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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 August 2026.

The Government approved an amendment to the Energy Act introducing a comprehensive regulatory framework for the hydrogen market, as well as a new Energy Efficiency Act. Both legislative proposals have advanced to the next stage of the legislative process before the National Council of the Slovak Republic.

SEPS launched a tender procedure for the procurement of ancillary services for September 2026.

OKTE conducted its 26th auction of Guarantees of Origin for electricity.

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

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 Transport, Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic no. 364/2012 Coll., implementing Act no. 555/2005 Coll. on energy efficiency of buildings	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

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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 electricity purchaser and determining the amount of the electricity purchaser's remuneration	no
Decree of the Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic no. 88/2015 Coll., laying down the scope of assessment, the calculation methodology and the energy efficiency values of energy generation and distribution systems	no
Decree of the Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic no. 179/2015 Coll. on energy audits	no
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

■ Government Approves Amendment to the Energy Act

26 August 2026 – The Government of the Slovak Republic approved a draft amendment to Act No. 251/2012 Coll. on Energy and related legislation. Among other changes, the amendment focuses primarily on establishing a comprehensive regulatory framework for the hydrogen market. The draft legislation must still undergo the legislative process in the National Council of the Slovak Republic.

Further information on the government-approved draft legislation and the accompanying documentation is available [HERE](#). *(Available only in the Slovak language version.)*

■ Government Approves Draft Energy Efficiency Act

26 August 2026 – The Government of the Slovak Republic approved a draft **new** Energy Efficiency Act and related amendments to other legislation. The draft legislation must still undergo the legislative process in the National Council of the Slovak Republic.

Further information on the government-approved draft legislation and the accompanying documentation is available [HERE](#). *(Available only in the Slovak language version.)*

2.2 REGULATORY OFFICE FOR NETWORK INDUSTRIES (RONI)

■ RONI Publishes Analysis of Wholesale Energy Markets

14 August 2026 – RONI published an analysis of wholesale electricity, natural gas and emission allowance prices covering 2025 and the first half of 2026. The analysis highlights increasing price volatility driven by the growing share of renewable energy sources (RES), geopolitical developments and changes in market trading arrangements.

RONI also notes that the **wholesale electricity price in Slovakia is approximately 35% higher than the average across the monitored European markets** and therefore supports the establishment of smaller regional electricity markets. The analysis further emphasizes the importance of energy storage development, system flexibility and stable domestic generation capacity.

Further details are available in the press release [HERE](#). *(Available only in the Slovak language version.)*

■ **RONI Announces Public Consultation on Amendments to the Operating Rules of SPP-distribúcia**

20 August 2026 – URSO announced the launch of a public consultation on proposed amendments to the Operating Rules of SPP-distribúcia, a.s. Affected parties were invited to submit comments on the proposed changes as part of the consultation process until 2 September 2026.

Further information is available on the [URSO website](#), while the proposed amendments can be found on the [website of SPP-distribúcia](#). *(Available only in the Slovak language version.)*

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

■ **MoE SR organizes Regional Seminars on Preferential Financing for Businesses**

31 August 2026 – The Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic is organizing a series of regional seminars focused on financing opportunities for business investments, digitalization, operational modernization and energy efficiency projects through guaranteed loans combined with grants under the Programme Slovakia. The seminars will take place between 16 and 23 September 2026 in all regional capitals except Bratislava.

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

2.4 SLOVAK ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION SYSTEM (SEPS)

■ **SEPS: Tender for the Procurement of Ancillary Services for September 2026 Announced**

12 August 2026 – SEPS announced that, on 17 August 2026, it would publish a tender procedure in the DAMAS Energy information system for the procurement of ancillary services for the period from 1 September to 30 September 2026. Providers of ancillary services will thus have the opportunity to participate in the procurement process for services required to ensure the reliable operation and stability of the Slovak electricity system during the relevant period.

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

2.5 THE OTHERS

■ OKTE Announces the 26th Auction of Guarantees of Origin for Electricity

3 August 2026 – OKTE announced the 26th electronic auction of Guarantees of Origin (GOs) for electricity generated from renewable energy sources and high-efficiency cogeneration. The auction was held on 13 August 2026.

A significant change introduced in May 2026 allows electricity producers and suppliers to offer Guarantees of Origin for sale directly through the auction. At the same time, a new pay-as-clear auction mechanism and a financial collateral requirement were introduced with the aim of enhancing the efficiency and transparency of the Guarantees of Origin market.

Further information is available in [OKTE's announcement](#).

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