

QUESTIONNAIRE ON ENERGY PERFORMANCE CERTIFICATES (EPCs) IMPLEMENTATION

The Energy Performance Certificates (EPCs) are important instruments that should contribute to the enhancement of the energy performance of buildings. EPCs play a central role in the context of the Article 20 (2) EPBD, which asks Contracting Parties to provide information on the energy performance certificates and the inspection reports, on their purpose and objectives, on the cost-effective ways and, where appropriate, on the available financial instruments to improve the energy performance of the building to the owners or tenants of the buildings.

Following the EPBD, an EPC shall include the energy performance of a building and the reference values, as well as the recommendations for the cost-optimal or cost-effective improvements of the energy performance of a building or building unit.

In order to be able to assess the level of implementation on the ground of EPCs, please fill in the Questionnaire below at the best of your data availability.

<p>Buildings certification process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which institution is responsible for checking that sale or lease or buildings, construction of new, and major renovation of old buildings, cannot take place unless a valid EPC is issued? • Please describe the formal process in place to ensure the requirement cannot be by-passed. • Are there relevant reports and/or statistics by the competent institution on the implementation of the mechanism? 	<p>According to the existing legislation: The local self-government unit submits a proposal for an energy efficiency improvement program to the Ministry of Capital Investments in order to give an opinion on compliance with the National Energy and Climate Plan. The opinion of the Ministry of Capital Investments is also considered during the adoption of the energy efficiency improvement program. Financing of energy efficiency measures of the local self-government unit can be provided from the budget of Montenegro for measures from the program of improving the energy efficiency of the local self-government unit which is harmonized with the National Energy and Climate Plan. Certain energy efficiency measures may be financed by local self-government units from their own sources, even if they are not determined by the energy efficiency improvement program, provided that they are not in conflict with the National Energy and Climate Plan.</p>
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	<p>Existing Law on “efficient use of energy” is in a process of revision focusing on improving building certification.</p> <p>If you need further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.</p>
<p>Monitoring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is there an independent control mechanism in place to check and verify that issued EPCs implement the relevant requirements and methodologies? (Please describe) • Are there relevant reports and statistics available from the operation of the mechanism? 	<p>The independent control mechanism to check and verify the EPC will be the software (MEEC). In order to monitor the implementation of energy efficiency measures that contribute to the achievement of the indicative goal, the Ministry maintains an information system for monitoring and verification of energy savings. The information system referred to in paragraph 1 shall contain data determined by regulations issued by the Ministry of capital investments. The mentioned software will provide relevant report and statistics.</p>
<p>Enforcement/Penalties</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are there penalties foreseen for building owners or developers failing to issue an EPC in relation to sale, lease, major reconstruction of existing, or construction of a new building? Are there statistics on penalties levied? 	<p>As already mentioned, existing Law on “efficient use of energy” is in a process of revision and the final version will foresee legal acts which will defined enforcements and penalties.</p>
<p>Level of implementation of EPC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can you provide statistics on issued EPCs in recent years? • What actions or campaigns have been undertaken to inform the public of the objectives, procedure, and value of energy performance certification? 	<p>We have not had the application of EPC in previous years, because the mentioned MEEC software was in preparation. In the near future, training for use of MEEC by energy auditors will start, as well as training for engineers who want to do energy audits of buildings.</p> <p>The website www.energetska-eifikanost.me regularly updates news related to the certification of buildings. Also, cooperation with the technical faculties of the University of Montenegro has been established, which will also promote the process certification of buildings to its students and all interested individuals.</p>