



## **PRESS RELEASE**

## ERO Board held the first meeting in 2016

We announce the public that on the 28th and 29th of January 2016, Energy Regulatory Office (ERO) Board held its first session in 2016. In this session, ERO Board has discussed 32 points where were included different issues of the energy sector in Kosovo.

The first issues that ERO Board discussed were about the Authorization Process of building new energetic capacities. After the review of applications the ERO Board decided to provide Authorizations for the building of 7 other generators. Six of these generators are Hydropowers (HP) and one is a Solar Panel. The general capacity of these generators reaches 37 MW.

ERO had previously authorized the building of 9 other generators (units), with a total installed capacity of 40 MW. Three of these generators (2 HP and 1 with solar panels) have already been built and are operating/producing electric energy from the Renewable Energy Sources (RES) and six other generators are in different stages of building.

In the session, there were also discussed some other applications which are in earlier stages of applying for building new generating capacities, in which ERO Board has decided to give preliminary authorizations to encourage and support them in their application process.

In general, up to now ERO has given authorizations for building 16 new generators and the general capacity that they installed is 77MW. From the general number of all the new generators of Renewable Energy Sources, 14 are Hydropowers and 2 are Solar Panels.

Also, in this session ERO Board discussed and approved the Development Plan 2016-2025 of the Transmission Network System. The main aim of this plan is the identification of the projects which will increase the capacity, credibility and efficiency of the transaction of transmitting network in order to support directly the assurance of furnishing the costumers with qualitative electric energy.

In the seance, ERO Board also discussed some consumers complaints, decision appeals of the Costumer Protection Department (CPD) by KESCO and some other internal issues that are dealt with the functioning of ERO.

Also, ERO announces that due to the overly charged agenda ERO Board could not discuss some other points included in the agenda which will be discussed in the next meeting.