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### BOARD MEETINGS

### DECISIONS

During May, ERE Board held 5 meetings, which resulted in 21 decision makings, among which:

- License renewal of "ENSCO TRADING (ALBANIA)" company, in electricity trading activity.
- Opening the procedures to license "FAETHON" company in electricity production activity from the photovoltaic plant with an installed capacity of about 93 MW, as well as "H.K. HEC GRABOVA 2" company in electricity production activity from Grabova 2 HPP composed of Grabova 2/1 HPP and Grabova 2/2 HPP, with a total installed capacity of about 10.8 MW.
- Opening the procedures to license "GSA" company in electricity supply activity, "Ayen As Energji" company in electricity trading and supply activity and "KROI MBRET ENERGJI" company in electricity trading activity.
- License recognition in electricity trading, issued by ERO, for "MFT Energy Kosovo L.L.C" company, which results registered in the Republic of Albania as "MFT ENERGY KOSOVO", foreign company branch.
- The postponement of two decisions of the Board, in order to specify some necessary procedural and documentary aspects with "5GX ENERGY" company and "FU-GEN" company.
- As well as amendments in some decision-making as a result of fulfilling the predetermined conditions, in the licensing decisions for "TIRANA ENERGY" company, "TPLANI HC" company and "KESH" company.



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### HEARING SESSIONS

**Some of the decisions approved during May are related to ERE's authority to resolve disputes, determine regulatory payments, define prices. Such are the following decisions:**

1. The opening of the procedure for the resolution of the dispute between the Free Market Supplier company, with Dragobia Energy company for the electricity sale-purchase contract.
2. Approval of the regulatory payments for 2024 that must be paid by licensees in the power and natural gas sectors in accordance with the provisions of Law No. 43/2015 "On Power Sector" as amended and Law No. 102/ 2015 "On Natural Gas Sector" as amended. The approved payments shall be paid by the licensees no later than 30 days after the publication of this decision in the Official Gazette.
3. Approval of the sale price of electricity supplied by the Supplier of Last Resort for April 2024 of about 9.84 ALL/kWh for customers connected at the 35 kV voltage level.

Approval of the standard contract for sale - purchase of electricity between the electricity production company charged with the public service obligation, whose shares are fully or partially controlled by the state, (KESH company) and the Universal Service Supplier (FSHU) company, for supplying customers who are supplied by FSHU company for 01/01/2024 - 12/31/2024 period.

2. Approval of the "Methodology for congestion income distribution between Albania and Kosovo"
3. Approval of the "Reserve Procedures for the electricity day ahead market coupling between Albania - Kosovo".
4. Partial approval of ALPEX's request for the approval of the "List of tariffs for the intra-day market ", which shall be applicable until 31.08.2024 for the nominated electricity market operator (NEMO).

In order to be informed in more detail regarding these and other decisions, please visit our official website [www.ere.gov.al](http://www.ere.gov.al) in the category Decisions.

During May, part of ERE activity were three hearing sessions held for the resolution of complaints and taking into consideration the positions of the parties in order to make a more complete decision.

Browsing our official website [www.ere.gov.al](http://www.ere.gov.al) , you can be informed with the latest data of the energy market in the country, the registers of licensing of subjects, guarantees of origin and updated complaints, as well as tariffs and prices of approved by ERE. In the consultation section, we also invite you to read various materials on which you can submit your opinion as an interested party, to our e-mail address [erealb@ere.gov.al](mailto:erealb@ere.gov.al).

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On May 8, the Italian Embassy in Albania organized the meeting in Tirana regarding the completion of the KEP project financed by CEI (Central European Initiative) and the presentation of the final report prepared by ARERA (Italian Regulatory Office) on the progress of the electricity market in Albania, Italian challenges and experience in this field. During this meeting, in his speech, ERE Chairman, Mr. Ahmeti, thanked the Italian Embassy and ARERA for the study and support as well as for the seminars developed within the project for the exchange of experiences between the two Regulators and interested parties both TSOs and Power Exchanges. Also, in the panels with representatives of Regulators, TSOs, Power Exchanges of Albania and Italy as well as interested parties, Mr. Radheshi discussed the role of ERE, the expectations and challenges facing the regulator following in the framework of market coupling of the countries of the Western Balkans with the European markets. On May 9, the 6th BES Seminar - Balkan School of Energy took place in Tirana with the theme "The new design of the electricity market and its implications in the Balkans", part of the KEP project. It addressed topics related to the challenges of the sector and the experiences of the EU countries in this context. ERE is one of the founding and active members of the Balkan School of Energy - BES, since December 2022.



On May 15, with the approval of the Minister of Economy, Culture and Innovation, Mr. Gonxhja, the meeting of the Consumer Protection Consolidation Council was held. In this meeting, the presentation of the Intersectoral Strategy of Consumer Protection and Market Supervision 2024 - 2030 was made, in which the Energy Regulator Authority also contributed. In the capacity of important contributors to this document, as an institution whose work focuses on, among others, the protection of the customer, the resolution of their complaints and the awareness of the customer regarding the rights and obligations arising from the electricity contract and the acts approved for this purpose, Mrs. Erjola Sadushi, Commissioner of the Board of ERE and Mrs. Julia Guga, Director of Customer Protection Directory, presented the contribution of ERE to this ambitious cross-sectoral project and answered the questions of the Coordinating Council raised with Order of the Prime Minister, according to the area of responsibility. Even earlier in 2021, ERE has approved renewed strategic objectives for a 3-year term at the beginning of 2024, which are in harmony with what is foreseen in the Cross-Sector Strategy of Customer Protection and Market Supervision 2024-2030.

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### COLLABORATIONS

The Albanian Consumer Center, within the Consumer Academy, on May 17, invited Mrs. Erjola Sadushi, Commissioner of the Board of ERE and Mrs. Julia Guga, Director of Customer Protection Directory. ERE representatives addressed topics related to electricity supply contracts, conditions and quality of supply service, contractual rights of the customer as well as those guaranteed by law, etc. The modalities of handling and resolving complaints in ERE were explained to the participants with a special focus, as well as the role that ERE has in customer protection. Part of the agenda of the academy was the conversation with the participants to address their many questions about this important sector and its way of functioning.

On May 30, during its general meeting, AIB - Association of Issuing Bodies headquartered in Riga, Latvia, accepted ERE's request and voted unanimously for admission as a full member of the association. AIB, which consists of more than 37 bodies issuing renewable guarantees of origin, of which 30 are EU countries, develops and promotes the standardization of systems for issuing, transferring and canceling guarantees of origin for power and natural gas in the member countries of the association. During her speech, the Secretary General of AIB Mrs. Liesbeth Switten, after summarizing the role and activity of ERE in issuing guarantees of origin in accordance with Law 24/2023 "On the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources", expressed her satisfaction with ERE's membership in the association. In his speech, the Secretary General of ERE, Mr. Elton B. Radheshi, after thanking the members for their support and membership in this important organization, briefly informed the measures taken by ERE within the framework of keeping the electronic register of guarantees of origin according to the standard of the Energy Treaty Countries which is also in line with EU standards as well as the measures that shall be taken in the future for the adaptation in Albania of the European renewable energy certification system and participation in the European HUB of issuance, transfer and cancellation of Guarantees of Origin. Participation in AIB and the European system of guarantees of origin shall provide added value to the production of electricity from renewable sources in Albania, as one of the countries with the highest percentage of electricity production from these sources, as well as the challenges in achieving reducing carbon emissions to net zero.

