

The Environmental Protection and Energy Efficiency Fund

Implementation of Energy Efficiency policy in Croatia – activities of EPEEF

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About EPEEF

- Established at the end of 2003 by the <u>Act on the Environmental Protection and Energy</u>
 <u>Efficiency Fund</u>
- Extra-budgetary public institution
- ► Goal:
 - ► Financing preparation, implementation and development of projects and activities in three main areas:

environmental protection energy efficiency use of renewable energy sources

- Collecting fees based on the polluter pays principle
 - environmental charges (on burdening the environment with waste; on polluters of the environment; special charges for motor vehicles)
 - ► EU Emissions Trading System (EU ETS)
 - revenues generated from international bilateral and multilateral cooperation on programmes, projects and similar activities



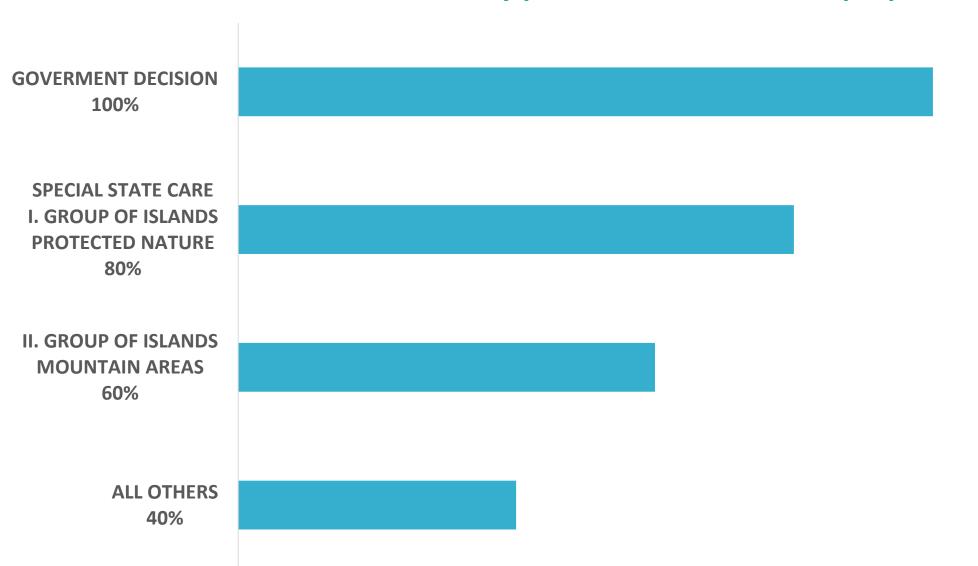
Incomes and allocation

- **▶** Income in 2021:
 - ▶ 2,1 billion HRK (280 million EUR)
- **▶** Beneficiaries of the Fund's appropriations
 - ▶ Legal persons (local and regional authorities, public institutions, companies and entrepreneurs)
 - ► Natural persons (citizens)
- **▶** Forms of granting fund appropriations
 - ► Grants (subsidies, financial assistance and donations)
 - Loans



Available percentage of (co)financing

Absolute amount determined in every public calls and calls for proposals

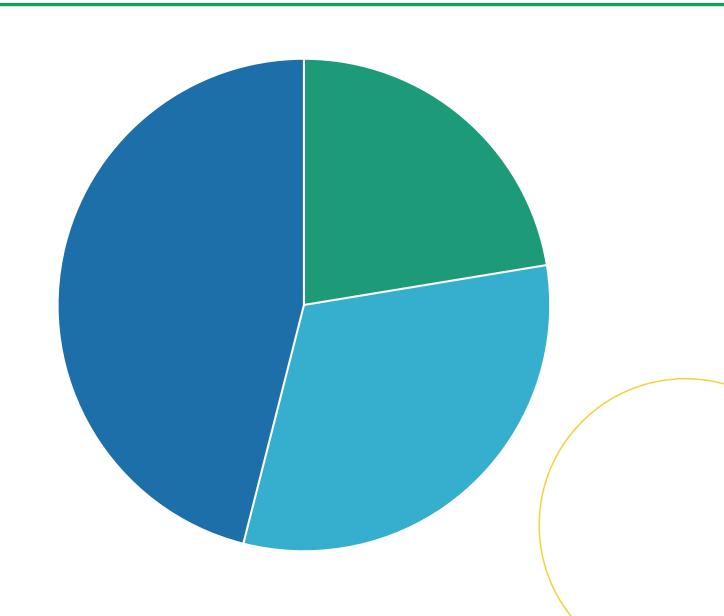


Number of activities

RES

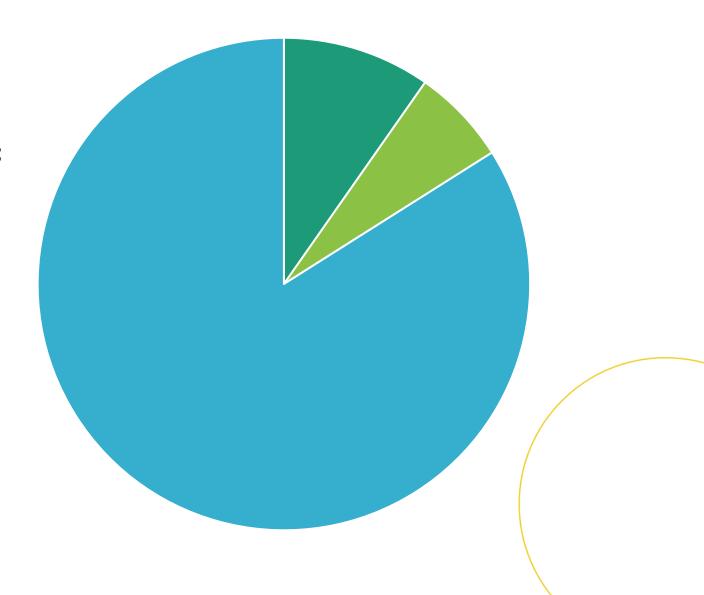
E-MOBILITY

■ EE



Number of activities

- **■** Companies and entrepreneurs
- Local and regional authorities, public institutions
- Citizens







Program sufinanciranja energetski učinkovitih vozila

90.000.000,00 kn rezerviranih sredstava

90.000.000 kn

100%



Ušteda: 2.305,35 t CO2/god



What is needed for success?

- Sufficient capacities and capabilities to implement grant schemes
 - ► Expert staff knowledge and expertise
 - Visibility and recognition of the Fund in the public trust
- Practice shows that EE and RES will not be easy implemented without grants
 - ► Economic conditions in the country
 - ► Caution and uncertainty when investing valid for both natural and legal persons
- ► Mass programmes require easy and fast procedures
 - ► Finding a way to ensure continuation of proven best practices





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Thank you!

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