of Licences

During September 2026, following its review of the documentation and the discussions held in accordance with the applicable legal framework, the ERE Board decided to grant licences to the following companies:

- “3X ENERGY” sh.p.k. – a 30-year licence for electricity generation from a photovoltaic power plant with an installed capacity of 70 MW, located in Cadastral Zone No. 3268, Savër village, Lushnjë Administrative Unit, Lushnjë Municipality, Fier County. The plant must commence electricity generation activities by 31 December 2027.
- “KRONOS KONSTRUKSION” sh.p.k. – a 30-year licence for electricity generation from a photovoltaic power plant with an installed capacity of 50 MW, located near Vërnik village, Qendër Bilisht Administrative Unit, Devoll Municipality, Korçë County. The plant must commence electricity generation activities by 26 March 2027.
- “Korporata Elektroenergjetike Shqiptare (KESH)” sh.a. – a 25-year licence for electricity generation from a photovoltaic power plant with an installed capacity of 8.25 MW, located on the downstream side of Zadeja Dam at the Vau i Dejës Hydropower Plant, Vau i Dejës Municipality, Shkodër County. The plant must commence electricity generation activities by 4 December 2027.
- “BUSHTRICA 2017” sh.p.k. – a licence for electricity generation from the “Bushtrica 2” Hydropower Plant, with an installed capacity of 4,800 kW, located in the Bushtricë River catchment area, Qukës Administrative Unit, Prrenjas Municipality, Elbasan County. The licence is valid until 27 October 2052. The hydropower plant has already been constructed and is expected to commence operations by 30 September 2026.
- “ALBPOWER” sh.p.k. – a five-year licence for electricity trading.
- “GERTI” sh.p.k. – a five-year licence for electricity trading.

- “EUROTECH INNOVATION” sh.p.k. – a 25-year licence for electricity generation from a photovoltaic power plant with an installed capacity of 2 MW, located in Cadastral Zone No. 1451, Darzezë village, Dërmenas Administrative Unit, Fier Municipality, Fier County. The plant is expected to commence electricity generation activities by 15 November 2026.



## DECISIONS ON THE RECOGNITION AND PERMITTED OPERATION OF ELECTRICITY STORAGE FACILITIES

During September 2026, ERE decided to recognise and permit the operation of electricity storage facilities belonging to “GREENSOL” sh.p.k. and “GERTI” sh.p.k. under their existing electricity generation licences.

The right to operate electricity storage facilities under these licences remains valid until the end of the period specified in Article 51(5) of Law No. 59/2026 “On the Power Sector”. Within 12 months of the Law's entry into force, the companies must apply to ERE for a licence to operate an electricity storage facility.

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## Decisions to Suspend Administrative Procedures

During September 2026, ERE adopted the following decisions to suspend administrative procedures:

- The suspension of the administrative procedure for reviewing KESH sh.a.'s application for a licence to generate electricity from the floating thermal power plants "Tigri 1" (50MW) and "Tigri 3" (60 MW), located at Triport Port in the Bay of Vlorë. The suspension will remain in effect until ERE receives the position of the National Environmental Agency regarding the validity of the environmental permit(s) held by KESH sh.a. for the operation of these floating thermal power plants.
- The suspension of the administrative procedure for modifying the electricity generation licence of "SPV Blue 2" sh.p.k., granted by ERE Board Decision No. 129, dated 30 December 2024, to increase the installed capacity of the "Blue 2" photovoltaic power plant from 50 MW to 100 MW. The suspension will remain in effect until ERE receives the position of the National Environmental Agency regarding the validity of Preliminary EIA Decision No. 76, dated 11 July 2023, for the "Blue 2" photovoltaic park.

## Decisions Amending Previous Decisions

During August ERE approved:

- An amendment to Decision No. 68, dated 8 April 2025, as amended, concerning "RENEW" sh.p.k., following fulfilment of the condition previously imposed by ERE regarding technical staff. Under the new operation and maintenance contract, the company must submit updated information on its technical staff to ERE by 1 August 2028;



- The request submitted by "TAP AG Albania", a branch of a foreign company, for a 24-month extension of the deadline set by ERE Board Decision No. 15, dated 31 January 2019, as amended, for submitting documentation concerning ownership titles to assets related to natural gas transmission activities. The new deadline for fulfilling this obligation is 1 July 2028.



## AUTHORISATIONS CONCERNING ASSETS AND OWNERSHIP STRUCTURE

During September 2026, the ERE Board reviewed and approved the application submitted by "G.S.K" sh.p.k. for authorisation to change the principal partner holding a controlling interest in the company.



## GUARANTEES OF ORIGIN

The ERE Board approved the application submitted by "GSA" sh.p.k. to open an account in the electronic Guarantees of Origin Register for electricity trading and supply activities.



## REMIT

In accordance with the "Regulation on Wholesale Energy Market Integrity and Transparency (REMIT)", approved by ERE Board Decision No. 126, dated 17 May 2021, and Law No. 59/2026 "On the Power Sector", ERE continued to update and maintain the REMIT Register of electricity market participants entering into wholesale energy transactions in Albania. The Register is an important tool for enhancing market transparency and integrity, identifying wholesale market participants and supporting ERE's market monitoring and supervision activities. As of September 2026, 108 companies were registered in the REMIT Register. Two companies were registered during the month: "AMEL ENERGY" sh.p.k. and "EZ5 TRADING" sh.p.k. The Register is updated regularly to provide a comprehensive and transparent overview of registered wholesale electricity market participants and is publicly accessible at [remit.ere.gov.al](http://remit.ere.gov.al).

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## ELECTRICITY MARKET DEVELOPMENTS – DATA FOR AUGUST 2026

During August 2026, existing hydropower and photovoltaic generation facilities continued to operate within Albania's electricity system, while the development and integration of new capacities proceeded in accordance with the relevant procedures and timelines.

Net electricity generation from the Drin Cascade hydropower plants reached 493,857 MWh in August 2026, an increase of approximately 148% compared with 199,119 MWh in the same month of the previous year. The water level of Lake Fierzë, the main reservoir of the Drin Cascade, stood at 285.76 metres above sea level at the beginning of August and 272.60 metres above sea level at the end of the month, a decrease of approximately 13.16 metres. Average monthly inflows were 53 m<sup>3</sup>/s, while the energy reserve of the Drin Cascade at the end of August was 576.4 GWh.

During August, KESH sh.a. reported no water spillages without electricity generation from the hydropower plants in the cascade. However, as in July, domestic generation was insufficient to meet the country's electricity demand in full. Accordingly, KESH sh.a. purchased 138,690 MWh of electricity on the unregulated market under its public service obligation, at an average price of EUR 126.97/MWh.

During the same period, two hydropower plants, "Stranik" and "Zall Tore", with a combined installed capacity of 7.6 MW, continued their transition to the free market. The plants are operated by "HIDRO INVEST 1" sh.p.k., which previously held electricity sale and purchase agreements with FTL sh.a.

In August, Albania recorded a net electricity import balance of 73,370 MWh, with exports of 271,061 MWh and imports of 344,431 MWh.

Total electricity distribution system losses in August 2026 stood at 14.51%, while transmission system losses were 1.86%. Compared with July 2026, distribution losses decreased by 0.4% and transmission losses increased by 0.07%.



A total of 249,147.82 MWh of electricity was traded across ALPEX markets in August 2026, while cross-border flows amounted to 74,809.91 MWh. Day-Ahead Market trading totalled 244,583.04 MWh, with an average market clearing price of EUR 146.88/MWh. The Intraday Auction Market recorded a total traded volume of 4,564.78 MWh, with an average daily clearing price of EUR 158.29/MWh. There were 50 exchange members participating in the Day-Ahead Market, 36 of whom also participated in the Intraday Auction Market. The number of General Clearing Members reached six. In August 2026, ALPEX welcomed two new Day-Ahead Market members in the Kosovo bidding zone: "VOLTON" sh.p.k. and "BE POWER" sh.p.k.



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## Electricity Sale Price Applied by the Supplier of Last Resort

At its meeting on 9 September 2026, the ERE Board adopted Decision No. 255 approving the electricity sale price applied by the Supplier of Last Resort (SoLR) for August 2026 at ALL 18.22/kWh for customers connected at the 35 kV voltage level. This was approximately 20.5% higher than the July 2026 price of ALL 15.12/kWh. For 35 kV customers, the SoLR price is determined monthly and reflects changes in the cost of purchasing electricity to meet demand under the supplier of last resort arrangements in the liberalised market. Network use tariffs and administrative costs remain unchanged, while the cost of purchased electricity is the component driving price fluctuations.

In August 2026, the weighted average electricity purchase price was ALL 14.33/kWh, compared with ALL 11.32/kWh in July, representing an increase of approximately 26.6%. This increase was reflected in the final SoLR price, albeit to a lesser extent due to the share of other unchanged components in the price structure.

For customers connected at the 20, 10 and 6 kV voltage levels and supplied under the supplier of last resort arrangements, the electricity sale price remains unchanged at ALL 18.26/kWh, in accordance with ERE's decision of February 2026. This price remains fixed because electricity for these customers is supplied by KESH sh.a. at a stable supply cost. In accordance with its statutory obligations and to ensure transparency for stakeholders, ERE periodically approves and publishes the electricity sale price calculated for the Supplier of Last Resort.



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## PARTICIPATION IN ACTIVITIES AND TRAINING

During September 2026, the Director of the Tariffs and Prices Directorate participated in the following events:

- RemTech Expo 2026, held on 16–18 September 2026 in Ferrara, Italy.
- The 9th World Forum on Energy Regulation (WFER IX), held on 21–24 September 2026 in Tbilisi, Georgia. The Forum provided an international platform for exchanging experience and best practices in energy regulation. During the Forum, ERE's Chairman, Mr Petrit Ahmeti, represented the Authority on the panel “Just Transition: Ensuring Equity and Inclusion in Energy Reform”, alongside representatives of regulatory authorities from Australia, Brazil and Armenia. Discussions focused on the challenges of a fair, sustainable and inclusive energy transition, with particular emphasis on energy efficiency, integrating renewable energy sources into the energy mix, security of supply and the role of consumers.



## Operational Condition of the Transmission Network During the Tourist Season and Assessment of Measures Reported by OST sh.a.

ERE monitored the measures undertaken by OST sh.a to address the increase in electricity demand during the tourist season. Particular attention was paid to coastal areas, where consumption increases significantly during the summer period.

According to OST's reports, network investments and maintenance works were carried out. Response teams were reinforced, contingency reserves were secured and the system was continuously monitored using SCADA/EMS. These measures aim to identify potential issues at an early stage and restore supply promptly in the event of an interruption.

Most substations supplying tourist and coastal areas meet the N-1 criterion, meaning that the system can continue operating if a single network element becomes unavailable. OST has planned additional measures to reduce the risk of interruptions at locations where vulnerabilities remain.

Overall, the reported information indicates that the transmission system was adequately prepared for the 2026 summer season. ERE will continue to closely monitor its operation, particularly during peak demand periods and in cases where emergency interventions are required.



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## ERE Board Decisions in September 2026

In September 2026, the ERE Board held four meetings. Notices were published in advance on ERE's official website and communication channels, in line with the principles of transparency and public information, enabling interested parties to follow the meetings online.

During these meetings, the Board adopted a total of 29 decisions covering a broad range of regulatory matters, including the initiation of licensing procedures, the granting, transfer and modification of licences, the approval of regulated prices and tariffs, as well as other regulatory acts in the electricity and natural gas sectors.

To ensure timely public information and transparency of the decision-making process, a summary of the decisions adopted was published through ERE's official communication channels after each meeting. The full texts of the decisions are available on the institution's official website under the "Decisions" section and are also published in the Official Gazette, in accordance with the applicable legislation.



## Website and Social Media Updates

During September 2026, ERE continued to communicate with the public and institutions through its official website and social media channels, providing information on its activities, developments in the energy sector, regulatory decisions and matters of direct interest to consumers. A significant part of ERE's public communication focused on informing and educating consumers about their rights and obligations, their relationship with electricity suppliers, supply contracts, changes to customer details, billing and complaint procedures. These efforts also aimed to encourage consumers to play a more active role in emerging sector developments, including self-generation, energy storage and energy communities. Through its official website and social media channels, ERE also continued to publish institutional announcements, information materials and public consultations, with the aim of enhancing transparency and encouraging stakeholder participation in regulatory processes.

The electronic registers and institutional information regularly updated on ERE's website include:

- \* Requests and Responses under the Transparency Programme ([click here](#))
- \* Consumer Complaints ([click here](#))
- \* Licensing ([click here](#))
- \* Authorisations ([click here](#))
- \* Ongoing Authorisation Procedures ([click here](#))
- \* Ongoing Licensing Procedures ([click here](#))



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## REGULATORY DEVELOPMENTS

During September 2026, ERE continued to develop and implement the regulatory framework for the electricity and natural gas sectors, focusing on market operation, price regulation, licensing, the integration of renewable energy sources, consumer protection and the security of energy systems.

To support market transparency, ERE continued publishing and analysing sector indicators through its “Energy in Figures” publications, which present data on electricity generation, consumption and other key market indicators, providing a clearer picture of developments in the sector.

In the area of energy storage, ERE addressed the regulatory framework governing storage facilities and their registration procedures, in line with recent legislative developments and the need to integrate storage capacities into the energy market.

With regard to renewable energy communities, ERE developed procedures for their registration, management of the register and suspension of their status, as well as rules on membership conditions and members' rights and obligations. The relevant draft regulatory acts underwent public consultation.

In the natural gas sector, ERE continued updating the regulatory framework concerning licensing procedures and the performance of regulated activities. Amendments concerning the rules governing the operation of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) and Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) facilities, including small-scale facilities, were also addressed, with the aim of adapting the regulatory framework to the sector's new requirements.

Consumer protection remained a key area of regulatory activity. During September, ERE carried out procedures for the approval of the Regulation “On Minimum Requirements for the Content of Electricity Bills and Billing Information”, which sets out the information suppliers must provide to final customers, and the “General Terms and Conditions of the Universal Electricity Supply Service Contract”, which define the rights and obligations of the parties and the rules on billing, payment, complaints and protection of vulnerable customers. Both draft acts underwent the relevant consultation procedures with stakeholders and consumers.



In the area of cybersecurity, ERE continued to monitor measures taken by operators of critical and important infrastructure to protect their systems and ensure continuity of services. Recommendations were also identified to strengthen organisational and technical measures, enhance security, prevent and manage cyber incidents and improve the resilience of energy systems.

During September, ERE also continued reviewing matters related to the licensing, modification and renewal of licences for activities in the electricity sector, as well as the development of new generation capacities from renewable energy sources.

To improve transparency and provide guidance to interested parties, ERE approved the “Guide to the Services Provided by the Energy Regulatory Authority”, setting out information on ERE's competences, services and procedures for regulated entities, consumers, investors and other stakeholders.

### Further Information

Citizens, market participants and all interested stakeholders are invited to visit ERE's official website to access ERE Board decisions, regulatory acts, public consultation documents, reports, regulated tariffs and electricity prices, as well as the Authority's latest publications.

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Through its official [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [LinkedIn](#) channels, ERE continued to share information on institutional activities, Board decisions, developments in the energy sector, regulatory processes and announcements of interest to consumers, market operators and other stakeholders. Social media remained an additional channel for making information more accessible and keeping the public informed about the Authority's activities.