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This program will be the largest energy project in Kosovo, which envisages the construction of energy storage systems. From this funding of 200 million dollars will come in the form of a grant from the USA through the MCC, about 35 million dollars will be a contribution from the Government of Kosovo, while 2 million will be funds from the American Institution of Catalyst for Development (ACFD). The program will include three energy reserve and arbitrage projects (batteries with a capacity of 170 MW, which provide a reserve of 340 MWh), the development workforce and women's inclusion in the energy sector, and the ACFD project.

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The shareholders of the energy sector of the Republic of Kosovo and representatives of the Millennium Challenge Corporation - MCC held a plenary meeting yesterday. The two parties agreed on the necessity of intensifying the ratification process and other technical follow-up processes which accelerate and pave the way towards the implementation of the project.

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The government approves emergency measures in energy supply

The Government of the Republic of Kosovo announced emergency measures in the energy supply, pushed by the current world energy situation, the rapid increase in the price of energy imports, as well as the warning of the ban on the export of fossil materials from some European countries which may affect the further increase of the import price.

The measures taken will remain in force for 60 days after being approved by the Assembly of Kosovo. The Assembly may extend this term for consecutive periods of 30 days with a majority of votes of the members of the Assembly present at the session, up to 180 days.

Energy reserves will save Kosovo at least 15 million euros per year

The Minister of Economy, Artane Rizvanolli, the signatory of the energy contract with the Millennium Challenge Corporation - MCC, has announced that according to MCC's preliminary calculations, this program will save Kosovo's electricity system at least 15 million euros per year. In a media conference held with Prime Minister Albin Kurti, on Sunday, Rizvanolli said that this value is expected to be even greater when energy prices increase.
Kosovo consumes three times more energy than the European average

Experts have indicated that Kosovo consumes more electricity, since the houses in the country are not insulated. "There is no good energy performance of buildings in general, especially in the residential sector", he said, adding that Kosovo is obliged to take measures in residential sector. He said something like this must happen because otherwise the objectives that are intended to be achieved based on the Draft Energy Strategy for the years 2022-2031, which was published on June 7 of this year, cannot be achieved. Government of Kosovo.

For 5 years, Kosovo subsidized coal and lignite with 47 million euros

According to the latest report of the the Energy Community Secretariat, the production of electricity from coal and lignite is being directly subsidized in the region of South-Eastern Europe. During 2020, Kosovo has subsidized coal with an average of 0.94 euros for each megawatt hour produced.

Kosovo has directly subsidized coal with 47 million euros in a five-year period, while only in 2020 the energy sector in Kosovo was subsidized with 5.61 million euros.
Within one month, Kosovo imported 228 GWh and exported 378 GWh of electricity

During the month of June of this year, Kosovo imported 228.42 GWh of electricity, while it exported 377.93 GWh.

The Kosovo Statistics Agency (ASK), has published Energy Statistics for the month of June 2022, with data on coal production and consumption, energy production and consumption, energy import and export, as and the import and export of other energy fuels.

It also states that the monthly consumption for this period is 12 percent lower.

The Ministry of Economy establishes the Emergency Technical Committee, to minimize the consequences of the energy crisis

The Minister of Economy, Artane Rizvanolli, has decided to establish the Emergency Technical Committee (KTE), which consists of representatives of all relevant energy institutions.

The first meeting of the Emergency Technical Committee, it was recommended that in order to cover consumption for this created situation, KEK should offer the Distribution System Operator (KEDS) the provided energy, according to the conditions stipulated in the Wholesale Supply Agreement (MFSH).
Albania helps Kosovo in the restoring of electricity supply in the country

The Ministry of Economy has announced that the supply of electricity has been restored.

This was achieved thanks to the cooperation between Kosovo and Albania, namely the Energy Corporation of Kosovo (KEK) and the Electricity Corporation of Albania (KESH).

The Ministry of Economy has appealed to all citizens and businesses to take saving measures and be as careful as possible in the use of electricity.

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The prices of oil and gasoline in Kosovo are falling

The Ministry of Industry, Enterprise and Trade (MoIET) has set ceiling prices for the sale of oil derivatives for Sunday.

According to the decision, the maximum allowed price of oil is 1.73 euros per liter, of gasoline at 1.38 euros and of gas at 0.76 euros. So, there is a decrease of three cents in diesel and 2 cents in gasoline.

MoIET will set daily ceiling prices for the sale of derivatives.

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Requirements to increase the cost of electricity by up to 88 percent

On August 12, the Kosovar Electricity Supply Company (KESCO) submitted to the Energy Regulatory Office (ERO) a proposal for new electricity tariffs, which would increase the cost of electricity by up to 88 percent for households and up to 70 percent for businesses. The decision of ERO is expected within 20 working days. Europa e Lire has published an infographic where it states that the low rate for those who spend under 800 kilowatts per hour, from 2.89 cents, is proposed to become 5 of 43 , while the highest for these consumers is from 6.75 to 12.86.

KESCO launches the campaign to save electricity

KESCO announces that it has started calls for saving electricity for all consumer categories, starting from domestic consumers, industries, and hotel businesses. The company says that it believes that the involvement of local institutions, various organizations, experts in the field and each individual consumer will have a positive impact on the electrical energy system.

According to KEDS experts, minimal energy saving by these categories will be beneficial to our country.
ERO Board meets with MCC representatives to discuss energy

The Board of the Energy Regulatory Office (ERO), on Thursday, hosted representatives of the Millennium Corporation Challenge (MCC), with whom they discussed energy projects.

In their announcement, it is said that they discussed the program, which includes three projects "reserves and energy arbitration (batteries with a capacity of 170 MW, which provide a reserve for 340MWh), the development of the workforce and the inclusion of women in the energy sector as and the Project of the American Institution of Catalyst for Development, where in total, these projects reach the value of over 200 million dollars".

The government allocates 40 million euros for KOSTT

The Minister of Finance stated that the money is being allocated in order to continue the agreement with ENTSO-E, the European Transmission and Market Network, and to respect the obligations arising from this agreement.

The Assembly of Kosovo previously authorized KOSTT to cover electricity diversions in the four northern municipalities of Kosovo, using their own budget, funds which would be compensated "by dividends or any other possible mechanism resulting in the allocation of 11 million euros."
Electricity reductions begin in Kosovo - what does the Government's decision foresee for the energy crisis?

The Kosovar Electricity Distribution Company (KEDS) announces that it has received an order from the System, Transmission and Market Operator (KOSTT) to start with electricity restrictions from 08:00 on Monday.

"KEDS and KESCO, can no longer bear the burden of the global energy crisis and its consequences in Kosovo. The action of other actors is urgently required so that together we can face this crisis", was stated in the announcement of KEDS.

At the beginning of this August, the deputies of the Assembly of Kosovo with 68 votes for, none against and no abstentions voted for the Government's decision to impose emergency measures in the electricity supply.

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KEDS starts meetings with institutions to discuss electricity saving

Currently, KEDS teams are coordinating the savings strategies with the municipalities of Kosovo.

Some company officials have met with the deputy mayor of Pristina, Alban Zogaj. The parties have agreed to cooperate closely in achieving maximum efficiency from the departments belonging to the municipality.

A similar meeting was held with the mayor of Gjilan, Alban Hyseni where the two parties agreed to find the best forms of savings in the facilities managed by the municipality and its units.

KOSTT asks citizens to save electricity

KOSTT has announced that as a result of the imbalance between the consumption of electricity in the country and the energy provided to cover the consumption by the responsible operators in the market, significant imbalances/deviations have been caused to the interconnecting system of Continental Europe, during the weeks and the last few months.

According to KOSTT, electricity consumption in Kosovo in this period (July-August 2022) ranges from 337 MW to the peak load of 792 MW, while the total electricity generation in the country is currently around 540 MW.
The Government of Kosovo has allocated an additional 34.7 million euros for the Compact Program of the MCC

Prime Minister Albin Kurti has announced that the Government of Kosovo will allocate 34.7 million euros, co-financing the Compact Program Agreement of the Millennium Challenge Corporation - MCC. During a media conference together with the Minister of Economy, Artane Rizvanolli, Kurti emphasized that the total value of the project will be 236.7 million dollars.

Kosovo and MCC began building their partnership in 2010, but the process moved slowly due to the problematic performance of the Kosovar governments, despite continuous support from the US Congress.

MCC meets with the new CEO of Termokos to discuss the sustainability of Prishtina HeatSave

A senior delegation from the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC), visited the District Heating Network in Prishtina “Termokos”, today to learn more about the progress Prishtina HeatSave, an MCC supported intervention aiming to modernize the entire Termokos billing system and equip over 17,000 customers with heat meters, thermostatic valves, as well as heat cost allocators.

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UNDP launches the BOOST x Kosovo Programme for a sustainable private sector in Kosovo

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Kosovo, in partnership with the Embassy of Japan in Kosovo, launched BOOST x Kosovo, an acceleration programme to help businesses tackle development challenges and support Kosovo’s private sector to build resilience by embracing sustainable green practices.

“Kosovo is going through a rough period, impacted by a socio-economic crisis – further exacerbated by the current global turmoil - without having had the chance to fully recover from the pandemic. BOOST x Kosovo will provide an immediate, comprehensive solution for MSMEs, helping them recover from the Covid-19 through green transition”.

BOOST x Kosovo was made possible through the Climate Promise: Growth Through Green and Just Recovery from COVID-19 project, generously funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Japan. It seeks to provide opportunities and address the challenges of greener growth in the private sector.

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Kosovo opens first biomass heat-and-power station

A biomass heating plant has replaced a 40-year-old oil-based system in the Kosovar district of Gjakova and is now generating clean, green energy around the clock. It’s a novelty in the Balkans and a model for the region.

On the outskirts of Gjakova, a city with 40,000 inhabitants in southwestern Kosovo, the first biomass heating plant in the Balkans recently began generating heat and a limited supply of power for 2,000 private households, public institutions and businesses.

Hidden behind the ordinary facade of four inconspicuous, gray-tone buildings is a state-of-the-art heat-and-power plant. The unit, which began operating earlier this year, runs entirely on one of the region’s most plentiful energy sources: residual biomass, in the form of biodegradable waste such as vine prunings and wood scraps.

The European Union and the municipality of Gjakova funded the plant to the tune of €15 million (roughly $15 million). This money bought two heat boilers, which are basically furnaces, and a combined-heat-and-power steam turbine. The latter converts steam into electricity. Meanwhile, the Swiss Economic Cooperation is contributing €5 million for the replacement and refurbishment of the district’s heating network.
The project of changing the filters in the Kosova B thermal power plant is expected to begin implementation in 2024. This is what Deputy Prime Minister Besnik Bislimi said, on the occasion of the signing of the IPA III agreement between Kosovo and the EU, worth 64 million euros. The project that was planned to begin implementation in 2020 has been postponed several times.

Otherwise, Deputy Prime Minister Bislimi has signed an agreement with the ambassador of the European Union office in Kosovo, Tomas Szunyog, for the first annual financial program IPA III, in the amount of 63.96 million euros.

The German Agency for Economic Development announces the tender for consultants for the development of the "Solar4Kosovo" project

The economic development agency of the Federal Republic of Germany, Germany Trade & Invest (GTAI), has announced a tender notice for the development of a renewable energy project in Kosovo.

Through the announcement talks about the grand Solar4Kosovo solar energy project, which has been mentioned to be developed on the abandoned lands near the Kosova A thermal power plant.
SEEK Closes with a conference highlighting the role of Private Sector in Promoting Energy Efficiency in Kosovo

Millennium Foundation Kosovo (MFK) and Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) held the program closing conference highlighting the role of the private sector in promoting energy efficiency in Kosovo. The conference was attended by senior representatives of the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) from Washington DC, the Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Kosovo, Mayors of the Municipalities that have co-funded energy efficiency projects implemented by MFK, as well as private sector representatives.

Millennium Foundation Kosovo (MFK), supported by the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) and municipalities from across Kosovo has implemented ‘SEEK – Subsidies for Energy Efficiency in Kosovo’, a $20 million pilot activity, aiming to reduce the gap between energy demand and supply, through three main intervention packages: Household Efficiency Retrofits (HER); Apartment Building Efficiency Retrofits (AER), and Women Energy Entrepreneur (WEE).

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Transferring SEEK Know-How to KEEF

SEEK experts are holding a series of trainings aiming the transfer of knowledge, gained experience, developed models and IT-support tools, to the Kosovo Energy Efficiency Fund (KEEF).

The objective of these trainings is to bring the KEEF’s staff to a higher level of professional capacity that would help them progress with the development of the residential (and possibly SME) program more effectively.

The Fund has been recognized by the Government of Kosovo (GoK) as the institution responsible for the development and implementation of the future energy efficiency (EE) program in the residential sector at the national level, when scaled-up after SEEK.

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Ulpiana on the way to becoming Energy Efficient

The Ulpiana neighborhood is becoming more energy efficient thanks to the renovation of its five iconic towers, ultimately allowing its citizens to have increased comfort this winter, while reducing energy consumption.

Brand new and energy efficient metal sheets will be incorporated in the external facade of all of the towers, while preserving the unique elements of their original look.

The renovations are designed to increase the energy efficiency of the buildings, helping residents to reduce their energy consumption needs and raising awareness about the multiple benefits of energy efficiency measures.

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The U.S. government’s Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) and the Government of the Republic of Kosovo celebrated the signing of the $202 million Kosovo Compact today during a ceremony hosted by the Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Europe, Energy, the Environment, and Cyber, Congressman William Keating, at the U.S. House of Representatives’ Rayburn House Office Building.

“This signing represents the continuation of a deep partnership between the United States and Kosovo, and our commitment to working together to build modern, clean energy solutions that will benefit all of the nearly 2 million Kosovans,” said MCC Chief Executive Officer, Alice Albright. “Our planned investments in the energy sector will accelerate the country’s transition towards an energy future that is more sustainable, inclusive, reliable, and affordable.”

The ceremony was attended by leaders from across the U.S. and Kosovo governments, including the President of Kosovo Vjosa Osmani, Prime Minister Albin Kurti, and Minister of Economy Artane Rizvanolli.