



# Renewable energy permitting process in Armenia

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# Background & Relevance

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- Armenia is committed to expanding renewable energy (RE) capacity as part of its sustainable development and energy independence strategy. A well-functioning and transparent permitting process is critical to enabling the growth of solar, wind, and other renewable technologies. This presentation outlines key challenges and proposes regulatory and institutional improvements.

# Current Challenges in Permitting

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- Fragmented legal and institutional landscape creates inconsistent application of procedures.
- Different authorities require separate documentation, leading to redundant efforts.
- Lack of digital systems results in paper-based tracking and poor inter-agency visibility.
- Permitting timeframes are unpredictable, reducing investor confidence.

# Lack of Institutional Understanding

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- RES technologies are evolving quickly, but many authorities lack up-to-date technical knowledge.
- Training and technical capacity building are not standardized or continuous.
- Absence of integrated guidance manuals or support tools leads to subjective interpretations of requirements.

# Consequences of the Complexity

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- Investment projects are delayed due to prolonged permitting.
- Risking energy targets

# Local Approach by the state

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- PSRC supports transparent permitting through regulatory streamlining and capacity building.
- Promoting unified timelines and documentation templates across relevant agencies.
- Advocating for a digital tracking platform to increase transparency and predictability.
- Armenia has introduced the e-Urban system, an online platform that supports construction permit submissions and urban planning processes. Although primarily designed for urban development, it has potential for integration with RES permitting to improve coordination, reduce physical paperwork, and ensure consistent application of planning regulations across regions.

# Key Recommendations

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- Create a centralized one-stop-shop for RE permitting with digital access and tracking.
- Develop joint guidance documents and training for national and local institutions.
- Establish fixed timelines for all major permitting steps.
- Introduce feedback loops between project developers and public institutions to reduce misunderstandings.

# Call to Action

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- National and regional cooperation is essential to reform permitting structures.
- Commitment to simplification, transparency, and stakeholder engagement will ensure Armenia meets its strategic energy goals.





# THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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