

Albania exported 1,868 Gigawatt hours (GWh) of electricity in 2016, registering an increase by almost twice as much compared to 2015, National Institute of Statistics (INSTAT) has said.

According to INSTAT, the export growth came as a result of the favorable hydro conditions but also due to the increased power generation capacities of the country over the past few years.

INSTAT data also showed that net domestic electricity production was estimated at around 7,136 GWh in 2016 from 5,866 GWh produced in 2015, a year-on-year growth of 22 percent. Electricity from the private hydro-power plants accounted for 29 percent of the total production, compared with 24 percent in 2015, statistics confirmed.

On the other hand, power losses in the national transmission and distribution networks were reduced to around 28 percent, down from 30.2 percent registered in 2015.

According to INSTAT, electricity losses were mainly technical losses due to deterioration of the aging distribution and transmission assets.

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