

UPDATES OF NATIONAL LEGISLATION

The Energy Strategy of the Republic of Croatia was adopted in October 2009 (Official Gazette no. 130/09). EU renewable energy targets of 20 percent of renewable energy sources in the gross final energy consumption, as well as 10 percent of biofuels and other renewable fuels in transport energy consumption by 2020 (2.2 percent of total renewable energy's share) were included in the Strategy. Additionally, it is envisaged to keep the share of electricity consumption generated from renewable energy sources in Croatia (including large hydro power plants) at current level of 35 percent till 2020 (9.2 percent of total renewable energy's share). Expected contribution of heating and cooling from renewable energy sources in the gross final energy consumption should reach the level of 8.6 percent by 2020.

The Croatian Parliament adopted energy sector's legislative framework in 2001, defining the relationships within the sector. Legislative frameworks includes: Energy Act, Electricity Market Act, Oil and Oil Derivatives Market Act, Gas Market Act and Act on the Regulation of Energy Activities.

The Energy Act for the first time precisely articulated the positive attitude of the Republic of Croatia toward renewable energy sources, thus sending a positive message to the interested investors. The key step regarding legislative treatment of renewables was also included in the Electricity Market Act that established the legislative obligation of buy-out of electricity from renewable energy sources. The quota, i.e. the minimum renewable energy's share for the energy entity supplying electricity as a public service, was determined by a special decree of the Croatian Government.

The Government reformed the power sector through secondary legislation, in order to push the share of electricity from renewables (other than large hydropower plants). Production of electricity from renewable energy sources was regulated in 2007 and feed in tariff system was implemented. However, the secondary legislation regarding heating and cooling from renewable energy sources is not adopted yet (as of January 2012). Concerning biofuels, the Act on Biofuels in Transport was adopted in 2009, while the appropriate secondary legislation was implemented in 2010 and 2011.

The Croatian energy efficiency legislation is based primarily on the Energy Act. The Act on Efficient Utilization of Energy in Final Consumption was adopted in 2008, while some legislations regarding energy efficiency are still in phase. The relevant energy laws and sub-laws are listed below.

The relevant energy sector laws:

- Law on Energy (Official Gazette no. 68/01, 177/04, 76/07, 152/08, 127/10)
- Law on Regulation of Energy Activities (Official Gazette no. 177/04, 76/07)
- Law on Electricity Market Act (Official Gazette no. 177/04, 76/07, 152/08, 14/11)
- Law on Heat Production, Distribution and Supply (Official Gazette no. 42/05, 20/10)
- Law on Oil and Oil Derivates Market (Official Gazette no. 56/06, 18/11)
- Law on Gas Market (Official Gazette no. 40/07, 152/08, 83/09, 91/11, 114/11)
- Law on Efficient Utilization of Energy in Final Consumption (Official Gazette no. 152/08)
- Law on Biofuels for Transport (Official Gazette no. 65/09, 145/10, 26/11)
- Law on Physical Planning and Construction (Official G. no. 76/07, 38/09, 55/11, 90/11)

- Law on Environmental Protection and Energy Efficiency Fund (Official Gazette no. 107/03)

The main energy sector sub-laws:

- Ordinance on Licences for Performing Energy Activities (Official Gazette no. 118/07, 107/09)
- Regulation on the Validity Period for Licences for Carrying Out Energy Activities (Official Gazette no. 50/09, 105/2009)
- Decision on the Price for Regulation of Energy Activities (Official Gazette no. 155/2008, 50/2009, 103/2009)
- General Conditions of Electricity Supply (Official Gazette no. 14/06)
- Grid Code for Power System (Official Gazette no. 36/06)
- General Conditions for District Heating Supply (Official Gazette no. 129/06)
- Heat Tariff System for Energy Activities of Heat Production, Distribution and Supply, without Amounts of Tariff Items (Official Gazette no. 65/07, 154/08, 22/10, 46/10, 50/10, 86/11)
- Heat Tariff System for Energy activities of Heat Production, and Supply, without Amounts of Tariff Items (Official Gazette no. 86/11)
- Decision on the Amounts of Tariff Items in the Tariff System for Energy Activities of Heat Production, Distribution and Supply (Official Gazette no. 154/08)
- Ordinance on Allocation and Calculation of Costs for Supplied Heat (Official Gazette no. 139/08, 18/09),
- Technical Regulation on Energy Economy and Heat Retention in Buildings (Official Gazette no. 110/08, 89/09)
- Ordinance on the Requirements and Criteria to be met by Energy Auditors and Energy Certifiers of Buildings (Official Gazette no. 113/08, 89/09)
- Ordinance on Energy Certification of Buildings (Official Gazette no. 36/10, 135/11)
- Technical Regulation on Heating and Cooling Systems of Buildings (Official Gazette no. 110/08)
- Ordinance on Energy Audits of Structures (Official Gazette no. 5/11)
- Regulation on Energy Consumption Labelling of Households Appliances (5 regulations, Official Gazette no. 101/11)
- Ordinance on Efficiency Requirements for New Hot-water Boilers Fired by Liquid and Gaseous Fuels (Official Gazette no. 135/05)
- Regulation on the Minimum Share of Electricity Produced from Renewable Energy Sources and Cogeneration Whose Production is Incentivized (Official Gazette no. 33/07, 8/11)
- Regulation on Incentive Fees for Promoting Electricity Production from Renewable Energy Sources and Cogeneration (Official Gazette no. 33/07, 133/07, 155/08, 155/09, 8/11)
- Tariff System for the Production of Electricity from Renewable Energy Sources and Cogeneration (Official Gazette no. 33/07)
- Ordinance on the Use of Renewable Energy Sources and Cogeneration (Official Gazette no. 67/07)
- Ordinance on Acquiring the Status of Eligible Electricity Producer (Official Gazette no. 67/07, 35/11)
- Regulation of Quality Standards for Biofuels (Official Gazette no. 141/05, 33/11)

- Ordinance on Measures for Promotion of Use of Biofuels in Transport (Official Gazette no. 42/10)
- Regulation on the Special Environmental Charge for not Placing the Biofuels on the Market (Official Gazette no. 125/10)
- Regulation on the Promotion of Biofuels for Transport (Official Gazette no. 22/11)
- Ordinance on Determining the Average Energy Value of Biofuel (Official Gazette no. 36/11)
- Decision on the Unit Amount of Incentives for Biofuels in 2011 (Official Gazette no. 37/11)
- Decision on Fees for Promotion Biofuel Production in 2011 (Official Gazette no. 37/11)