

Serbia has become a wind producer with the official start to operations this week of the 9.9MW Kula wind farm in the province of Vojvodina, in the north of the country. The Kula wind farm was inaugurated in the presence of Serbian energy minister Aleksandar Antic. It was developed by MK Fintel Wind, a joint venture 54% controlled by Italy's Fintel Energia Group and 46% by Serbian conglomerate MK Group. MK Fintel Wind said it invested about €15 million in the project, which comprises three Vestas V117 3.3MW turbines. MK Fintel Wind is now constructing a second wind farm in Serbia - the 6.6MW La Piccolina project in Vrsac, also located in Vojvodina province - and expects to commission this in 2016. Serbia is a member of the European Energy Community and a candidate for joining the EU. The country has committed to renewable energy targets in an action plan. It is aiming for 500MW of wind capacity by 2020.