

Title of the measure:	"Green" public procurement
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General description

The aim of this measure is to include green public procurement standards in regular public procurement procedures at the national and local level and to educate, train and develop the capacity of public procurement officials.

Green public procurement has been identified as an important measure for energy efficiency in public sector already in the 1st NEEAP. Despite this recognition, there were not many activities in the field until 2015, when the Government of the Republic of Croatia at its session on 26th August 2015 adopted the First National Action Plan for Green Public Procurement for the period 2015-2017, with a view to 2020. The Action Plan recommends to the public purchasers to include green criteria in the technical documentation within procurement procedure. It contains, *inter alia*, instructions on how to use energy efficiency indicators in public procurement and a guide to calculate the life span of products, and the benchmarks are designed so that they can be easily used in public procurement procedures. All public procurement authorities are instructed to use benchmarks, among others for energy-using products as well (IT equipment, electricity, mobile telephony). A National Green Public Procurement Commission was set up to monitor the implementation through a questionnaire and an electronic public procurement system (<https://eojn.nn.hr/Oglasnik/>). It is planned to adopt the 2nd National Action Plan for Green Public Procurement, which will highlight the priority measures for the next three-year period from 2018 to 2020. The goal is that 50% of the implemented public procurement procedures will be implemented using green public procurement standards by 2020.

Green public procurement is also supported by regulation. The Public Procurement Act lays down the obligation to conduct the most economically advantageous tender procedure, which has allowed the possibility of inclusion of other parameters apart from cost, such as environmental and social. Therefore, stronger green public procurement is expected in the forthcoming period. Additionally, the following regulation also promote green public procurement:

- Ordinance on Energy Efficiency Requirements for Energy-Related Products in Public Procurement Procedures (Official Gazette, No. 70/15);
- Ordinance on criteria used in Public Procurement Procedures for Road Transport Vehicles Official Gazette, No. 11/14) and
- Act on Promotion of Clean and Energy-efficient Vehicles in Road Transport (Official Gazette, No. 127/13)

Impact evaluation

The monitoring of realized energy savings in the future will be carried out using the BU method for each set of devices purchased considering the energy efficiency criteria. It is expected that the largest number of procurement will be related to computer and office equipment and motor vehicles. The Central Public Procurement Office will monitor data on the quantities and types of computer equipment and vehicles supplied and deliver the data to the National Energy Efficiency Authority, which will enter the data in the System for Measurement and Verification



of energy savings. Given the system for monitoring is established, it is expected that in the coming period it will be able to assign energy savings to this measure.

Interaction of measures

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Historical data

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References

First National Action Plan for Green Public Procurement:

http://www.mzoip.hr/doc/nacionalni_akcijski_plan_za_zelenu_javnu_nabavu.pdf

Public Procurement Act (Official Gazette, No. 120/16),

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