

Rosatom's Wind Power Plan

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State nuclear corporation Rosatom is planning to expand into wind power and will look for foreign partners to help build farms in the Balkans, Eastern Europe and Ukraine, its equipment head said.

"We are looking for a technology partner. The desire of all world leaders [in wind technology] to take part in the Russian wind power market is there," Vladimir Kashenko, chief executive of Rosatom's equipment unit Atomenergomash, said late Friday.

Russia currently has almost no wind energy turbines because of its vast reserves of oil and gas, but the government has said it now wants 4.5 percent of power to come from renewable resources by 2020. That compares with just 1 percent of total electricity being generated from renewable resources in Russia today, and a European Union 2020 target of 20 percent.

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