

Electricity regulations Ljubljana

Borzen announces that the new Rules for the Operation of the Electricity Market, which will enter into force on 1 January 2023, have been published in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia 163/2022.

Are you looking for information on electricity law and regulation in Slovenia? This CMS Expert Guide provides you with everything you need to know.

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The new Energy Act (the Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia, No 17/2014) entered into force on 22 March 2014. This act transposes a number of EU directives concerning electricity and gas markets, energy efficiency and renewable energy sources.

The electricity market is hierarchically organised into a Balance Scheme. Any legal or natural person who wants to actively operate in the Slovenian electricity market is required to become a member of the Balance Scheme.

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Members of the Balance Scheme may operate in the electricity market in the following capacities:

The members of the Balance Scheme also include the combined transmission and distribution system operator, the energy exchange and the Eco Group (set up by Borzen's Centre for Support).

The membership and structure of the Balance Scheme are determined by the balancing agreements concluded with the Market Operator and compensation agreements concluded with the Balance Scheme members. The Market Operator, which is the head of the Balance Scheme, ensures the delivery of balancing energy to the Balance Groups through balancing agreements. The physical balancing of the electricity system is carried out by the combined transmission and distribution system operator ELES. The Market Operator manages the record of the Balance Scheme membership agreements, keeps them up-to-date and publishes them publicly on its website.

There are two ways for market participants to join the Balance Scheme:

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