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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 October 2026.

The Amendment to the Act on the energy efficiency of buildings was published in the Collection of Laws. The amendment introduces new rules for zero-emission buildings, energy certification of buildings, the use of RES and infrastructure for electromobility.

At the same time, several energy-related **legislative proposals** remain under discussion, including **the amendment to the implementing decree on the energy efficiency of buildings, the amendment to the decree on price regulation in thermal energy, and the amendment to the decree on quality standards in the electricity sector**.

RONI informed electricity producers operating a local source **about a new mandatory attachment to applications for the issuance of a confirmation of electricity generation**.

SEPS and regional distribution system operators published several **price decisions for 2027**, including new tariffs for access to and transmission through the transmission system, ancillary services, and connection to distribution systems at the LV voltage level. **OKTE** will apply **a new Operation Order** effective from 1 November 2026.

Attention should also be paid to a **new call launched by MoE SR**, with a budget of EUR 15 million **to support industrial research, innovation, energy efficiency and technologies**, including technologies in the field of RES. In connection with the call for proposals, MoE SR is organizing an informational seminar on **19 November 2026**.

Read more about these and many other interesting news in our **monitoring for the month of October 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	**yes**
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

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

▪ Amendment to the Act on Energy Efficiency of Buildings

8 October 2026 – **An amendment to the Act on the energy efficiency of buildings** was published in the Collection of Laws as **Act No. 246/2026 Coll**.

The amendment follows European legislation and, with effect **from 1 January 2027**, introduces several changes, including the concept of zero-emission buildings, a building renovation passport, new requirements for energy certification, the use of RES, and infrastructure for electromobility. We also informed you about the proposed amendment in our monitoring for the month of September 2026.

The full text of the amendment is available **HERE**. *(Available only in the Slovak language version.)*

▪ Amendment to the Implementing Decree on the Energy Efficiency of Buildings

14 October 2026 – **A draft amendment to Decree No. 364/2012 Coll. implementing the Act on the Energy Efficiency of Buildings** was submitted to the inter-ministerial comment procedure. The proposal follows the amendment to the Act on the Energy Efficiency of Buildings. The proposed effective date is **1 January 2027**, together with the Act.

The draft decree is available **HERE**. *(Available only in the Slovak language version.)*

▪ Amendment to the Decree on Price Regulation in Thermal Energy

19 October 2026 – **A draft amendment to Decree No. 312/2022 Coll. on price regulation in thermal energy** was submitted to the inter-ministerial comment procedure. The proposal introduces maximum prices for wood biomass (EUR 0.037/kWh) and pellets (EUR 0.074/kWh) used for heat production. The proposed effective date is **1 January 2027**.

The draft amendment is available **HERE**. *(Available only in the Slovak language version.)*

- **Amendment to the Decree on Quality Standards in the Electricity Sector**

19 October 2026 – **A draft amendment to Decree No. 236/2016 Coll. on quality standards in the electricity sector** was submitted to the inter-ministerial comment procedure. The proposal specifies the rules governing compensation payments and their reimbursement between regulated entities, including situations where compensation is paid by an entity that did not cause the breach of the relevant quality standard. The proposed effective date is **1 January 2027**.

The draft amendment and accompanying documentation are available **HERE**. *(Available only in the Slovak language version.)*

- **Ministry of Economy Preparing New Secondary Legislation in the Area of Energy Efficiency**

20 - 21 October 2026 – The Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic published a series of preliminary information notices concerning ne**w decrees linked to the forthcoming Act on Energy Efficiency**.

The planned legislation is expected to introduce new rules governing data collection and reporting, maintenance of registers, professional qualification requirements for energy auditors and energy managers, and compliance with new obligations arising from European legislation.

Further details are available in the preliminary information notices regarding:

- **the decree on the energy efficiency monitoring system**;
- **the decree on energy efficiency registers**;
- **the decree on professional competence in energy efficiency**;
- **the decree on registers of energy efficiency measures**;
- **the decree on the energy efficiency of data centers**. *(Available only in the Slovak language version.)*

2.2 REGULATORY OFFICE FOR NETWORK INDUSTRIES (RONI)

- **RONI Published an Analysis of Energy Consumption for 2025**

12 October 2026 – RONI published an analysis of energy consumption in Slovakia for 2025. **Total final consumption of electricity, gas and heat reached 83.959 TWh**, representing an **approximate year-on-year increase of 2.5%**. Despite this increase, total energy consumption remains **more than 15 TWh lower than in 2021**, which, according to RONI, confirms the growing importance of energy efficiency and energy-saving measures.

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

- **RONI Added a New Mandatory Attachment to Applications for Confirmation of a Local Source**

29 October 2026 – RONI informed producers operating a local source **that applications for the issuance of a confirmation of electricity generation from a local source must now also include a copy of the connection agreement** for the electricity consumption facility connected to the distribution system. The objective is to facilitate a more efficient assessment of compliance with the statutory requirements applicable to local sources.

The updated application form is available **HERE**. *(Available only in the Slovak language version.)*

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

- **MoE SR Launched a Call Supporting Innovation**

21 October 2026 – The Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic launched a new call under the Programme Slovakia with a total allocation of **EUR 15 million to support industrial research and experimental development**. A single project may receive **a non-refundable financial contribution of up to EUR 800,000**. The call also supports the development of clean technologies, technologies in the area of **energy efficiency and RES**. It is intended for undertakings located outside the Bratislava Self-Governing Region.

On **19 November 2026**, an **online informational seminar** regarding the call for proposals will also be held; no advance registration is required.

Further information is available **in the press release** and **HERE**. *(Available only in the Slovak language version.)*

2.4 SHORT-TERM ELECTRICITY MARKET OPERATOR (OKTE)

- **New OKTE Operation Order Effective from 1 November 2026**

28 October 2026 – OKTE informed about the approval of **a new Operation Order, effective from 1 November 2026**.

The updated Operation Order are available **HERE**. *(Available only in the Slovak language version.)*

2.5 SLOVAK ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION SYSTEM (SEPS)

- **SEPS: RONI Approved Transmission System Access and Electricity Transmission Tariffs for 2027**

14 October 2026 – **RONI approved tariffs for access to the transmission system, electricity transmission tariffs and the conditions for their application for 2027**. This constitutes one of the key price decisions for the electricity sector, as transmission tariffs form part of the regulated components of electricity prices.

The decision is available **HERE**. *(Available only in the Slovak language version.)*

- ### Update of SEPS Technical Conditions

16 October 2026 – **Updated Technical Conditions for Access and Connection to the Transmission System and Transmission System Operation Rules** became effective.

The updated documents are available **on the SEPS website**. *(Available only in the Slovak language version.)*

- ### SEPS: New Ancillary Services Prices for 2027

19 October 2026 – **RONI approved maximum prices for the provision of ancillary services and the conditions for their application in 2027**.

The decision is available **HERE**. *(Available only in the Slovak language version.)*

- ### SEPS Launched a Tender Procedure for Procurement of Ancillary Services for the First Half of 2027

28 October 2026 – SEPS announced that the first, second and third rounds of the medium-term tender procedure for the procurement of ancillary services for the period from 1 January 2027 to 30 June 2027 were published in the Damas Energy system on 30 October 2026.

Further information is available **on the SEPS website**. *(Available only in the Slovak language version.)*

2.6 THE OTHERS

- ### New Connection Fees for Regional Distribution Systems for 2027

9 October 2026 – RONI issued price decisions for the regional distribution system operators Západoslovenská distribučná, a.s. (ZSD), Stredoslovenská distribučná, a.s. (SSD) and Východoslovenská distribučná, a.s. (VSD), approving **maximum connection fees for distribution systems at the LV voltage level for 2027**.

The relevant price decisions are available separately for **ZSD**, **SSD** and **VSD**. *(Available only in the Slovak language version.)*

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