

Title of the measure:	EST 35 – Grant for drawing up an development plan for heat supply (2016 – 2020)
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General description

The Operational Programme for Cohesion Policy Funding in frames of the European Commission – Estonia Partnership Agreement for European Structural and Investment Funds 2014 – 2020 includes, under Priority Axis 6 (Energy efficiency), the support measure for drawing up an development plan for heat supply (measure 6.2.3). The budget of the measure is 500 thousand euros, considering 555.6 thousand euros as the total budget for the project. The 10% own financing rate is foreseen for the project. The max grant for the development plan is 5000 €. Also, the existence of municipal development plan for local energy (usually DH) sector has been made a prerequisite for receiving any financial support from the state to planned investments in local energy sector.

For awarding the grants the intermediate bodies are the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications (the 1st level) and Foundation Keskkonnainvesteeringute Keskus (KIK; Center of Environmental Investments) (the 2nd level).

It is foreseen to have the relevant development plans for almost all heat supply systems in local municipalities (total number 213 in 2015). As the rule, the plan should assess the viability and efficiency of existing district heating systems and propose measures for improving efficiency. Still, in the case of district heating system that cannot be turned efficient, the plan may propose introduction of local heating options, especially use of renewable energy sources, including non-fuel solutions – e.g., heat pumps, PV, etc.

Up to now, during the current support period (started in 2016) compiling of 117 energy sector development plans for municipalities has been supported by 513.78 thousand euros (as of September 2017).

Interaction of measures

There is a direct interaction with the measures:

- TER EST 33 – Grant for renovation of district heating boilers (2016 – 2020)
- TER EST 34 – Grant for renovation of heating pipelines (2016 – 2020)
- HOU EST 40 – Grant for renovation of district heating boilers (2016 – 2020)
- HOU EST 41 – Grant for renovation of heating pipelines (2016 – 2020)

References

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