



**MONTENEGRO  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FUND  
(ECO-FUND)**

Based on Article 76 paragraph 4 of the Environmental Law ("Official Gazette of Montenegro", number 052/16, 073/19), Article 13 of the Articles of association of the Environmental Protection Fund ("Official Gazette of Montenegro", number 61/19), Rulebook on the requirements to be fulfilled by beneficiary, the manner of allocation and use of funds of the Environmental Protection Fund, the Rulebook on the procedure of announcing a Public Competition, evaluation of applications and decision-making in the selection of beneficiaries of funds of the Environmental Protection Fund of Montenegro, and the Decision of the Board of Directors of the Fund for Environmental Protection on the adoption of the Annual Program for the announcement of Public Calls for 2022 from 04.19.2022., number: 01-077/22-117/3, Eko-fond announces:

**PUBLIC CALL**

**FOR THE ALLOCATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FUND  
SUBSIDIES FOR THE PURCHASE OF ELECTRIC AND HYBRID VEHICLES  
(CATEGORIES L, M1 and N1) IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR FOR THE YEAR 2022**

**I Subject of the Public Call**

The subject of the Public Call is the award of subsidies for the purchase of new vehicles of categories L, M1 and N1 that have:

- exclusively electric drive – categories L, M1 and N1
- use two energy sources - an electric motor and a SUS motor: "plug-in" hybrids and "full" hybrids - categories M1 and N1.

**A new vehicle according to this Public Call is considered to be a vehicle that was not in use and the first registration of the vehicle after manufacturing was not before January 1, 2022.**

A brief description of vehicle categories according to the Rulebook on detailed conditions that must be met by vehicles in road traffic("Official Gazette of Montenegro", No. 2/2015, dated 16.1.2015):

**M category- PASSENGER TRANSPORT VEHICLES**

Motor-driven vehicles having at least four wheels, designed and manufactured for the transport

of passengers.

M1 - PASSENGER VEHICLE - passenger vehicle, is a category M motor vehicle that, in addition to the driver's seat, has a maximum of eight seats, with no place to stand.

### **N category**– CARGO TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES

Category N vehicles are motor vehicles whose mass is greater than 550 kg and whose maximum effective power, i.e. the maximum permanent nominal power of the engine is greater than 15 kW, and are intended for the transport of cargo.

N1 – LIGHT TRUCK VEHICLE - is a category N motor vehicle whose maximum weight does not exceed 3.5 t.

### **L category**-MOPEDS, MOTORCYCLES, TRICYCLES AND QUADRICYCLES

Motor vehicles with two, three or four wheels and an unladen weight of less than 400 kg.

L1 – MOPED -is a motor vehicle with two wheels whose maximum design speed, regardless of the transmission method, does not exceed 45 km/h, while the working volume of the engine, when the vehicle has an internal combustion engine, does not exceed 50 cm<sup>3</sup> or with an engine whose maximum continuous nominal power does not exceed 4 kW when the vehicle has an electric drive;

L2 - LIGHT TRICYCLE - is a motor vehicle with three wheels whose maximum design speed, regardless of the transmission method, does not exceed 45 km/h, while the working volume of the engine, when the vehicle has an internal combustion engine powered by gasoline, does not exceed 50 cm<sup>3</sup> or whose maximum effective engine power does not exceed 4 kW, when the vehicle has an internal combustion engine with another type of fuel, or whose maximum continuous nominal engine power does not exceed 4 kW when the vehicle has an electric drive;

L3 - MOTORCYCLE - is a motor vehicle with two wheels whose maximum design speed, regardless of the transmission method, exceeds 45 km/h or with an engine whose working engine volume when the vehicle has an internal combustion engine exceeds 50 cm<sup>3</sup> or with an engine whose maximum continuous nominal power exceeds 4 kW when the vehicle has an electric drive;

L4 - MOTORCYCLE WITH A SIDE TRAILER - is a motor vehicle with three wheels asymmetrically distributed in relation to the median longitudinal plane of the vehicle whose maximum design speed, regardless of the transmission method, exceeds 45 km/h or with an engine whose engine working volume when the vehicle has an engine with with internal combustion exceeding 50 cm<sup>3</sup> or with an engine whose maximum continuous nominal power exceeds 4 kW when the vehicle has an electric drive;

L5 - HEAVY TRICYCLE - is a motor vehicle with three wheels, symmetrically distributed in relation to the median longitudinal plane of the vehicle, whose maximum design speed, regardless of the transmission method, exceeds 45 km/h or with an engine whose working engine volume when the vehicle has an engine with internal combustion powered by gasoline exceeds 50 cm<sup>3</sup> or whose maximum effective engine power exceeds 4 kW, when the vehicle has an internal combustion engine with another type of fuel or whose maximum continuous nominal engine power exceeds 4 kW when the vehicle has an electric drive;

L6 - LIGHT QUAD CYCLE - is a motor vehicle with four wheels, the mass of which does not exceed 350 kg, which does not include the mass of the batteries of the vehicle with an electric drive, whose maximum design speed, regardless of the transmission method, does not exceed 45 km/h, while the working engine volume, when the vehicle has an internal combustion engine powered by gasoline, does not exceed 50 cm<sup>3</sup>, or whose maximum effective engine power does not exceed 4 kW when the vehicle has an internal combustion engine with another type of fuel, or whose maximum continuous rated engine power does not exceeds 4 kW when the vehicle has an electric drive;

L7 - HEAVY QUAD - is a motor vehicle with four wheels, except for a light quadricycle, the mass of which does not exceed 400 kg if the vehicle is intended for the transport of passengers, i.e. 550 kg if the vehicle is intended for the transport of cargo, which does not include the mass of the battery of the vehicle with electric drive, whose maximum effective power, i.e. the maximum continuous nominal motor power does not exceed 15 kW.

The subject of the Public Call are new vehicles purchased in the territory of Montenegro from authorized car dealers, as well as new imported vehicles.

The subject of this Public Call is not to subsidize the purchase of electric bicycles and scooters.

## **II Objectives of the Public Call**

The objective of the Public Call is to directly encourage the procurement of an environmentally friendly form of transport in the public sector, within the framework of implementing measures to improve air and environment quality.

The public sector has an important role in promoting e-mobility, and the allocation of funds from the Eco-Fund enables it to create a financially justified investment and thus actively contribute to the concept of e-mobility in its early development phase.

By subsidizing the purchase of electric and hybrid vehicles, incentives for improving air quality are directly affected, as well as the reduction of air pollution sources, i.e. the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in road traffic on the territory of Montenegro.

## **III Beneficiaries**

Entitlement to the funds of the Eco-Fund according to this Public Call can be exercised by:

- 1) State bodies (Assembly of Montenegro, President of Montenegro, Government of Montenegro, Constitutional Court of Montenegro, Judicial Council, State Audit Institution, Protector of Human Rights and Freedoms, State Prosecutor's Office, Prosecutor's Council, Protector of Property and Legal Interests, Central Bank of Montenegro, court, ministry, administrative body and other body and organization founded by the state);
- 2) Local self-government units (municipality, municipality within the Capital City, Capital City and Royal Capital);
- 3) Public services that have the status of a legal entity (University of Montenegro, public institutions, state funds, public broadcasters, other bodies or organizations that exercise public powers, the founder of which is the state, that is, a local self-government unit, established to meet the needs of the public interest);

- 4) Business entities in which the state and/or local self-government unit owns more than 50% of shares, or which are financed with more than 50% from the budget of Montenegro and/or the budget of the local self-government unit and other public revenues.

That is, the listed institutions that have their headquarters in the territory of the Republic of Montenegro.

#### **IV Conditions to be met by beneficiaries**

- submit documentation for the use of Eco-Fund subsidies in accordance with the published Public Call;
- accept the terms of joint participation in project financing for which funds are approved in accordance with this Public Call and the general acts of the Eco-Fund;
- the first vehicle registration after manufacturing was carried out in Montenegro after January 1, 2022;
- conclude an Agreement on allocated use of funds with the Eco-Fund;
- meet other conditions provided by the Public Call.

#### **V Type and amount of Eco-Fund subsidies**

The total value of the Public Call for the allocation of subsidies for the purchase of electric and hybrid vehicles of categories M1 and N1 and electric vehicles of category L amounts to EUR 100,000.00.

In accordance with this Public Call, the Eco-Fund will allocate subsidies per vehicle in the following amount (VAT included):

- Categories M1 and N1
  - Electric vehicles - 5,000.00 euros;
  - Hybrid vehicles "plug-in hybrid" - 2,500.00 euros;
  - Hybrid vehicles "full hybrid" - 2,500.00 euros.
- Categories L - The maximum amount of subsidy beneficiary can obtain for the purchase of electric vehicles from category L is 20% of eligible costs, i.e. a maximum of up to (VAT included):
  - L1 category – 300.00 euros;
  - L2 category – 500.00 euros;
  - L3, L4 and L5 categories – 1,000.00 euros;
  - L6 category – 1,250.00 euros;
  - L7 category – 1,500.00 euros.

Eco-Fund can allocate subsidies for the purchase of a maximum of two vehicles per user, provided by this Public Call

#### **VI Required documentation for application**

1. Completed, signed and stamped application for participation in the Call in a sealed envelope with the name and address of the Eco-Fund, the name and address of the

applicant, an indication of the subject of the Public Call to which the application relates, to the address: Environmental Protection Fund, Ul. Slobode 2, 81000 Podgorica (which can be downloaded from the Eco-Fund website ([www.eko-fond.me](http://www.eko-fond.me))).

2. Statement of the applicant that includes the following items:
  - that in addition to the subsidies provided by this Call, the remaining financial resources for the implementation of the project have been secured;
  - that it will be used for a specific purpose and in accordance with current legislation;
  - that he is able to implement the planned investment within 12 months from the signing of the Agreement on allocated subsidies with the Environmental Protection Fund of Montenegro;
  - that all information provided in the application of this Call is true and correct;
3. Power of attorney confirming that the person is authorized to submit the documentation;
4. Proof of registration of the competent authority, valid on the day of application to the Call - appropriate decision/confirmation of the competent authorities on the performance of activities, proof of registration in the appropriate register for the performance of activities, or other applicable document not older than 30 days from the date of application to the Public Call (this does not refer to local self-government units, state bodies and state administration bodies);
5. Proof of registration with the competent authority for the registration of economic entities in Montenegro with data on authorized persons (original extract from the Central Register of Economic Entities of Montenegro) not older than 30 days from the date of application to the Public Call (refers to economic entities where the state and /or the local self-government unit owns more than 50% of shares or stake financed with more than 50% from the budget of Montenegro and/or the budget of the local self-government unit and other public revenues);
6. Certificate issued by the Revenue Administration of Montenegro that he has paid the due taxes and contributions (value added tax, taxes and contributions on personal income of employees, tax on the profit of legal entities, etc.) no older than 30 days from the date of application for the Call;
7. The documentation to be submitted for the vehicle for which payment was made in full/partially, contains the following:
  - A copy of the invoice issued and certified by the authorized seller;
  - Evidence of payment made (evidence in the form of statements, payment receipts, payment slips/receipts or other appropriate evidence).
  - The contract for the sale of a motor vehicle, which should contain the technical characteristics of the vehicle that is the subject of the offer, where the category, manufacturer, type, model, type of fuel and power source and CO2 emissions (g/km) are clearly visible;
  - Certificate confirming the level of CO2 emissions (g/km);
8. Statement for aid of low value (de minimis aid) (refers to economic subjects where the state and/or local self-government unit owns more than 50% of shares or stake financed with more than 50% from the budget of Montenegro and/or budget of the local self-government unit and other public revenues)
9. Deposited signatures cardboard

The entire documentation submitted on the basis of this Public Call remains in the subject archive of the Eco-fund without the obligation to return or copy it on the part of the Eco-fund. All the above statements must be certified by a notary, competent court or municipality.

**The aforementioned documentation for imported vehicles, i.e. those that were not purchased on the territory of Montenegro, must be translated and certified by a court interpreter.**

## **VII Basic criteria for selecting applications**

The basic criteria for the selection of applications will be the condition of purchasing vehicles with reduced CO<sub>2</sub> emissions (g/km) in order to increase the energy efficiency of city traffic while simultaneously reducing the emissions of harmful substances in the air and the contribution to environmental protection, as well as the fulfillment of formal and legal conditions.

The Eco-Fund will subsidize the purchase of vehicles (categories L, M1 and N1) that meet the necessary criteria for CO<sub>2</sub> emissions (g/km):

- Categories M1 and N1
  1. Electric vehicles with CO<sub>2</sub> 00 emissions (g/km),
  2. Plug-in hybrid vehicles with CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of less than 50 CO<sub>2</sub> (g/km),
  3. Hybrid vehicles "full hybrid" with CO<sub>2</sub> emissions up to a maximum of 130 CO<sub>2</sub> (g/km).
- Category L
  1. Electric vehicles with CO<sub>2</sub> 00 emissions (g/km).

If the above criteria are not met, the application will be rejected.

## **VIII Submission of documentation**

The documentation is submitted:

- by registered mail or by handing it to the protocol of the Eco-Fund in a closed envelope with the name and address of the Eco-Fund, the name and address of the applicant, indicating the subject of the Public Call to which the application relates,
- to the address: Environmental Protection Fund, Ul. Slobode 2, 81000 Podgorica.

with the indication: "Public Call for the allocation of Environmental Protection Fund subsidies for the purchase of electric and hybrid vehicles (categories L, M1 and N1) in the public sector for 2022".

**The submission of applications begins on the day of announcement of the Public Call, and will last until October 31, 2022, or until the subsidies provided by this Public Call expire, whichever comes first.**

The applicant can supplement, amend or withdraw the application in the same way as when submitting the original documentation.

## **IX Processing of documentation**

Eco-fund will not evaluate applications:

- which were submitted by the applicants who were not designated by this Public Call as beneficiaries of Eco-Fund funds,
- which are not the subject of this Public Call,
- which do not contain all the documentation prescribed by the Public Call.

The Commission will consider the applications chronologically according to the date and time of arrival.

Applications that do not meet the formal and legal requirements will be rejected.

The commission can ask the applicant to supplement the documentation and assign him a deadline of 8 working days for the delivery of the same. If the applicant submits the amended documentation within the specified period, the day of receipt of the amended documentation will be considered the day of receipt of the complete application. In the event that the applicant does not submit additional documentation within the specified period, it will be considered that he has abandoned the application, and the Eco-Fund will inform him in writing that, for the stated reason, he cannot claim the right to the subsidies provided by this Public Call.

The decision on the selection of the beneficiary of the funds is made by the executive director of the Eco-Fund.

The Eco-Fund will deliver the Decision on the selection of the beneficiary to the applicant in writing, and will publish the same on the official website of the Eco-Fund.

Against the Decision on the selection of beneficiaries of the Eco-fund's subsidies based on the published Public Call, the applicant who was not granted the funds can submit an objection to the Eco-Fund within 8 working days from the receipt of the notification.

## **X Conclusion of the Agreement with the beneficiary and method of subsidy disbursement**

The Eco-Fund will conclude an Agreement on the allocation of Eco-fund's subsidies with the applicants who obtained the right to use the funds by decision and will pay the funds to the Beneficiary, under the conditions and within the period stipulated in the Agreement.

The contract regulates the amount of the approved funds and the dynamics of their allocation, the conditions and method of using the allocated funds, the method of monitoring the intended use of the allocated subsidies, the documentation that the beneficiary is obliged to submit to the Fund, the term of validity of the contract, which will be determined in accordance with the updated dynamic plan submitted by the beneficiary, and other mutual rights and obligations of the beneficiary and the Fund.

Eco-fund will accept the above documentation if it refers to a vehicle of the same type of fuel and power source, and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions (g/km) less than or equal to the vehicle registered in accordance with this Public Call.

*Eco-fund will pay the subsidy to the beneficiary who has obtained the right to the subsidy after the purchase and first registration of the vehicle.*

**Beneficiaries of the subsidy will be obliged to keep the subsidized vehicle in their possession and use. Regardless of the above, in the event that the purchase of the vehicle is made based on the Financial Leasing Agreement, in that case it is allowed for the lessor to be listed as the owner, but the User of the vehicle must be listed as the User in accordance with the Agreement on allocated subsidies. The beneficiary may not alienate the motor vehicle he acquired through the allocated funds within a period of two years, which starts from the date of the vehicle's first registration, otherwise he is obliged to return the allocated funds.**

## **XI Other information**

This Public Call was published in the daily newspapers "Pobjeda", "Vijesti" and "Dan", and on the Eko-fond website ([www.eko-fond.me](http://www.eko-fond.me)).

By submitting documentation according to this Public Call, the applicant gives permission to the Eco-Fund to publish basic data about him and the registered vehicle on the Eco-Fund's website and in other reports.

Additional information can be obtained by calling +382 20 262 933 (Lidija Škatarić and Aleksandar Tomović), or by e-mail at the address: [projekti@eko-fond.me](mailto:projekti@eko-fond.me).

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