

The state will work on making the heating plants in Serbia more efficient and modern, ie to be completely decarbonized, as well as the entire energy sector, the Minister of Mining and Energy Zorana Mihajlović stated today. Speaking at the 28th session of the Assembly of the Business Association of the Heating Plant of Serbia in the Serbian Chamber of Commerce, Mihajlović said that the heating plants emit 1.2 million tons of carbon dioxide annually.

“I think it’s still too much and I believe that we will do it through our joint plans, because we can’t heat alone, neither can the state alone, but we will work together through all projects and programs worth more than several hundred million euros. On the one hand, we should reduce emissions, and on the other hand, those heating plants should become even more efficient and use renewable energy sources,” said Mihajlović.

She stated that the Association of Heating Plants of Serbia is a partner of the state and citizens, adding that without thermal energy, one cannot talk about the existence of the energy sector.

We have to turn much more, and I think that as a state we have made the basis for that, the green agenda and green energy, because there is still a lot of coal and fuel oil in our heating plants, so that must change. More than half of our the heating plant uses gas, but I believe that in the period ahead of us, the heating plants will start using renewable energy sources,” stated Mihajlović.

The President of the Assembly of the Business Association of the Heating Plant of Serbia, Goran Aleksić, says that the presence of Minister Mihajlović at today’s assembly means that the energy sector is at a specific time.

“The weather has deteriorated, it has started to snow in Belgrade as well, and the time of the pandemic and post-pandemic energy and other strikes that are happening require us to solve problems in a partnership,” said Aleksić.

He points out that the heating plants of Serbia heat about 650,000 houses and apartments and about two million people, which is why, he says, they deserve full attention so that their task could be successfully completed this heating season as well.

Secretary of the Association for Communal Activities of PKS Dalibor Joknić pointed out that PKS will continue to monitor the new challenges in the energy sector, and that in cooperation with the state it will continue to help the economy, heating plants and those involved in distribution.

He stated that PKS will continue to be a catalyst between the state, local self-governments, communal companies and citizens, RTV reports.