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Monitoring of Energy Legislation

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The most important legislative changes
and interesting news

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See the most important news in the field of Slovak energy legislation for the month of March 2026.

RONI has opened several legislative processes that significantly impact the rules of the electricity and gas markets as well as price regulation. At the same time, it is presenting activities aimed at proposing measures at the EU level to reduce energy prices for industry.

The **Government** has approved an amendment to the Energy Act concerning targeted energy aid; however, the proposal is still pending parliamentary approval.

The **Environmental Fund** has launched Call MoF – 5/2026 focused on the modernisation of district heating, bringing significant financial allocation and support for projects in the areas of high-efficiency cogeneration (CHP), heat distribution networks, and energy storage. The **MoE SR**, in its call, has also published the results of a selection procedure for supporting high-efficiency CHP.

At **P&P**, we have prepared an article addressing the current status of the prolongation of support (so-called “repowering”).

We wish you a pleasant reading!



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1. WHAT HAS CHANGED?

ELECTRIC ENERGY AND GAS INDUSTRY	
Act no. 309/2009 Coll. on the support of RES	no
Act no. 250/2012 Coll. on Regulation	no
Act no. 251/2012 Coll. on Energy	no
Act no. 321/2014 Coll. on energy efficiency	no
Act no. 609/2007 Coll. on excise duty on electricity, coal and natural gas	no
Act no. 555/2005 Coll. on energy efficiency of buildings	no
Act no. 260/2025 Coll on targeted energy aid	no
RONI Decree no. 490/2009 Coll., laying down details on the support of RES	no
RONI Decree no. 92/2023 Coll., laying down the conditions of the tender procedure for the provision of electricity storage facility services	no
RONI Decree no. 207/2023 Coll., establishing the rules for the functioning of the internal electricity market	no
RONI Decree no. 208/2023 Coll., establishing the rules for the functioning of the internal natural gas market	no
RONI Decree no. 230/2023 Coll., establishing the content requirements of the distribution system development plan	no
RONI Decree no. 285/2012 Coll., establishing price regulation for the supply of natural gas to small businesses	no
RONI Decree no. 147/2024 Coll., establishing price regulation of regulated activities in the gas industry	no
RONI Decree no. 154/2024 Coll., establishing price regulation in electric energy industry and some conditions for the performance of selected regulated activities in the electric energy industry	no
RONI Decree no. 278/2012 Coll., establishing quality standards for gas storage, gas transportation, gas distribution and gas supply	no
RONI Decree no. 236/2016 Coll., establishing quality standards for electricity transmission, electricity distribution and electricity supply	no
RONI Decree no. 284/2012 Coll. on the rules for the sale of electricity in the form of auctions	no
Decree of the Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic no. 599/2009 Coll., implementing certain provisions of the Act on the support of RES	no
Decree of the Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic no. 270/2012 Coll. on professional competence for carrying out business activities in the energy sector	no
Decree of the Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic no. 416/2012 Coll., establishing the details of the procedure for applying restrictive measures in a state of emergency and measures aimed at eliminating the state of emergency in the electric energy industry	no
Decree of the Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic no. 106/2019 Coll., establishing the list of authorized industries, the scope and structure of the administration and the method of providing compensation to entrepreneurs	no
Decree of the Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic no. 202/2019 Coll., establishing the conditions for participation in the auction for the selection of the	no

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electricity purchaser and determining the amount of the electricity purchaser's remuneration	
Decree of the Ministry of the Environment of the Slovak Republic no. 354/2025 Coll. on criteria for the development of wind energy	no
Government Regulation of the Slovak Republic No. 353/2025 Coll., implementing certain provisions of the Act on targeted energy support.	no
Government Regulation No. 359/2025 Coll., establishing the maximum price for a portion of the regulated supply of electricity, gas, and heat for selected vulnerable customers for the year 2026.	no

THERMAL ENERGY

Act no. 657/2004 Coll., on thermal energy	no
RONI Decree no. 312/2022 Coll., establishing price regulation in thermal energy	no
RONI Decree no. 277/2012 Coll., establishing heat supply quality standards	no
RONI Decree no. 328/2005 Coll., determining the method of verifying the economic efficiency of the operation of the heating facilities system, the energy efficiency indicators of heat production and heat distribution facilities, the normative indicators of heat consumption, the range of economically justified costs for the verification of the economic efficiency of the operation of the heating facilities system and the method of payment of these costs	no
RONI Decree no. 146/2024 Coll., establishing the range of economically justified costs caused by disconnection of the consumer from the system of the supplier's heating facilities and the method of their calculation	no
RONI Decree no. 167/2025 Coll., establishing the templates of applications for business activities in heat energy	no
Decree of the Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic no. 151/2005 Coll., establishing the procedure for preventing the occurrence and removing the consequences of a state of emergency in the thermal energy industry	no
Decree of the Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic no. 152/2005 Coll. on the specified time and on the specified quality of heat supply for the end consumer	no
Decree of the Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic no. 15/2016 Coll., establishing the method of calculating the annual heat production in the production of electricity	no
Decree of the Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic no. 503/2022 Coll., establishing the temperature of hot water at the take-off point and the rules for budgeting costs for the amount of heat supplied in hot water, costs for the amount of heat supplied for heating, costs for the amount of heat supplied or the amount of heat produced in a decentralized heat source and economically justified costs for heat produced in a decentralized heat source	no
Decree of the Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic no. 308/2016 Coll., establishing the procedure for calculating the primary energy factor of the centralized heat supply system	no
Decree of the Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic no. 14/2016 Coll., establishing technical requirements for thermal insulation of heat and hot water distribution lines	no

Note: In our monitoring of energy legislation, we monitor for you the changes to the above-mentioned legal regulations, which were published in the Collection of Laws of the Slovak Republic last month.

2. YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED

2.1 APPROVED LEGISLATION IN THE ENERGY SECTOR

■ **Government approves amendment to the Energy Act – stricter rules for households and new regulatory tools**

25 March 2026 – The Government of the Slovak Republic has approved a draft amendment to the Energy Act (Act No. 251/2012 Coll.) and related legislation (Act No. 253/1998 Coll. on residence registration, Act No. 657/2004 Coll. on thermal energy, Act No. 250/2012 Coll. on regulation in network industries, and Act No. 260/2025 Coll. on targeted energy aid). The proposal will now proceed to the National Council of the Slovak Republic for further legislative process.

The proposed legislation responds to practical application issues, in particular the misuse of preferential household tariffs by business entities. At the same time, it reflects current energy price developments and the need for more targeted energy aid, while granting the state broader regulatory tools in setting prices and support mechanisms.

Most of the proposed changes are expected to take effect from **1 July 2026**, while certain provisions (e.g. in the area of residence registration) will become effective at a later stage.

More information is available [HERE](#), and we will continue to keep you informed about further developments in the legislative process. *(Available only in the Slovak language version)*

2.2 POLÁČEK & PARTNERS

■ **P&P: We continue to monitor support prolongation (repowering) – new article on recent developments**

20 March 2026 – We have been closely following the topic of support prolongation (repowering) for electricity producers entitled to feed-in-tariff support since its introduction. In our latest article, **“Support Prolongation 2026: Producers in the final year of investment,”** we focus on recent developments, in particular the issue of economically eligible costs, their substantiation, and the expected inspections by RONI.

The article also highlights ongoing uncertainties in application practice, which may have significant implications for maintaining eligibility for feed-in-tariff support.

You can find more details in our [article](#). *(Available only in the Slovak language version)*

2.3 REGULATORY OFFICE FOR NETWORK INDUSTRIES (RONI)

■ **RONI to present solutions to reduce energy prices for industry at an international conference**

27 March 2026 – RONI announced that it will present proposals for measures aimed at reducing energy costs for Slovak industry at the prestigious annual **ERRA** Annual Conference 2026 (27–28 April 2026 in Bratislava).

The proposed measures primarily include adjustments to tariffs and charges within its regulatory competences, as well as broader systemic proposals addressed to the Government of the Slovak Republic and the EU - such as support for long-term contracts, state guarantees, decoupling electricity prices from gas prices, and strengthening investments in energy efficiency.

More information is available in the press release [HERE](#). *(Available only in the Slovak language version)*

■ **RONI publishes guidance for the water sector on submission of actual data for 2025**

18 March 2026 – RONI informed regulated entities in the water sector about the publication of guidance on the submission of actual data for regulated activities for 2025. The guidance is divided into three parts – general information, rules for entities with a price decision, and rules for entities to which the authority has issued a price confirmation.

Actual data for 2025 must be submitted no later than **31 May 2026**.

More information is available in the press release [HERE](#). *(Available only in the Slovak language version)*

■ **RONI launches consultation on draft decrees and prepares major changes for electricity and gas from 1 July 2026**

11 and 13 March 2026 – RONI announced the launch of a public consultation on four preliminary information notices in the electricity and gas sectors, specifically regarding proposed amendments to Decrees no. 207/2023 Coll., no. 154/2024 Coll., no. 147/2024 Coll., and no. 208/2023 Coll.

According to RONI, the reason for reopening these decrees is the need to reflect changed conditions since their adoption, in particular amendments to the Act on regulation in network industries and the Energy Act introduced by Act no. 259/2025 Coll.

The discussion on the preliminary information notices took place from **11 March 2026 to 24 March 2026**. The formal inter-ministerial consultation within the legislative process is expected in April 2026.

RONI further indicated that the upcoming package of changes will bring extensive amendments to the rules of the electricity and gas markets, including changes related to

the functioning of the internal market, price regulation, connection of new sources, electricity sharing, dynamic pricing, and rules for vulnerable customers. The authority also announced that the new rules are expected to take effect as early as **1 July 2026**.

More information is available in the press releases [HERE](#) and [HERE](#). *(Available only in the Slovak language version)*

■ **RONI launches amendment of the price decree to reduce energy costs for industry**

9 March 2026 – At a strategic meeting held on 9 March 2026, RONI discussed with representatives of the MoE SR and key industrial associations the energy competitiveness of Slovak industry and adopted a joint package of requests addressed to the European Commission.

RONI is immediately launching the process of amending the electricity price regulation decree, which it plans to bring into force from 1 July 2026, with the aim of reducing energy costs for energy-intensive enterprises.

More information is available in the press release [HERE](#). *(Available only in the Slovak language version)*

■ **RONI: enforcement activities resulted in over 310.000 EUR in fines and tangible relief for consumers**

4 March 2026 – RONI published a press release on the results of its enforcement activities for 2025. The authority completed 116 inspections and identified 126 violations of the law in the electricity, heat, and water sectors, imposing fines totalling approximately 310.700 EUR.

The Chair of RONI highlighted that some entities charged customers unjustified costs amounting to 247.000 EUR which had to be reimbursed to consumers, representing direct financial relief. RONI thus reiterated that non-compliance does not pay off. The authority also handled 533 submissions from citizens and regulated entities, indicating a high level of public trust in its activities.

More information is available in the press release [HERE](#). *(Available only in the Slovak language version)*

2.4 MINISTRY OF ECONOMY OF THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC (MoE SR)

■ **MoE SR publishes results of the selection procedure for support of high-efficiency CHP**

20 March 2026 – MoE SR published the results of a selection procedure for support of high-efficiency combined heat and power (CHP). The objective of the support scheme is to stimulate the construction of new installations and the expansion of existing technologies in order to reduce fuel consumption and emissions, while increasing energy efficiency in district heating systems.

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A total of 31 applicants participated in the selection procedure, which was announced on 31 October 2025, covering 76 installations with a total installed capacity of 324,728 MW. The support was capped at a maximum price of EUR 119,08/MWh and a volume of 220 MW, with 65 installations being successful based on the lowest offered prices. The Ministry emphasized that CHP support contributes to energy security, the stability of the electricity system, and the fulfilment of European energy efficiency commitments.

The results of the selection procedure are available [HERE](#). *(Available only in the Slovak language version)*

More information is available in the press release [HERE](#). *(Available only in the Slovak language version)*

2.5 SHORT-TERM ELECTRICITY MARKET OPERATOR (OKTE)

■ **OKTE warns sharing group administrators of the obligation to conclude a contract**

20 March 2026 – OKTE informed sharing group administrators about a new legal obligation to conclude an **Electricity Sharing Settlement Agreement** with OKTE via the EDC system. Without concluding this agreement, it will not be possible to make any changes to a sharing group in which the entity acts as the administrator. The agreement may also be signed using a simple electronic signature without the need for a certificate.

OKTE also announced that, at the end of April, it will send an email to the affected entities specifying the exact date from which it will no longer be possible to create or modify a sharing group without first concluding this agreement. The deadline for compliance is preliminarily set at two months from the date of publication of the notice.

Further details are available in the notice [on the OKTE website](#). *(Available only in the Slovak language version)*

■ **OKTE launches public consultation on amendments to its Operation Order**

13 March 2026 – OKTE initiated a public consultation on proposed amendments to its Operation Order. The published changes mainly relate to developments in the area of **guarantees of origin**, while also affecting the rules for **feed-in-tariff support** and selected complaint and procedural processes. Comments could be submitted until **27 March 2026**.

At a general level, the proposed amendments focus on clarifying processes between OKTE and market participants, introducing rules for new types of support, and providing a more detailed framework for the operation of guarantees of origin auctions. In practice, this means greater procedural precision in contract conclusion, complaint procedures, financial collateral requirements for auction participants, and the order-matching algorithm used in guarantees of origin auctions.

One comment was submitted during the consultation. The evaluation of the consultation process is available [HERE](#). *(Available also in the English language version)*

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More information is available [HERE](#) (Available also in the English language version), including the version of the OKTE Operation Order with tracked changes.

■ **OKTE reminds of the deadline for cancellation guarantees of origin for 2025**

11 March 2026 – OKTE alerted holders of guarantees of origin (GoOs) to the upcoming deadline for their cancellation for 2025, which is set no later than **31 March 2026**. If the guarantees of origin are not cancelled by this date, they will not be included in the calculation of the energy mix for the Slovak domain or in the energy mix of individual suppliers.

The notice is therefore particularly important for entities that wish to ensure proper disclosure of the origin of energy in both the national and supplier-specific energy mix.

Further details are available in the notice [on the OKTE website](#). (Available also in the English language version)

2.6 SLOVAK ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION SYSTEM (SEPS)

■ **SEPS launches selection procedure for ancillary services for April 2026**

3 March 2026 – SEPS announced the launch of a selection procedure for the procurement of ancillary services via the Damas Energy system, published on 16 March 2026. The procedure concerns the provision of ancillary services for the period from 1 April to 30 April 2026.

More information is available [HERE](#). (Available only in the Slovak language version)

2.7 OTHERS

■ **Environmental Fund launches Call MoF – 5/2026 (hybrid modernisation of district heating)**

17 March 2026 – The Environmental Fund announced Call MoF – 5/2026 under the Modernisation Fund, aimed at supporting investments in the modernisation of energy systems, particularly in district heating, including high-efficiency combined heat and power (CHP), heat/cooling distribution networks, and energy storage. The objective is to increase energy efficiency and support the development of efficient district heating systems.

The call has an allocated budget of **EUR 150 million**, with applications to be submitted via the IS GRANT system from 19 March 2026 to **19 June 2026**.

Alongside the call, additional supporting documents for applicants have been published, including an [FAQ document](#) and [the application form](#) available in the IS GRANT system, as well as the required [annexes](#).

More information about the call and the related documents can be found [HERE](#). (All available only in the Slovak language version)

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