

## Turkey sets October 23 as bidding deadline for world's largest offshore wind farm

The deadline to bid for Turkey's first and the world's largest offshore wind farm has been set at October 23.

The 1.2 GW offshore wind farm will need to be built using equipment sourced at least 60% in Turkey, while no less than 80% of engineers to be employed on the project are to be Turkish nationals, energy minister Berat Albayrak has said, according to reports. The price of 1 MWh has been capped at USD 8, with bidders to compete in a reverse auction.

At the end of 2017, Turkey had a total of 207 wind energy farms with a total installed capacity of 6,516 MW, according to data from the Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources.

In 2017, electricity production from wind energy amounted to 17,909 GWh, or 6.06% of the country's overall electricity output.

Turkey plans tenders for 10 GW of solar and 10 GW of wind capacity in the next 10 years as a part of its Renewable Energy Resource Zone project, according to earlier reports. Source: balkangreenenergynews