

D9: EED implementation in Croatia

In Croatia the implementation of the EED is the responsibility of the Ministry of Economy and in the part related to the renovation of buildings in jurisdiction of the Ministry of Construction and Physical Planning. Some provisions of the EED are already taken into account in the existing legislation, but full transposition is envisaged through adoption of new Energy Efficiency Act. As this act is still in preparation (status of January 2014), the information given in this report is still preliminary.

Legal context

The transposition period for the EED is 5th June 2014. Thus, the transposition of the EED is still under preparation. The Ministry of Economy is responsible for the overall transposition. Ministry of Construction and Physical Planning has the responsibility over issues related to energy efficiency in buildings.

The preparation of the new Act on Energy Efficiency will be largely based on the existing Act on Efficient End-use of Energy. That existing Act *inter alia* already regulates following issues:

- Energy efficiency programming and planning on national and local level
- Obligations of all public sector consumers (public buildings, lighting, communal services) to introduce energy management practices, to conduct energy audits and to implement cost-effective energy efficiency improvement measures
- Obligations of distribution system operators and energy suppliers to offer energy services, provide customers with informative bills and provide customers with individual meters where technically possible
- Energy services and energy performance contracting
- Eco-design requirements for energy related products

Act on Heat Market has been adopted in 2013. It stipulates that all buildings connected to district heating systems need to have heat allocators or meters by the end of 2016. This Act also prescribes the need to perform cost-benefit analysis when planning new or reconstructing existing heating plants. It also prescribes the assessment of national potential for energy efficient heating and cooling.

Croatia has already national energy efficiency fund. It has been established already in 2003 by the special Act on the Environmental Protection and Energy Efficiency Fund. It is a non-budgetary fund, financed by polluter-pays principle, which is obliged by the law to ensure financial support for energy efficiency investments in accordance to the NEEAP.

Status of the implementation

All notifications prescribed by the EED have been submitted to the European Commission. New Act on Energy Efficiency is being prepared. NEEAP-3 is being prepared. As the content of new Act is still not officially published, it is not possible to refer specifically to the articles of the EED and the ways they will be transposed into national legislation.

Additional efforts

Building sector was identified as a key sector for delivering national energy saving target already in NEEAP-2. Therefore, the competent ministry – Ministry of Construction and Physical Planning – has prepared targeted national programmes for refurbishment of buildings. Programme for energy refurbishment of public buildings has

been adopted in October 2013 and is based on the ESCO principle. The Programme for energy refurbishment of residential buildings has been drafted and has passed public discussion. This Programme envisages providing subsidies for thermal insulation of buildings and improvement of heating systems efficiency including use of RES. The Programme for energy refurbishment of commercial service buildings is being drafted. Additional efforts are also being made to include these programmes as priorities in Operational Programme for the use of EU funds in the period 2014-2020.

Future planning

Croatia will continue to work towards timely transposition of the EED by the June 2014 deadline and compliance with subsequent reporting requirements through annual progress reports and the NEEAPs.

Relevant information

Competent institutions:

Ministry of Economy: <http://www.mingo.hr/default.aspx?id=3198>

Ministry of Construction and Physical Planning: <http://mgipu.hr/default.aspx?id=14520>

Environmental Protection and Energy Efficiency Fund: www.fzoeu.hr