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### WHAT IS THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE REGIONAL ENERGY MARKETS PROJECT?

USAID's Development of Regional Energy Markets (DREM) Project is a three-year activity launched in December 2017 that works with the Government of North Macedonia (GONM) to comply with European Union (EU) energy policies, and regulations and translate relevant EU legislation into national legislation. The overall goal of the project is to enhance the enabling environment in the energy sector and establish the legal framework for an open, transparent and vibrant energy market while improving energy services to households and industry, thus strengthening the energy security of the country.

The Project provides technical assistance to the GONM to fully comply and align national legislation with the third EU Energy Package and Energy Community (EC) requirements, with the EU Energy Efficiency Directive (EED) as well as help streamline the investment process for renewables and introduce new initiative schemes in transparent, non-discriminatory and market based procedures.

### WHAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED?

- In May 2018, the GONM adopted a new Energy Law that is fully compliant with the Third Energy Package.
- The Energy Community Secretariat discontinued two cases against North Macedonia and withdrew a reasoned opinion submitted to the Ministerial Council following the adoption of a new Energy Law.
- Drafted a set of secondary legislation on renewable energy that introduces a new incentive scheme to boost investment in renewable energy projects.
- Supported the GONM to draft the rules and organize a competitive tender for the selection of a universal electricity supplier, making North Macedonia the first country in the European Energy Community to do so.
- Drafted national regulations on certification of electricity and gas transmission system operators.
- Drafted national regulations on compensation for damages to producers and consumers caused by interruptions in the transmission and distribution systems.