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Sarajevo: ISO Dispatch Center Opened

REMOTE CONTROL OF GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION

By opening the Dispatch Center, ISO completely took over the managing role in the electrical energy system in BiH – EBRD hopes for soon construction of generation facilities

Independent System Operator (ISO BiH) yesterday opened in Sarajevo its new Dispatch Center for managing the electricity transmission system in BiH. The project was finance by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) loan in the amount of 50 million EUR.

According to Omer Hadzic, ISO General Director, the main function of this system is remote monitoring of generation in all generating facilities in BiH and monitoring of electricity flows in order to provide quality supply to the customers.

“Information flows into this center at every moment, which allow the ISO insight in electricity generation capacities, electricity flows in BiH, as well as transmission lines through which the electricity is imported or exported”, Hadzic stated.

He added that by opening of the Dispatch Center, the ISO BiH takes the managing role in the electricity sector in BiH.

In this occasion Giulio Moreno, Director of the EBRD Office, expressed its gratitude for the progress BiH made towards integration into Energy Community of the South East Europe. “I expect that complete implementation of this project will enable BiH not only to improve security and reliability of electricity supply to local customers, but also to maintain competitiveness in regional electricity market”, he stated.

The Dispatch Center opening ceremony was attended by representatives of the state institutions, international organizations, regulatory agencies and representatives of the electricity sector in BiH. Chief Dispatcher Senad Hadzic in this occasion demonstrated the remote connecting and disconnecting of the transmission line Prijedor-Jajce.

Inset: Moreno: EBRD will continue with its support

Giulio Moreno, Director of the EBRD Office, at yesterday’s ISO Dispatch Center opening ceremony announced that the EBRD will continue with supporting development of this sector in BiH.

“We mobilized donor funds for financing Strategic analyses of environment in parts of FBiH and RS, which is the first necessary step towards responsible construction of hydro power plants. Also, we negotiate with private partners interested in hydro and thermal power plants and I hope that in near future the construction of new generation capacities will star, with or without the EBRD, because investors recognized growing needs of the market and unused potentials in BiH” Moreno stated. According to him, it is better to play active role and get involved from time to time rather than trying to catch up the others later on.

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