

AUCTION FOR SMALL WIND AND PV INSTALLATIONS.

Pursuant to the auction timetable agreed with the Ministry of the Climate, on December 3, 2020, the last of the eight RES auctions planned for this year took place. It was dedicated to new small onshore wind and photovoltaic Installations.

The results of this auction were announced by the President of the ERO after 15 days, on 18 December 2020.

In the auction, 11 747 067,808 MWh of the 11 760 000 MWh offered and PLN 3 024 791 586,87 of the budget of PLN 4 500 000 000 were contracted. Support was granted to 747 projects of 1618 bids placed. The highest winning bid in the solar and wind basket of up to 1 MW (the so-called cut-off price) was PLN 268,88 per MWh, while the lowest bid placed was PLN 222,87 per MWh.

In comparison, in 2018 and 2019 the minimum and maximum prices at which electricity produced in renewable energy sources was "sold" at auction in the small installations basket were:

	Maximum price in 2018	Minimum price in 2018	Number of winning bids in 2018	Maximum price in 2019	Minimum price in 2019	Number of winning bids in 2019
Wind and PV installations with power below 1 MW	364.99 PLN/MWh	288.99 PLN/MWh	554	327 PLN/MWh	269 PLN/MWh	759

The reference prices in force in this basket (i.e. the highest prices at which bids could be submitted were:

- for wind installations (no greater than 1 MW) – 320 PLN/MWh (in 2019 it was also 320 PLN/MWh);
- for PV installations (no greater than 1 MWh) – 360 PLN/MWh (in 2019 it was 385 PLN/MWh).

Comparison of selected parameters in the auctions of 2018, 2019 and 2020

	Reference price in 2018	Range of prices in winning auction bids 2018	Reference price in 2019	Range of prices in winning auction bids 2019	Reference price in 2020	Range of prices in winning auction bids 2020
small onshore wind farms (\leq 1MW)	350 PLN/MWh	288,99 PLN/MWh – 364,99 PLN/MWh	320 PLN/MWh	269 PLN/MWh - 327 PLN/MWh	320 PLN/MWh	222,87 PLN/MWh - 268,88 PLN/MWh
small PV projects (\leq 1MW)	420 PLN/MWh		385 PLN/MWh		360 PLN/MWh	

RES auctions in 2021

At the beginning of December 2020 the Ministry of Climate updated the ordinance on the maximum quantity and value of electricity produced from RES, which may be sold by auction in 2021. The ordinance should be adopted still in 2020.

The assumptions to the draft ordinance show that auctions in 2021 will contribute to the creation of almost 2,570 MW of new production capacities. The highest volume is proposed for photovoltaics - 1,800 MW.

The ministry estimates that thanks to the auctions in 2021, installations using the following volumes of energy will be created:

- onshore wind energy (> 1 MW) - 600 MW,
- solar power (> 1 MW) - 800 MW,
- solar power (\leq 1 MW) - 1000 MW.

The above-mentioned quantities of power apply only to new installations. No sale of electricity produced in existing installations is planned.

The total estimated volume of energy intended to be sold by auction in 2021 in the 15-year period of support is 69 591 800 MWh, including 69 091 800 MWh from new installations and 500 000 MWh from existing installations.

The total maximum value of the above-mentioned volumes in the 15-year period of support is PLN 24 612 755 000, including PLN 24 277 755 000 as regards new installations and PLN 335 000 000 as regards existing installations.

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