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Minister Predrag Štromar, head of Intermediate Body Level 1

High-Level Political Forum of the UN: Representatives of the Ministry in New York on the contribution of spatial planning and energy efficiency to the New Urban Agenda

The High-Level Political Forum with the „Transformation towards Sustainable and Resilient Societies“ is the most important United Nations platform on sustainable development and it has a central role in the follow-up and reporting on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development goals and its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at the global level. The Forum is held annually under the auspices of the UN Economic and Social Council.

One of the topics of this year's HLPF 2018 is Goal 11: "Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable", within which representatives of the MCPP, together with their colleagues from the Czech Republic, participate as co-organizers of the side event entitled „How to achieve New Urban Agenda principles through spatial planning and energy efficiency“.

During the side event, experiences in implementing SDG 11 in Croatia and the Czech Republic were successfully presented. The side event was attended, on behalf of MCPP, by Ines Androić Brajčić, Head of Sector, and Sandra Momčilović, Head of Service. The representatives of MCPP presented the relationship between global, EU and national documents, and the implementation of the SDG-11 and its sub-goals.



The representatives of MCPP on the High-Level Political Forum

PUBLIC BUILDINGS: Allocation for energy renovation increased to more than one billion kuna, receipt of project proposals from September 4, 2018.

By decision of Minister of Construction and Physical Planning Predrag Štromar, due to the great interest of potential applicants, the allocation for the Call "Energy renovation and use of RES in public sector buildings" has been increased to a total grant amount of HRK 1,110,000,000.00 available under this Call.

Accordingly, at the end of July, the 2nd amendment to the Call documentation was published, which refers to an increase in allocation and provides a deadline for the reopening of project proposal submissions at the earliest from September 4, 2018 at 9:00 pm, as well as minor modifications to the Call documentation. For more details, visit www.mgipu.hr.

Receipt of project proposals for expert support provided by the Sector for Energy Efficiency of the Environmental Protection and Energy Efficiency Fund (EPEEF) begins on August 6, 2018 at 9:00 am, and all formal communication related to expert support will take place exclusively via the email address javne.eu@fzoeu.hr.

Also, note that the Ministry of Regional Development and EU Funds has issued a Public Call for the allocation of funds from the EPEEF to co-finance the implementation of EU projects at the regional and local level in 2018. The assets of the Fund are non-refundable and earmarked, amounting to 200 million kuna, and are directed to co-finance the beneficiaries' own participation in the implementation of EU projects to customers those beneficiaries who have signed an EU funds grant agreement.

Signing of Agreements and delivery of Financing decisions continues

Under the Call for energy renovation and use of RES in public sector buildings, through the eFunds system, 448 project proposals were submitted, applying for a total of 813.4 million kuna of grants and exceeding by more than 200% the allocated total available amount of 380 million kuna from the ERDF.

| Project proposal submission 15.01.2018 to 05.02.2018 | No of project proposals | Eligible project expenditures | Grants |
|---|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Submitted project proposals | 448 | 1.456,163,997.24 kn | 813,453,875.03 kn |
| Data until early August 2018. | No of Financing decisions | Total agreed value of projects | Allocated grants |
| Financing decisions | 179 | 696,984,848.05 kn | 353,257,765.37 kn |
| Data until early August 2018 | No of Agreements | Total agreed value of projects | Allocated grants |
| Signed Agreement | 30 | 135,653,956,71 kn | 72,481,153,03 kn |

Situation on August 10, 2018.

You can monitor the Register of signed Agreements on the ESIF, eFonds and MGIPU websites: www.strukturnifondovi.hr, <http://efondovi.mrrfeu.hr> i www.mgipu.hr.

PUBLIC PROCUREMENT: How to avoid irregularities and financial corrections?

The implementation of a project, including procurement procedures, is the sole responsibility of the beneficiary. The beneficiary is obliged to carry out the contracted project with due diligence, in a transparent manner, in accordance with the best practice in the area concerned, in accordance with the contract and applicable national and EU legislation.

Irregularities usually occur in the implementation of procurement procedures, and it is of utmost importance that beneficiaries adhere to the Public Procurement Act or other established rules when they are not liable to the Public Procurement Act.

Irregularities in the documentation phase of the procurement that relate to the artificial division of procurement may lead to financial corrections. Other irregularities that can lead to financial corrections are the unjustified shortening of the deadlines for receipt of tenders, the prescribing of conditions of competence, selection criteria and technical specifications that are non-transparent and discriminatory, and to the insufficient description of the subject matter of the procurement.

Furthermore, in the implementation of public procurement, in the tender evaluation phase it is inadmissible to modify the tender evaluation conditions that place certain tenderers in a more or less favourable position, to use selection criteria other than those published in the procurement documentation, of and to permit changes to tenders or other similar actions, whereby the equal treatment of the tenderers violating.

Finally, at the stage of contract implementation of contract elements or subsequent reduction of the scope of the contract in relation to the procurement documents result in irregularities, which prejudice the possibility of tendering in the context of the procurement procedure, and the conclusion of additional contracts for works, services or goods with no minimum mandatory reasons, or those exceed the limit values specified by the relevant provisions.

HIGHLIGHT: Reconstruction of a multi-apartment building in Pakrac achieved energy savings of 82%

Under the call „Energy renovation of multi-apartment buildings“ 581 grant agreements from the EFRD have been signed to date. The total amount of investments exceeds one billion kuna, out of which more than 550 million kuna are grants from the EFRD.



Multi-apartment building after energy renovation

In Požega-Slavonia County, the total of 38 multi-apartment buildings will be renovated, for which the total amount of energy renovation investments exceeds 50 million kuna, out of which EFRD grants amount to more than 29 million kuna. In addition to implementing energy efficiency measures and energy savings, these investments bring new momentum in the construction sector and contribute to job creation in Požega-Slavonia County.

The multi-apartment building at the address Matice hrvatske street 13 in Pakrac is an example of good practice under this energy renovation Call. The total value of this project amounts to 1,314.126,53 kuna, the co-financing rate of eligible costs is 60% for, and the grant amount of 792,422.53 kuna is secured by ERDF.

Energy renovation of multi-apartment building Matice Hrvatske 13, Pakrac

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| No. of housing units: | 20 | Year of construction: | 1970s |
| Co-financing rate: | 60% | Designed saving: | 82% |
| Measures: | Thermal insulation of external walls, floor to ground or unheated space and thermal insulation of the ceiling towards unheated space | | |
| Energy class: | Transition from E to B | | |



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