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| <b>Title of the measure:</b> | EST 36 Grant for improving energy performance and introduction of renewable energy in houses of municipally owned kindergartens |
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### **General description**

The measure is based on the Ambient Air Protection Act (concerning the use of GHG emission allowances) and the State Budget Strategy for 2017 – 2020.

According to the Ambient Air Protection Act the state shall auction all the emission allowances of stationary sources of pollution which are not allocated free of charge for power generation. The Act stipulates that at least 50% of the revenues generated from the auctioning, including the total revenue received from the emission allowances allocated to Estonia for the purpose of solidarity and economic growth or the amount equivalent to such revenues, shall be used for financing the targets restricting the generation of greenhouse gases.

In April 2016 the Government decided to invest 13.4 M€ in renovation of kindergartens by the year 2017. The decision is in accordance with the provisions of the State Budget Strategy for 2017 – 2020 about the use of 54% of the revenues generated from the auctioning of GHG emission allowances for public sector buildings in municipalities.

For awarding the grants the intermediate bodies are the Ministry of Finance (the 1<sup>st</sup> level) and Foundation Keskkonnainvesteeringute Keskus (KIK; Center of Environmental Investments) (the 2<sup>nd</sup> level).

Only kindergartens owned and/or operated by local municipalities are eligible for applying. The number of children in the applying kindergarten should be at least 40. The grant application and renovation project have to be based on the energy audit of the kindergarten building.

The grant is foreseen to cover 40 – 70% of eligible expenditures with the approximate range of costs 146 – 255 €/m<sup>2</sup>.

The measure was open for applications from 14.11.2016 to 13.03.2017. 42 renovation projects of kindergartens received financial support of 12.14 M€. The total cost of these projects was 20.67 M€.

### **Impact evaluation**

The goal of renovation is to achieve the energy performance indicator for the kindergarten house at least the level of 141 – 190 kWh/(m<sup>2</sup>·a). The actual energy performance effect is not known yet.

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