

Slovakian company Energotex signed deals with Sombor municipality and farms suppliers for its biogas power plants in this Serbian city.

Sombor Mayor Saša Todorović signed a cooperation protocol with owners of two farms in city territory's villages of Aleksa Šantić and Stanišić and with Jozef Balko, owner of Slovakian company Energotex SK s. r. o. from Dolni Kubin for a long-term power production from renewable sources.

Construction of two biogas-powered plants, of 1.5 MW capacity each, should start in the second half of this year, the Slovakian-Serbian Chamber of Commerce said.

Energotex would invest more than 12 million euros through the summer of 2016, Balko said, with a plan to produce 20 GWh of power a year from 20,000 tons of agricultural biomass from 300 hectares. He added the preparations lasted two years.

Mayor Todorović said the city authority's idea is to be the third partner, the one to guarantee the investment would be completed as soon as possible. The city, as the entity providing state agricultural land for lease, shall launch several incentives for users to give excess biomass to foreign investors, he said.