

## Energy Strategy of the Republic of Croatia



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### **ABSTRACT**

Energy system in Croatia in the last several years made a significant shift to clean energy and decarbonization. New Energy strategy, that was adopted in February 2020 shows clearly boost of renewable energy in the next ten years. It is planned to reach more than 2.400 MW of wind and solar renewable energy till 2030 what will rise share of renewable energy to 36,4% of RES in gross energy consumption. Strategy also promote measures of energy efficiency and commercialization of new technologies. It will be supplemented with document called Zero Scenario of Croatia as a part of Croatian zero emission strategy that will be produced to boost complete decarbonization of Croatian economy till 2050. Another strategic document, National Energy and Climate Plan (NECP) made as an obligation regarding Regulation (EU) 2018/1999 on the Governance of the Energy Union and Climate Action support decarbonization of energy sector in Croatia. NECP contains 102 measures related with all five pillars of Energy union (Energy Security, Integrated Energy Market, Energy efficiency, Decarbonization and Research, innovation and competitiveness). Decarbonization is presented by 65 measures. NECP is completely harmonized with new Energy Strategy and in compliance with New Green Deal, presented by the European Commission in December 2019. So, it can be concluded that Croatian new energy strategy is fully in compliance with new green EU policy and will be one of main pillars of new decarbonized economy in Croatia.