

Croatia: Renewables fee could be dou-bled

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According to the proposal of the Ministry of Environ-mental Protection and Energy, the fee for the pro-motion of renewable energy sources (RES) would be increased from current 0.0049 euros/kWh to 0.0105 euros/kWh, without VAT. The public debate on this proposal has started and it will last until 10 April.

This is the first time that the increase of renewables fee is discussed at the public hearing. So far, the fees for the next year were determined at the end of the current year, in accordance to projections of the entry of new RES facilities in the incentives sys-tem.

Since the average Croatian household consumes about 3,000 kWh of electricity, or 250 kWh per month, the introduction of new, increased renewa-bles fee would increase the average electricity bill by 1.53 euros on a monthly level. According to un-official calculations, monthly electricity bill for average household in Croatia in 2016 was 32.54 eu-ros, which dropped to 29.44 euros at the begin-ning of 2017, due to lower VAT on electricity. However, the increase in renewables fee will in-crease the average monthly bill to 30.92 euros, which is still lower than in 2016.