



REPUBLIKA E SHQIPËRISË
ENERGY REGULATORY AUTHORITY
BOARD

DECISION

No. 131, dated 21.05.2026

ON

**ON THE INITIATION OF THE PROCEDURE FOR AMENDING ERE BOARD
DECISION NO. 139, DATED 14.04.2023, "ON THE APPROVAL OF THE
PERMITTED MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM PRICE LIMITS FOR THE DAY-
AHEAD MARKET"**

Pursuant to Articles 16, 18, (1), letter “a” and “dh”; 19, letter “a”; 57 and 98 of Law no. 43/2015 “*On Power Sector*”, as amended; point 3.5 of Council of Minister Decision no. 519, dated 13.07.2016 “*On the approval of the Electric Power Market Model*”, as amended; as well as Article 15 of the *Regulation on ERE organization, operation and procedures*, approved with ERE Board Decision no. 96, dated 17.06.2016; *the Electricity Market Rules (General conditions, Definitions, Trading procedures, as well as Clearing and Settlement Procedures)*, approved with ERE Board Decision no. 347, dated 27.12.2022, as amended; the ERE Board, at its meeting held on 21.05.2026, after reviewing the report no. 957/5 dated 18.05.2026, prepared by Market Monitoring and Development of Renewable Resources Directorate “*On the initiation of the procedure for an amendment on ERE Board Decision no. 139, dated 14.04.2023, “On approving the permitted minimum and maximum price limit of the day ahead market”*”,

Considering that:

- ERE Board with Decision no. 139, dated 14.04.2023, approved the permitted minimum and maximum price limits applicable to the Day-Ahead Market operating in non-market coupling mode, as follows: - the Permitted Maximum Price Limit for the Day Ahead Market: + 900 €/MWh. – the Permitted Minimum Price Limit for the Day Ahead Market: 0 €/MWh.
- Following the operation of the Albanian Power Exchange “ALPEX” in the day ahead market are applied the abovementioned limits for the market operation in the Albanian bidding area.
- “ALPEX” company, with the official letter no. 170, dated 18.03.2026, ERE protocol no. 957, dated 24.03.2026, submitted the proposal for the amendment of ERE Board decision no. 139, dated 14.04.2023, *proposing that the maximum price limit remain at +900 €/MWh, while the minimum price limit be revised from 0 €/MWh to -50 €/MWh.*
- Following this application, ERE, with the official letter no. 957/3, dated 09.04.2026, required to "ALPEX" company to submit detailed arguments regarding the proposed value of about -50 €/MWh as the permitted minimum price limit for Day Ahead Market.

- “ALPEX” company, with the official letter no. 217/1, dated 24.04.2026, ERE protocol no. 957/4 dated 29.04.2026, submitted the additional arguments notifying that: (i) in the European market, the second auction mechanism has been completely phased out within the Single Day-Ahead Coupling (SDAC) since January 2025.; (ii) negative prices are an integral part of free formation of the clearing price in the electricity European markets; (iii) the orders with negative price bids have been observed on ALPEX since 2024 and their frequency has been increasing. on “ALPEX” company since 2024 period and are increasing.
- On the trading day 05.05.2024 for delivery day 06.05.2024 four Market Time Units (MTUs) recorded a market clearing price of -20 €/MWh, while for the trading day 06.05.2024 delivery day 07.05.2024 two MTUs recorded a clearing price of -500 €/MWh.
- During January 2026 period until 18 April 2026 thirteen cases were recorded in which the market clearing price reached the minimum permitted limit of 0 €/MWh, indicating that the used mechanism did not affect the achievement of its objective and in any of these cases the exchange members have not changed their bids during the activation of the second auction, indicating that the second auction mechanism did not achieve its intended purpose.
- Provision B.2.3.1 of the Trading Procedure of the “Electricity Market Rules” defines that the procedure for a Second Auction is enabled by ALPEX where the market clearing price reaches or exceeds the permitted minimum and maximum price limit for the Day Ahead Market
- The total volume traded from “ALPEX” company for 2025 in the Day Ahead Market for both bidding areas is 1,641,291 MWh, representing an increase of approximately 39% compared with 2024, as evidence of expansion and progressive maturity of the market.
- On 07 February 2025, "ALPEX" company was admitted as an observer to the Single Day-Ahead Coupling (SDAC), however full membership, above all, requires gradual harmonization with the European market practices, including the acceptance of negative prices.
- The Serbian power exchange SEEPEX, introduced negative prices in both the Day-Ahead and Intraday Markets from May 2026, confirming the regional trend toward the full liberalization of price formation.
- Regarding the geographical scope of the application of these limits, “ALPEX” company assessed that, in the current conditions of operating as a coupled market between the bidding areas of Albania and Kosovo, the permitted minimum and maximum price limits for the Day Ahead Market shall apply equally in both the Albanian and Kosovo bidding zones and for this purpose it is notified the Energy Regulatory Office (ERO) in Kosovo on 16.04.2026.
- The proposed review is methodologically based on Article 41(1) of the European Commission Regulation no. 2015/1222, dated 24.07.2015 “Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/1222 establishing a Guideline on Capacity Allocation and Congestion Management (CACM)”, as well as the practices followed by the European Power Exchanges.

- The review of the Permitted Minimal Price Limit for the Day Ahead Market from 0 €/MWh to -50 €/MWh is proposed as an interim measure, subject to further review in light of future market developments and the progressive alignment of ALPEX with regional and European electricity markets. For this reason, it is assessed the initiation of the procedure, subject to public consultation process with the stakeholders, in conformity with ERE rules for the consultation of regulatory acts before the Board takes the final decision on the proposed amendment.

Decides:

1. To initiate the procedure for amending ERE Board Decision No. 139/2023 by revising the permitted minimum price limit for the Day-Ahead Market from 0 €/MWh to -50 €/MWh, while maintaining the maximum price limit at +900 €/MWh.
2. The Market Monitoring and Development of Renewable Resources Directorate shall notify ALPEX, the Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy, and other stakeholders of this Decision.

This Decision shall enter into force immediately.

Any party to this procedure may request a review of this Decision of the ERE Board within 7 (seven) calendar days from the date of its receipt, where new evidence is submitted that may lead the Board to reach a different conclusion or where material errors are identified. An appeal against this Decision may be lodged with the Administrative Court of First Instance of General Jurisdiction in Tirana within 30 (thirty) calendar days from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

This decision is published in the Official Gazette.

ERE CHAIRMAN

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