

## **ENERGIJA HEP AND DALEKOVOD ARE ENGAGED IN CONSTRUCTION OF WIND POWER PLANTS**

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### **Croatia is a big European hit for wind power parks**

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President of the Management Board of HEP, Ivan Mravak, and President of Management Board, Luka Miličić, signed yesterday in Cavtat an Agreement on Co-operation in Construction of Wind Power Plants in Croatia. The first results of co-operation shall be visible by the end of the following year, by which time a 60 MW wind farm should be constructed in the Zadar hinterland.

Investment shall amount to 130 to 140 million euros, while total power of installed wind power plants shall be 100 MW.

### **Power Test**

Tests of wind velocity on 15 to 20 locations in Croatia where potentials for future wind power plants exist are underway- asserts Luka Miličić. A special company "Dalekovod eco" has been founded with the intention to focus on construction of such projects in Croatia, and maybe abroad.

- The time is ripe for starting co-operation on projects that are becoming ever more profitable worldwide, and not only to import technology and enable thereby the foreigners to earn money in Croatia, asserts Miličić. This joint investment is only a part of large interest in investments in wind power plants in Croatia. It sounds almost unbelievable that the Ministry of Economy has received so many applications for construction of wind power parks in Croatia so that their total power would even exceed 1800 MW. And this is twice the total power of Krško nuclear power plant.

### **State subsidies**

Croatia has become the biggest hit for wind power in this part of Europe and everyone wants to get as soon as possible a permit for construction of wind farms. And even the state subsidy system for renewable energy resources, that has been applied since recently, shall give additional impetus to future projects.

- In Croatia fight for wind farm locations has been taking place. Four or even more potential investors apply for one location only, which speaks in favor of future investment prospects- says Željko Tomšić, Assistant to Minister of Economy who is in charge of Power Supply. Therefore, creation of a special register of potential investors in Croatian wind power plants is anticipated very soon.