

Bosnia's government said it has adopted the country's first energy efficiency action plan. The 2016-2018 action plan was adopted in line with the country's obligations as a member of the Energy Community, the Council of Ministers said in a statement on Monday. The plan includes measures to increase energy efficiency in the fields of electricity and energy production, as well as new measures in the fields of transmission and distribution of electricity and gas.

"The implementation of energy efficiency measures and programmes will create conditions for new investments in this area, which will help Bosnia and Herzegovina secure a better position on the energy map of Europe", the state-level government said.

The Energy Community said last month that Bosnia and Herzegovina is a victim of its own constitutional framework, as reform of the country's energy sector remains deadlocked despite sanctions adopted earlier.

In 2015, the ministerial council of the organisation imposed sanctions on Bosnia, but to no avail, as political will is preventing progress in the country from taking off the ground, the secretariat of the Energy Community said in its 2016/2017 annual implementation report published in November.

The Vienna-based Energy Community was established by an international law treaty in October 2005 with the key aim to extend the EU internal energy market to Southeast Europe and beyond on the basis of a legally binding framework. As of July 1, 2013, the parties to the treaty are the European Union and Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia and Ukraine.

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