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# Monitoring of Energy Legislation

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The most important legislative changes  
and interesting news

## MONITORING / January 2026

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

The **Government** has approved another amendment to the regulation on targeted energy assistance, as well as an amendment concerning the maximum prices of electricity, gas and heat for 2026. The amendments focus primarily on the heat sector.

**RONI** has expressed its support for Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) and has at the same time alerted producers benefiting from extended support schemes to the necessity of investing in their generation facilities. RONI has also published a methodology outlining how producers are required to substantiate and document such investment costs.

**OKTE** has announced the 24th auction of guarantees of origin for electricity and has launched a public consultation on proposed amendments to its Market Rules. **SEPS** is likewise planning amendments to its Operational Rules.

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

We wish you a pleasant reading!

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## 1. WHAT HAS CHANGED?

ELECTRIC ENERGY AND GAS INDUSTRY	
Act no. <b>309/2009</b> Coll. on the support of RES	no
Act no. <b>250/2012</b> Coll. on Regulation	no
Act no. <b>251/2012</b> Coll. on Energy	no
Act no. <b>321/2014</b> Coll. on energy efficiency	no
Act no. <b>609/2007</b> Coll. on excise duty on electricity, coal and natural gas	no
Act no. <b>555/2005</b> Coll. on energy efficiency of buildings	no
Act no. <b>260/2025</b> Coll on targeted energy aid	no
RONI Decree no. <b>490/2009</b> Coll., laying down details on the support of RES	no
RONI Decree no. <b>92/2023</b> Coll., laying down the conditions of the tender procedure for the provision of electricity storage facility services	no
RONI Decree no. <b>207/2023</b> Coll., establishing the rules for the functioning of the internal electricity market	no
RONI Decree no. <b>208/2023</b> Coll., establishing the rules for the functioning of the internal natural gas market	no
RONI Decree no. <b>230/2023</b> Coll., establishing the content requirements of the distribution system development plan	no
RONI Decree no. <b>285/2012</b> Coll., establishing price regulation for the supply of natural gas to small businesses	no
RONI Decree no. <b>147/2024</b> Coll., establishing price regulation of regulated activities in the gas industry	no
RONI Decree no. <b>154/2024</b> 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. <b>278/2012</b> Coll., establishing quality standards for gas storage, gas transportation, gas distribution and gas supply	no
RONI Decree no. <b>236/2016</b> Coll., establishing quality standards for electricity transmission, electricity distribution and electricity supply	no
RONI Decree no. <b>284/2012</b> 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. <b>599/2009</b> Coll., implementing certain provisions of the Act on the support of RES	no
Decree of the Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic no. <b>270/2012</b> 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. <b>416/2012</b> 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. <b>106/2019</b> 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. <b>202/2019</b> 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. <b>354/2025</b> Coll. on criteria for the development of wind energy	no
Government Regulation of the Slovak Republic No. <b>353/2025</b> Coll., implementing certain provisions of the Act on targeted energy support.	yes
Government Regulation No. <b>359/2025</b> 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.	yes

## THERMAL ENERGY

Act no. <b>657/2004</b> Coll., on thermal energy	no
RONI Decree no. <b>312/2022</b> Coll., establishing price regulation in thermal energy	no
RONI Decree no. <b>277/2012</b> Coll., establishing heat supply quality standards	no
RONI Decree no. <b>328/2005</b> 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. <b>146/2024</b> 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. <b>167/2025</b> Coll., establishing the templates of applications for business activities in heat energy	
Decree of the Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic no. <b>151/2005</b> 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. <b>152/2005</b> 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. <b>15/2016</b> 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. <b>503/2022</b> 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. <b>308/2016</b> 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. <b>14/2016</b> 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

#### ■ **Fourth Amendment to the Regulation on Targeted Energy Assistance**

**14 January 2026** – The Government of the Slovak Republic adopted an amendment to Government Regulation No. 353/2025 Coll. on targeted energy assistance (Amendment No. 4/2026 Coll.), effective as of 16 January 2026. This round of changes primarily focuses on heat supply in apartment buildings and responds to practical issues identified in the delivery of energy vouchers and in the assessment of households' eligibility.

The amendment **expands the range of households** eligible for assistance. A heat supply point now also includes apartments disconnected from the central heating system, provided that they derive indirect benefit from heat and contribute to the fixed component of heating costs. The **identification of heat supply points is simplified** through the use of the building registration number. Where direct delivery of an energy voucher to a household is not feasible, the amendment allows **delivery through the property owner** to ensure that assistance is not forfeited due to technical reasons.

The amendment also specifically adjusts the level of assistance for heat. Households in disconnected apartments benefiting indirectly from heat will receive 25% of the value of the energy voucher. The rules for one-off assistance are further clarified: where the amount does not exceed 20 EUR, assistance will be provided via postal money order; if the annual value of assistance does not reach 5 EUR, no energy voucher will be issued. The amendment also introduces transitional provisions for 2026, under which compliance with eligibility conditions for selected households will be assessed by 31 January 2026.

The full wording of the amendment to the Regulation is available [HERE](#). *(Available only in the Slovak language version)*

#### ■ **Third Amendment to the Government Regulation on Regulated Energy Prices for 2026**

**9 January 2026** – The Government of the Slovak Republic adopted an amendment to Government Regulation No. 359/2025 Coll., which expands and clarifies the application of maximum energy prices for 2026. The amendment is effective as of 15 January 2026 and aims to protect additional categories of heat consumers who are not eligible for targeted energy assistance from disproportionate price increases.

Under the amendment, the maximum price for regulated heat supply will also apply to selected residential buildings, in particular apartment buildings owned by municipalities, higher territorial units and their established organisations, apartment buildings within the state-supported rental housing scheme, as well as certain specific residential buildings and apartment buildings owned by the State or state-owned companies. At the same time, the continuation of price caps for selected vulnerable electricity and gas consumers is confirmed.

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For these groups, the maximum heat price for 2026 is linked to a cap on the permitted increase in heat prices. This means that, even in the absence of targeted energy assistance, unlimited price increases will not be allowed. The amendment also includes a transitional provision stipulating that the new rules will apply to the entire calendar year 2026, thereby preventing uncertainties in heat billing.

The full wording of the amendment to the Regulation is available [HERE](#). *(Available only in the Slovak language version.)*

## 2.2 REGULATORY OFFICE FOR NETWORK INDUSTRIES (RONI)

### ■ RONI supports PPA Contracts

**26 January 2026** – RONI emphasised its support for long-term Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) as a key instrument for the sustainable development of renewable energy sources in Slovakia.

PPAs are contracts concluded between an electricity producer and an off-taker, setting a fixed price and supply conditions for electricity for a period typically ranging from 5 to 20 years. Such long-term arrangements provide certainty for both parties – producers benefit from a stable outlet for their electricity, while consumers gain price predictability and protection against market volatility.

In this context, the Chairman of RONI stated that PPA contracts represent an efficient mechanism to support domestic renewable energy producers and may also assist strategic consumers, including industrial undertakings such as SLOVALCO, in maintaining their competitiveness. RONI further stressed that Slovakia has specific conditions and significant potential for utilising its domestic renewable energy resources, and therefore supports the conclusion of PPA agreements not only for solar and wind projects, but also for other types of renewable energy sources.

The regulatory authority remains ready to continue dialogue with industry stakeholders, producers and legislators in order to foster a stable and predictable framework for long-term energy solutions.

The topic of PPA agreements and what not to overlook when concluding them is available [in our article](#). *(Available only in the Slovak language version)*

More details are available in the full article on the website [HERE](#). *(Available only in the Slovak language version)*

### ■ RONI: RES Producers in prolongation warned of risk of repayment of funds

**23 January 2026** – RONI published a notice addressed to electricity producers from renewable energy sources (RES) benefiting from extended support (“prolongation”). The regulator emphasises that producers who opted to enter the extended support period and whose electricity price was consequently reduced were required to use the granted financial

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resources for investments in their facilities, within the prescribed scope, in a timely and demonstrable manner.

RONI has also published detailed **guidance on how producers must substantiate the actually incurred investment costs** related to necessary repairs or modifications of the technological part of their installations during the extended support period:

- 1. Expert opinion (valuation report):** The actually incurred and economically justified costs must be documented by an expert report pursuant to Section 45(5) of RONI Decree No. 154/2024 Coll., assessing the costs in EUR.
- 2. Investment deadline:** The costs must be incurred no later than within the first five years following entry into the extended support period (typically from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2026).
- 3. Qualified expert:** The report must be prepared by an expert registered in the official list of experts in the field of Electrical Engineering and Energy pursuant to Act No. 382/2004 Coll.

According to RONI, the expert report must include:

- Determination of the actually incurred costs and their expression as a percentage ratio relative to the costs proposed in the price decision;
- Assessment of the economic justification of these costs in accordance with applicable legislation;
- The date of completion of works related to the repair or modification of the technological part of the installation.

If the percentage of actually incurred costs reaches 100% or more, RONI will issue a confirmation that the conditions have been fulfilled. If producers fail to demonstrate investments in the full required amount, the authority will determine, based on inspection findings, the amount to be repaid to the support settlement entity. Any non-invested portion must be reimbursed in full.

More details are available in the full article on the website [HERE](#). *(Available only in the Slovak language version)*

*The basic information about the prolongation can be found [in our earlier article](#). (Available only in the Slovak language version)* How the prolongation of RES support was adopted and what it means, we also analysed [in our next earlier article](#). *(Available in English language version)*

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## ■ **RONI considering introduction of the Water-Sector Regulatory Model in district Heating**

**19 January 2026** – RONI has initiated an expert discussion on the possible extension of the so-called water-sector regulatory model to the district heating sector. The proposal draws inspiration from the long-standing regulatory approach applied in the water management

sector, where a clear separation between fixed and variable price components is implemented. According to RONI, such a structure could enhance transparency and simplify annual billing in the heat sector.

In practice, the fixed component would cover genuinely non-variable costs (e.g. personnel expenses and a reasonable profit margin), while the variable component would reflect fluctuating costs such as fuel purchases or repairs. The objective is to create a more predictable and transparent pricing framework for heat supply.

More details are available in the full article on the website [HERE](#). *(Available only in the Slovak language version)*

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

### ■ **MoE SR: New Agreement with the United States opens access to nuclear energy know-how for Slovakia**

**16 January 2026** – The Slovak Republic signed an intergovernmental agreement with the United States on cooperation in the field of civil nuclear energy. The agreement provides Slovakia with access to advanced U.S. know-how, technologies, research and education in the nuclear sector.

The agreement establishes a comprehensive framework for long-term cooperation and aims to strengthen professional capacities in the areas of nuclear safety, the nuclear fuel cycle and the development of nuclear technologies.

More details are available in the full announcement [HERE](#). *(Available only in the Slovak language version)*

### ■ **MoE SR: Distribution of energy vouchers for households connected to District Heating begins**

**7 January 2026** – MoE SR has launched the process of generating and distributing energy vouchers intended to partially compensate increased prices of heat and hot water supplied through district heating systems ("CZT" in Slovak what means – centralised heat supply). The assistance is targeted and granted automatically to households meeting the eligibility criteria, without the need to submit an application.

Distribution of the vouchers is ensured by Slovenská pošta (The Slovak post office) and will take place gradually over the course of several weeks. The value of the first voucher corresponds to one quarter of the annual compensation for the initial months of 2026. Its amount depends on the apartment's floor area and the price zone of the respective heat supplier. Additional vouchers are expected following a reassessment of eligibility in April 2026.

More details are available in the full announcement [HERE](#). *(Available only in the Slovak language version)*

## 2.4 SHORT-TERM ELECTRICITY MARKET OPERATOR (OKTE)

### ■ **OKTE announces 24th auction of Guarantees of Origin for Electricity**

**22 January 2026** – OKTE published information on the twenty-fourth electronic auction of guarantees of origin for electricity generated from renewable energy sources (RES) and from high-efficiency cogeneration. The auction was intended for entities registered in the OKTE information system that have concluded the relevant agreement on the issuance and use of guarantees of origin, including the auction addendum.

**The auction took place on 5 February 2026** in the form of electronic bid submission within a specified time window. The subject of the auction consisted of guarantees of origin linked to electricity generated in supported installations in accordance with the applicable legislation.

Detailed information on participation conditions, the auction procedure and the offered volumes is available [on OKTE's website](#). *(Available in English language version)*

### ■ **OKTE: launch of public consultation on amendments to the OKTE Operation Order**

**14 January 2026** – OKTE announced the launch of a public consultation on proposed amendments to its Operation Order, affecting several key areas of market operation.

The proposed changes include in particular:

- **the discontinuation of organising auctions for guarantees of origin** in cases of electricity generated by installations that have received support in the form of feed-in premiums or surcharges, or investment aid granted outside a competitive procedure, to the extent of the intensity of such aid pursuant to the Act on RES and High-Efficiency Cogeneration;
- **the regulation of invoicing and billing data** exclusively within the OKTE Operation Order, rather than through separate contractual arrangements;
- **amendments to the conditions for electricity sharing**, including the introduction of a maximum installed capacity limit of 6 MW for the generation facility of an active customer (unless the entity qualifies as an SME) from which electricity is to be shared;
- **adjustments to certain technical data** set out in the annexes to the Operation Order.

The deadline for submitting comments was **28 January 2026**. The proposed amendments were **published** in tracked-change mode compared to the current version of the Operation Order. *(Available only in the Slovak language version)*

During the public consultation, three comments were submitted, of which one was accepted. The text of the comments together with OKTE's responses is publicly available [HERE](#), as well as the updated version of the Operation Order reflecting the accepted amendment [HERE](#).

Further details are available [HERE](#). *(Available in English language version)*

## 2.5 SLOVAK ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION SYSTEM (SEPS)

### ■ SEPS: Public consultation on amendments to the Operational Rules

**13 January 2026** – SEPS launched a public consultation on proposed amendments to the **Operational Rules** (PPS). The objective is to update the rules governing operation of and connection to the transmission system, reflect technological and market developments, and refine existing regulatory practice.

The proposed amendments primarily concern flexible connection arrangements, more efficient utilisation of connection capacity, adjustments to contractual procedures, clarification of sanction mechanisms and updates to standardised forms. The proposal also includes additional information regarding planned capacity auctions. The public consultation took place from **14 to 27 January 2026**.

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

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