

## German Juwi renewables company completes solar power projects at three sites in Turkey

The German maker of solar and wind-powered energy facilities Juwi said it had completed a series of small solar power plants of a total power of 19.7 MW at three sites in Turkey. The small solar plants which do not require licenses since they each have less than one MW of installed power were built within two separate projects in the towns of Konya and Nevşehir in Anatolia and the town of Burdur in the southeast of the country.

The solar plants in Konya and Nevşehir have a total power of 18.6 MW in 18 separate solar facilities. Eight of those power producing facilities are in Konya and another 10 have been built in Nevşehir, some 200 kilometers to the southeast. That project cost a total of USD 23.5 million which was invested by the Turkish Koyuncu Group energy company.

The project was realized by the local branch of the German company Juwi Yenilenebilir Enerji A.Ş. The Juwi company has been actively present in Turkey since 2014.

The solar plants cover a total area of 110,000 square meters and are planned to produce 30 million kWh annually.

The agreement on both solar facility projects was signed by representatives of Juwi and the Koyuncu group at the Solarex trade fair in Istanbul in 2016.

Korhan Göğüş, general manager of the Juwi branch in Turkey, said at the handing over of the solar power facilities to the Koyuncu Group that Turkey has a huge potential to develop the production of power from renewable sources. "We are just at the beginning of a long road, in particular with regard to the country's target for solar energy," he said. Experts have valued the solar power market in Turkey at some USD 10 billion.

Turkey plans to reach the level of 5 GW of solar power production capacities by the year 2023. According to official data from the Turkish association of solar power producers Gunder, solar power plants in the country had a totaled installed power of 1,503 MW, including 1,491.7 MW of installed power in plants with less than 1 MW of power which do not require licences.

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