

The Croatian Energy Regulatory Agency (HERA) issued decisions designating gas suppliers in all 33 gas distribution areas within the public service obligation for the period from 1 April 2021 to 30 September 2024, after the completion of the public tender, thus continuing deregulation of the Croatian gas market. HERA conducted a public tender for the selection of a gas supplier under the obligation of a public gas supply service for the needs of end customers from the household category from 20 October to 7 December 2020.

As a result of the tender, the public gas supply service in Croatia in the period from 1 April 2021 to 30 September 2024 will be provided by 13 gas suppliers, instead of current 32 suppliers. Namely, according to HERA's decisions, Gradska plinara Zagreb-Opkrba (GPZ) will be a public service provider for 13 distribution areas. The company E.ON Plin (former RWE) will be the supplier for 7, and Zagorski Metalac from Zabok and Medjimurje Plin from Cakovec will be the suppliers for two distribution areas each.

Suppliers within the public service obligation for one distribution area will be: Brod Plin (Slavonski Brod), Dukom Plin (Dugo Selo), EVN Croatia Plin (Zagreb), HEP Plin (Osijek), Plin Konjscina (Konjscina), Plinara (Pula), Plinara Istocne Slavonije (Vinkovci), Termoplin (Varazdin) and Zelinske Komunalije (Sveti Ivan Zelina).

HERA also notes that all those energy entities that are gas suppliers within the public service obligation until 31 March 2021, and are not designated for the period from the beginning of April next year, still have a HERA license for gas supply, for a period of which it is issued and can sell gas to all end consumer under free market terms.