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PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS OF A 50 KW PV PLANT IN TOMISLAVGRAD

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Abstract

The article presents technical description and performance analysis of a 50 kW solar PV plant installed on a business facility of JP Elektroprivreda HZ HB in Tomis av red (Bosnia and Herzegovina). The experimental data were recorded from 1st January 2019 to 31st December 2019 based on real time measurements. In that period, the annual PV system production was 63.126 MWh and average horizontal global irradiation at the location in 2019 was found 4.13 kWh/m2/day. The monthly final yield, reference yield and performance ratio have been found to vary from 16.69 kWh/kWp to 177.71 kWh/kWp, 63.64 kW n/k Vp to 214.48 kWh/kWp and 26% to 92% respectively. The annual average capacity factor and overall system efficiency were found to be 14.2% and 14.8% respectively. The paper shows good potential for integration of PV system in this part of Bosnia and Herzegovina and it can be useful to engineers, researchers and investors.

Keywords: PV plant; performing analysis; efficiency.

1. Introduction

Solar energy is an extremely potential source of primary energy. For years, this type of primary energy has been unused due to aig, investment and operating costs and economic unprofitability of investment. The introduction of incentive schemes b is ed to significant exploitation of this source and investment in power plants based on the conversion of solar energy into electricity. Photovoltaic (PV) power plants are used for mass production of electricity, which is transmitted and distributed to every consumer via the electricity network. Unlike a stand-alone or island system in which the projuced electricity is most often stored in batteries, a photovoltaic power plant or a solar photovoltaic power plant is a system that is connected to the grid, i.e. it transmits all produced electricity to the electricity system. They represent one of the most elegant ways to use solar energy, and their work is based on the photovoltaic effect.

If past decade, PV systems for electricity production are having significant growth all over the world. According to [1], total cumulative installed capacity at the end of 2019 globally amounted to at least 627 GW. China has cumulative

capacity 204,7 GW, followed by the European Union (131.3 GW), the USA (75.9 GW), Japan (63.0 GW) and India (42.8 GW) [1]. In the Asia-Pacific region, Australia reached 14.6 GW and Korea 11.2 GW. In the European Union, German, leads with 49.2 GW, followed by Italy (20.8 GW) and the UK (13.3 GW) [1]. Figure 1 shows evolution of regional PV installations in past 20 years in the world.

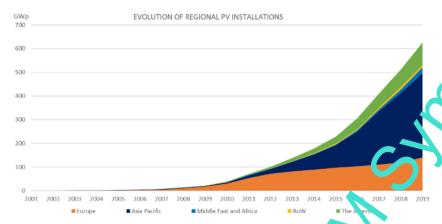


Fig. 1. Evolution of regional PV installations, Source IEA PVPS [1]

As it is shown, Europe was leader in PV installations by 2012 when Asia, kaded by China, India, Japan, Korea and others, started to grow fast and continues to grow still.

Growth of PV installations is significant all over the world and B coin and Herzegovina follows that trend also. Figure 1 shows the regional potential of Europe in terms of global solar rad at on in kWh/m². Bosnia and Herzegovina can be counted among more favourable locations in Europe with solar rad liat on figures on horizontal surface of 1240 kWh/m² in the north of the country, and up to 1600 kWh/m² in the sound.

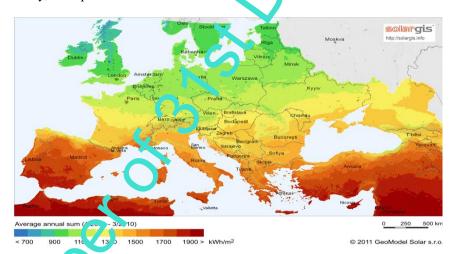


Fig. 2. Global horizontal irradiance in Europe, source SOLARGIS

Growth of PV in tellation, in Bosnia and Herzegovina started in 2012 when the first PV systems were installed. According to [3] there were 22.35 MW of PV installations in 2019 in Bosnia and Herzegovina with growth of 4.2 MW comparing to 2018. In next period it is expected to have a bigger growth in PV systems, so the system performance is very important for potential investors and system designers.

The municipality of Tomislavgrad, where the PV system is installed, is located at about 900 m above sea level in south part of Besnia and Herzegovina and is characterized by a plain field, mountain area, rivers, lakes, forests, pastures and karst and the climate is continental with mean annul ambient temperature round 10 °C. This area is also characterized by snov falls in period December to February.

The analysis presented in [5] shows the potential for usage of solar energy in Sarajevo, since the Tomislavgrad area is it can d further south, it has a greater potential for installation of PV systems. Therefore, the main goal of this paper is 5 show potential for PV systems usage through performance analysis of PV system in Tomislavgrad which can be used by PV system designers, potential investors and researchers.

2. Description of PV plant and approach

Photovoltaic (PV) plant 50 kW is part of building microgrid equipment (together with autonomous 32 kW bat ery system and building as 130 kW load) at building facility of Production Division EP HZ HB in Tomislavgrad which was equipped through the EU project Smart Building - Smart Grid - Smart City (3Smart), financed by European Union from (ERDF, IPA) from the Interreg Danube Transnational Programme [3].

The PV plant is installed on the two parking constructions near the main building (2x69 modules, tilt 15°), or well as on the roof of auxiliary object (28 modules, tilt 27°). Rated power of PV plant is 49.8 kWp, there are in talle 1166 solar modules type Eurener type MVEP 300 (Figure 1). The modules are connected to three DC/AC inverters, wo of them with nominal power of 20 kW, type Fronius Symo 20.0.-3M and one with nominal power of 10 kW type Fronius Symo 10.0.-3M.

The geographical location of the site is 43.679847° (43°40'47.45" N) Latitude and 17.20 73.9° (17°12'2.63" E) Longitude with module orientation of 63° from South. Site elevation is 861 m.



Fig. 3. 50 kW V plant in Tomislavgrad [3]

Technical characteristics of the MEPV 300 sol . podule - dimensions of 1640 x 992 x 40 mm, surface of 1.627 m² (PV module area) in Standard Test Conditions, STC (7=25 °C, I=1000 W/m²) are given in Table 1.

Solar module	Monocrystalline silicon	
Model	MEPV 300	
Maximu. power at STC (Pmax)	300 W	
toch circuit voltage (Voc)	39.75 V	
Short circuit current (Isc)	9.89 A	
Optimum power voltage (Vmp)	32.02 V	
Optimum operating current (Imp)	9.37 A	
Temperature coefficients of Voc	-0.29 % / °C	
Temperature coefficients of Isc	0.039 % / °C	
Temperature coefficients of Pmax	-0.42 % / °C	
Number of cells	60	

Table 1. Technical characteristics of the solar module Eurener MEPV 300

Technical characteristics of the DC/AC inverters are given in Table 2.

INPUT DATA (DC)	Symo 10.0.3-M	Symo 20.0.3-M
Number of MPP trackers	2	2
Max. Input voltage (DC)	1000 V	1000 V
MPP voltage range (U _{mpp min} - U _{mpp max})	270 - 800 V	420 - 800 V
Feed-in start voltage (U _{dc start})	200	200 V
Max. input current (I _{dc max})	27.0 / 16.5 A	33.0 / 27.0 A
Max. PV generator power (P _{dc max})	15 kW _{peak}	30 kW _{peak}
Number of DC connections	3+3	3+3
OUTPUT DATA (AC)	Symo 10.0.3-M	Symo 20.0 3-M
AC nominal output (Pac.r)	10 kW	20 1-W
Max. output power (P _{ac max})	10 kVA	20 LYA
AC output current (I _{ac nom})	14.4 A	28.9 1
Grid connection (Uac.r)	3∼ NPE	?~ NPE 400/230,
	400/230, 3~	J~1 PE 380/220
	NPE 380/220 V	V
AC voltage range (U _{min} - U _{max})	150 - 280 V	150 - 280 V
Frequency (f _r)	50/60 Hz	50/60 Hz
Frequency range $(f_{min} - f_{max})$	50/10117	50/60 Hz
Power factor (cos φ _{ac,r})	0-1 ina. Zap.	0-1 ind./cap.
Total harmonic distortion	1.0 %	1.3 %
Max. efficiency (PV - grid)/ European	98 % / 97.4 %(98.1 % / 97.9 %(
efficiency (ηEU)	1 _{IEU})	$\eta_{\mathrm{EU}})$

Table 2. Technical characteristics of the inverters Frontas Symo 10.0.3-M, and Symo 20.0.3-M

For measuring electrical consumption of building major consumers in the building, measurements from production of photovoltaic cells and battery storage system the new energy meters were installed. For PV plant energy production measurement (integrated in AC cabin to energy meter Siemens type Sentron PAC3200 with PAC Modbus RTU was installed, Figure 2. Measurements from energy meter are stored in database at 1-minute scale.



Fig. 4. Siemens SENTRON PAC3200

For PV plant monitoring and energy management the Fronius Solar. Web system is used, PV production is also vail ble from this system.

For global horizontal solar irradiance measurements, two pyranometers KIPP & ZONEN type SMP6-V were installed on a parking construction, one by angle 0° and other by 27°. A pyranometer is a radiometer designed for measuring the irradiance in W/m² resulting from radiant fluxes incident upon a plane surface (horizontal or tilted) from the hemisphere above and integrated over a wavelength range of at least 300 to 3000 nanometers (nm) [15]. Technical specification of SMP6-V pyranometer are given in Table 3.

Classification to ISO 9060:2018	Spectrally Flat Class B
Analogue output • V-version	0 to 1V
Analogue output range	-200 to 2000W/m ²
Analogue output • A-version	4 to 20mA
Analogue output range	0 to 1600W/m ²
Serial output	RS-485 Modby s
Serial output range	-400 to 2000W/m ²
Spectral range (20% point)	280 to 3000 n. 3
Spectral range (50% points)	285 to 200 nm
Response time (63%)	< 1.50
Response time (95%)	< 12 s
Zero offset A	< 10 W/m²
Zero offset B	< 4 W/m²
Directional response (up to 80° with 1000 W/m² beam)	< 15 W/m²
Temperature dependence of sensitivity (-40 °C to +70 °C)	< 3 %
Analogue output (-A / -V versi n)	4 to 20 mA / 0 to 1 V
Digital output	2-wire RS-485

Table 3. Sec fications of SMP6 Pyranometer [15]

Measurements from pyranometers are transferred to database at 1-minute scale, for PV plant evaluation measurements from horizontally placed pyranometer were an ed.

Performance analysis for PV plant was carried out which can determine potential for electricity production of PV system in this area, which is the main output of this research. Real measurements, which were stored in database and averaged for every 1 hour during a typical day per month in the year 2019, were used. The main problem was the lack of data in certain periods due to server failure, however PV system production from Fronius Solar. Web system were used (5-min resolution, averaged for 1 hour) at resimation of ambient temperature and horizontal solar irradiance.

Next research should be evaluation of PV plant dependence of electricity production to temperature and wind speed as and techno-economic analysis.

3. PV system characteristic parameters for performance evaluation

For evaluation of PV system performance, the final yield (Y_F), the reference yield (Y_R), the performance ratio (PR) and the capacity ratio (CF) were calculated as defined by the IEC Standard 61724 [6]. These parameters are commonly used in similar tudies [7], [8], [9], [10], [11], [12] where the performance analysis of PV system was carried out.

Final vic'd (YF)

The final PV system yield Y_f is the portion of the daily net energy output of the entire PV plant which was supplied by the array per kW of installed PV array [7]. The final yield (Y_F) is defined as the annual, monthly or daily net AC (alternating current) energy output (E_{AC}) (kWh) of the system divided by the peak power $(P_{PV_{rated}})$ (kW) of the installed PV array at STC [8].

$$Y_F = \frac{E_{AC}}{P_{PV \ rated}} \tag{1}$$

Reference yield (Y_R)

This yield represents the number of hours per day during which the solar radiation would need to be at reference irradiance levels in order to contribute the same incident energy as was monitored. [7]. Reference yield is defined as the ratio of in-plane solar isolation (H_t) (kWh/m²) to the reference irradiance (G) (1 kW/m²) [8]:

$$Y_R = \frac{H_t}{G} \tag{2}$$

Performance ratio (PR)

The performance ratio PR indicates the overall effect of losses on the array is rated cutput due to array temperature, incomplete utilization of the irradiation, and system component inefficiencies or failure [1] PR indicates the closeness to the ideal efficiency of a PV system, for ideal PV system its value is 1 (100%) which is not possible practically. It is the main feature of a grid connected PV system.

$$PR = \frac{Y_F}{Y_R} \tag{3}$$

Capacity factor (CF)

CF is the ratio of the energy output of a PV system for a year to the energy generated by the PV system if it operates for a year in a whole 24 h [8]. If the PV system produces full power for muously, it is a capacity factor will be unity. It is formulated as an equation:

$$CF = \frac{E_{AC,annual}}{P_{PV\ rated} \cdot 8760} \tag{4}$$

Overall System Efficiency (nsys,m)

The monthly overall system efficiency $(\eta_{sys,m})$ is left ned as the ratio of the monthly energy output of the system to the total energy collected from the PV field during smonth [8].

$$\eta_{sys,m} = \frac{E_{AC,month}}{H_t \cdot A_{PV\,array}} \tag{5}$$

Where the parameters are:

 $E_{AC,month}$ - monthly energy output – AC (k V^{t}) H_t - total in plane solar insolation (kV h/m^2),

A_{PVarray} - total area of the PV modules (m²).

4. Results and discussion

PV system and meteorologic 'parameters (PV production, ambient temperature, and solar irradiance) were measured in period 1.1. – 31.12.20 9 A inimum value of monthly average of global horizontal irradiance was during November (1.43 kWh/m2/day) and nati num during July (6.93 kWh/m2/day). The mean monthly daily ambient temperature, during the day hours when PV system produces energy, varied from -1.7 °C (January) to 23.9 °C (June) as shown in Table 4.

Month	Horizontal global irradiance (W/m2) - measured	Daily horizontal global irradiation (kWh/m² /day)	Ambient daily temperature (°C)
January	85.64	2.05	-1.70
February	128.30	2.90	2.62
March	201.60	4.73	7.78
April	199.20	4.77	11.56
May	168.91	3.93	11.33
June	286.85	6.26	22.63
July	264.81	6.93	23.22
August	277.90	5.83	23.90
September	206.38	4.91	19.33
October	126.17	4.18	14.40
November	59.43	1.43	.90
December	58.63	1.57	4.07
Average	171.99	4.13	12.4

Table 4. Metrological measurements for PV system occurs in 2019.

Mean ambient temperature for location in Tomislavgrad during the year 2012 was 10.46 °C and average of horizontal global irradiation at the location in 2019 was found 4.13 kWh/m²/day (1.51,92 kWh/m²/day in total).

The PV system generated 63.126 MWh electrical energy in 2019 which is close to expected energy production of system 64.201 MWh (simulation in PVSyst), Figure 5. In October 2019, due to a failure in the PV panel the 10-kW inverter was out, so the production for October, November and December 2019 is slightly lower than possible.



Fig. 5. PV system energy production in 2019 (measured) and production simulation results

Maximum production we recorded in July (8.85 MWh) and minimum in January (0.831 MWh). Lower production of PV system in January is the result of heavy snowfall in that period, which is certainly a characteristic of this part of the year in the area of For islavgrad. It is the snowfall in January and February that is one of the factors that should be considered when proving the PV system in this climate area. For PV system mounted on roofs in this climate area, electricity in January and February could be much lower than expected due to snowfall.

Monthly av rage a daily final and reference yield are shown on Figure 6. Average monthly reference yield was 126.49 kWh/kWp and average final yield was 105.69 kWh/kWp. The lowest value of final yield 16.69 kWh/kWp was observed in January accause of heavy snowfall in that period and highest at July 2019.

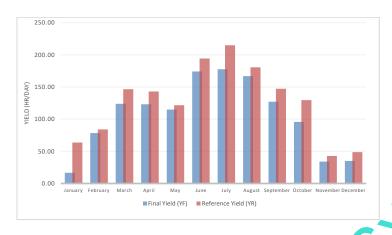


Fig. 6. Monthly averaged daily Final and Reference yield

Performance ratio determines the performance of the 50 kW solar PV system in the actual climate compared to performance at STC. Figure 7 shows that monthly values for the PR of the 50 kW solar PV system on the EP HZ HB building in Tomislavgrad ranged from 0.26 (26%) in January to 0.92 (92%) in July 2019. The average annual performance ratio of the PV system in 2019 was 0.8.



Fig. 7. Nonthly averaged PR

Figure 8 shows monthly variations of car, city factor and overall system efficiency for 2019. Average annual capacity factor for was 0.142 (14.2%), which varied from 0.022 (2.2%) in January to 0.239 (23.9%) in July. The overall system efficiency of the PV system varied from 0.048 (4.8%) in January to 0.17 (17%) in July with annual average of 0.148 (14.8%).



Fig. 8. Monthly variations of PF and $\eta_{sys,m}$

rigure 9 shows PR for different PV systems around the world, according to analysis in [14].

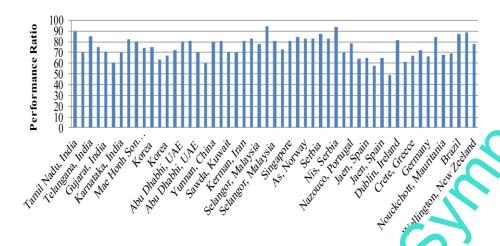


Fig. 9. Performance ratio of the PV system at different plants at different locations the world [14]

Comparing to PV plants around the world it can be concluded that 50 kW PV plant in Tomislavgrad has high performance ratio (0.8) and that area of Tomislavgrad has good potential for integration of PV systems.

5. Conclusion

The performance analysis of 50 kW PV plant in Tomislavgrad for 2019 year was carried out. It can be concluded:

- Average of horizontal global irradiation at the location in 2019 vas and 4.13 kWh/m²/day (1.517.92 kWh/m²/day in total).
- The monthly reference yield varied from 63.64 kWh/kWp 5214 48 kWh/kWp and the final yield varied from 16.69 kWh/kWp to 177.71 kWh/kWp.
- PV plant electricity production in 2019 was 63.126 MWh (12.7.59 kWh/kWp) with monthly variation from 0.813 kWh (January) to 8.85 kWh (July).
- Average annual performance ratio of the PV plant in 2719 was 0.8 with monthly variations from 0.26 (26%) in January to 0.92 (92%) in July 2019.
- Average annual capacity factor for was 0.142 (14.2%), with variations from 0.022 (2.2%) in January to 0.239 (23.9%) in July.
- Average annual overall system efficiency of the TV plant was 0.148 (14.8%), with variations from 0.048 (4.8%) in January to 0.17 (17%).

Performance analysis of 50 kW PV plant in Tomislavgrad shows good potential for integration of PV system in this part of Bosnia and Herzegovina. PR for I V plant in Tomislavgrad would be even higher for similar system with optimal azimuth and optimal PV module tilt 34° according to calculations in Photovoltaic Geographical Information System (PVGIS). The PV system in Tomislav grad was installed on the existing facilities so the selection of a more favourable tilt and orientation of the PV modules was not possible, same PV system with optimal tilt (34° for Tomislavgrad) and azimuth (180°) would have better electric typi duction.

Beside optimal tilt and of ental on main challenge for location of Tomislavgrad and wider area are the snowfalls in period December to February and they must be considered. For PV systems which are integrated on roofs of buildings, snowfalls can cause lower or duction and only solution is cleaning the snow. For PV systems which are mounted on ground solution would be to elevate construction from ground (1m or higher, depending on terrain).

The ambient temper, ture and wind speed are very important parameters for PV system production so the next step in future researching is analyse dependence of electricity production to temperature and wind speed because wind speed measurements reals available for this location.

This parer can be useful to engineers and potential investors in this part of Bosnia and Herzegovina by planning and designing future PV systems.

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