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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 July 2026.

RONI launched the legislative process for an amendment to the Decree on Quality Standards in the Electricity Sector and also announced a favorable outlook for natural gas prices.

The Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic continues with a public consultation held on the proposed acceleration areas for wind energy.

The Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic has launched a EUR 150 million call for proposals under the Modernisation Fund to support energy efficiency and industrial modernisation. Individual projects may receive funding of up to EUR 30 million.

SEPS announced a new procurement procedure for ancillary services for August 2026 and informed about the entry into force of the amended Dispatching Code for the Operation of the Slovak Electricity System.

Read more about these and many other interesting news in our **monitoring for the month of July 2026**.

We wish you a pleasant reading!

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'P. Poláček'.

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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
Government Regulation No. 169/2026 Coll., establishing the criteria for the application of an individual tariff for system services and an individual tariff for system operation	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

■ **Correction of an error in the Decree on Price Regulation in Network Industries**

21 July 2026 – A Notice on the Correction of an Error in RONI Decree No. 154/2024 Coll., which lays down the rules for price regulation in network industries, was published in the Collection of Laws of the Slovak Republic under No. 195/2026 Coll. The notice entered into force on the date of its publication, 21 July 2026.

The correction is of a legislative-technical nature and ensures the accurate wording of the existing decree. It does not introduce any substantive changes to the rules governing price regulation.

Read more about the notice [HERE](#). *(Available only in the Slovak language version.)*

2.2 REGULATORY OFFICE FOR NETWORK INDUSTRIES (RONI)

■ **Lower Gas Prices Expected for 2027 – RONI Signals Decline in Commodity Price**

31 July 2026 – RONI announced a favourable development in natural gas prices for the 2027 regulatory year. The price of natural gas as a commodity, which forms part of the calculation of regulated end-user prices, has decreased by 9.88% year-on-year. This development creates the conditions for lower regulated gas prices for households in 2027.

RONI emphasized that the decline concerns the commodity component of the gas price, which is one of the key factors in determining regulated tariffs. The final regulated prices will be determined in the upcoming tariff proceedings and will also depend on the other regulated components of the gas price.

Read more in the press release [HERE](#). *(Available only in the Slovak language version.)*

■ **RONI published household energy suppliers' market shares for 2025**

24 July 2026 – RONI published an overview of the 2025 market shares of electricity and natural gas suppliers in the household segment. In the electricity market, **Energetika Slovensko** remained the leading supplier with a **60.1%** market share, followed by **SSE** (27.2%) and **SPP** (11.0%). In the natural gas market, **SPP** maintained its leading position with a 68.7% market share, ahead of **Energetika Slovensko** (26.5%) and **SSE** (4.5%).

RONI also reminded consumers that switching energy suppliers is free of charge and may result in more favourable contract terms. Before making a decision, the regulator recommends comparing price offers, contract conditions, supplier reputation, and obtaining offers from at least three suppliers. The supplier switching process takes at least 21 days and must comply with the terms of the existing supply contract.

Read more in the press release [HERE](#). *(Available only in the Slovak language version.)*

■ **RONI: Households should not bear the costs of smart meter replacement**

15 July 2026 – The Chairman of RONI called for accelerating the rollout of smart metering systems (SMS), which are currently installed at only around 600,000 of Slovakia's 2.6 million metering points. He also stressed that the costs of replacing electricity meters should not be passed on to consumers, but should instead be covered by distribution system operators through their investment programmes.

According to RONI, modernising the metering infrastructure is essential for more efficient energy consumption management, strengthening energy security, and supporting the further digitalisation of the energy sector.

Read more in the press release [HERE](#). *(Available only in the Slovak language version.)*

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

■ **MoE SR: Public Consultation Held on Acceleration Areas for Wind Energy**

9 July 2026 – MoE SR announced that a public consultation had been held on the draft strategic document "Acceleration Areas for Wind Energy in the Slovak Republic" as part of the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) process. Identifying acceleration areas is an analytical task assigned to the state under Slovakia's Recovery and Resilience Plan and represents one of the milestones of the REPowerEU programme.

The Ministry also emphasized that the designation of acceleration areas does not in itself constitute approval for the construction of wind farms. Each individual project will still be subject to separate permitting procedures, including an environmental impact assessment (where applicable) and a binding opinion from the relevant municipality.

Read more in the press release [HERE](#). *(Available only in the Slovak language version.)*

2.4 MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT OF THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC (MoEN SR)

■ **MoEN SR: Ministry Launches EUR 150 Million Call for Industrial Modernisation**

13 July 2026 – The **Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic (MoEN SR)** launched a new **EUR 150 million** call for proposals under the **Modernisation Fund**, aimed at supporting investments in energy efficiency improvements and the modernisation of industrial technologies. Eligible applicants include industrial enterprises, electricity, heat and gas suppliers, as well as water utility companies.

The call offers grants of up to **EUR 5 million** for the modernisation of production and administrative buildings and up to **EUR 30 million** for the modernisation of production

technologies that contribute to improved energy efficiency. Applications may be submitted until **16 October 2026**.

Read more in the press release [HERE](#). *(Available only in the Slovak language version.)*

2.5 SLOVAK ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION SYSTEM (SEPS)

■ **SEPS: Amendment to the Slovak Electricity System Dispatching Code enters into force**

29 July 2026 – SEPS, the Slovak transmission system operator, announced the entry into force of an amendment to the Dispatching Code for the Operation of the Slovak Electricity System, approved by RONI through Decision No. 0001/2026/E-DP of 13 July 2026. The amendment entered into force on 30 July 2026.

Further information, including the full text of the Dispatching Code, is available on the SEPS website [HERE](#). *(Available only in the Slovak language version.)*

■ **SEPS launches Tender for the procurement of Ancillary Services**

16 July 2026 – SEPS, the Slovak transmission system operator, published a new procurement procedure for ancillary services (AS) covering the period from 1 to 31 August 2026. Interested participants can access the tender documentation, procurement rules and related materials on the SEPS website.

Ancillary services play a key role in ensuring the reliable and secure operation of the Slovak electricity transmission system by supporting system balancing and maintaining grid stability.

Further information, including the participation requirements, is available on the SEPS website [HERE](#). *(Available only in the Slovak language version.)*

2.6 THE OTHERS

■ **SSD introduces new Distribution System Operation Code**

2 July 2026 – Stredoslovenská distribučná, a.s. (SSD) introduced a new Distribution System Operation Code, effective **2 July 2026**, following its approval by **RONI** through **Decision No. 0009/2026/E-PP of 11 June 2026**. The decision replaces the previous version of the Operation Code, including all of its earlier amendments.

The revised Operation Code was adopted primarily to align SSD's internal rules with the current energy legislation and electricity market rules, incorporate new regulatory requirements, and streamline the processes for grid connection, electricity distribution, and communication with market participants. It also reflects the ongoing development of **decentralised energy**, particularly the integration of renewable generation facilities, electricity storage systems, and electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

Read more [HERE](#) and access the full text of the decision [HERE](#). *(Available only in the Slovak language version.)*

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