



Pursuant to the Decision of the Board of Directors of Elektroprivreda Crne Gore AD Nikšić no. 10-00-33817 from 30.07.2021., the Decision of the Board of Directors of the Environmental Protection Fund no. 01- 077/21-247/1 from 10.09.2021, the Government Conclusion no. 04-4365/2 from September 23, 2021. and the signed Agreement between EPCG and Eco-Fund no. 10-0049594 from 22.10.2021. announces:

## **PUBLIC CALL FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PROJECT**

### **"Solari - 3000+" for households and "Solari - 500+" for legal and natural persons"**

#### **1. Description of the Public Call**

Elektroprivreda Crne Gore AD Nikšić (hereinafter: EPCG) and the Environmental Protection Fund DOO Podgorica (hereinafter: Eco-Fund) as socially responsible subjects, aware of trends in the field of development of electricity production from renewable sources and environmental protection are implementing the project, "Solari - 3000+" for households and "Solari - 500+" for legal and natural persons".

The positive effects of the project are multiple, both from the financial aspect for households, the economy, individuals and EPCG, as well as from the aspect of the expectations of the international community in order to reduce the emission of harmful gases and increase the use of renewable energy sources.

The beneficiary is given the opportunity to install a suitable photovoltaic system, paying it off in equal monthly amounts in the amount of his average monthly bill for the consumed electricity. Depending on the amount of the installment and the power of the associated embedded system, the investment repayment period is up to 10 years.

Pursuant to the Agreement, signed on October 22, 2021. between EPCG and Eco-Fund on the implementation of the "Solari 3000+" and "Solari 500+" project, EPCG is responsible for the project activities, and Eco-Fund is the financial partner that provides a subsidy to the project beneficiary in the amount of 20% of the agreed investment value.

Part of the "Solari 3000+" project, which refers to the installation of photovoltaic systems with an installed power of up to 10 kW is for residential buildings and designed to meet the energy needs of households.

In the "Solari-500+" segment, the project refers to the installation of photovoltaic systems with an

installed power of up to 30 kW on the roofs of business buildings, owned by legal entities and individuals.

By installing a photovoltaic system, the beneficiary becomes a so-called consumer - producer, who meets the energy needs from his own source, and any surplus/deficit of electricity at a certain moment is delivered/received through the distribution network, which is financially balanced over the year. Beneficiaries pay off the system in equal monthly installments through a credit arrangement provided by EPCG, with a 20% subsidy granted by the Eco-Fund. Thus, the beneficiary in the project becomes the owner of a small solar power plant, the capacity of which is sufficient to approximately satisfy his needs for electricity.

## **2. Subject of the Public Call**

Photovoltaic system, with reference to this Public Call, is a system for the production of electricity from solar energy in accordance with the Law on Energy ("Official Gazette of Montenegro", No. 005/16 of 20.01.2016, 051/17 of 03.08.2017 and 082 /20 of 06.08.2020), where Article 96 defines the production of electricity for personal use. Photovoltaic system includes: photovoltaic panels (modules), assembly substructure for installation of photovoltaic panels, inverters, cable distributions for connection and operation of the photovoltaic system, protective equipment, supervision/monitoring system over the photovoltaic system, connection cabinet with space for the meter.

Through the tabular presentation (Table 1 and Table 2), it is evident that a certain range of annual beneficiary consumption is compatible with a photovoltaic system of appropriate power, i.e. that the production from the associated photovoltaic system meets the beneficiary annual need for electricity.

<b>Table 1. "Solari 3000+" (households)</b>				
<b>Photovoltaic system</b>	<b>The scope of consumption on an annual basis level (kWh)</b>	<b>Minimum roof required surface area (m<sup>2</sup>)</b>	<b>Participation system</b>	<b>Number of photovoltaic system</b>
<b>3 kW power system</b>	4,000 - 5,000	22	15%	450
<b>5 kW power system</b>	5,000 - 7,500	30	40%	1200
<b>7 kW power system</b>	7 500 - 11 000	40	25%	750
<b>10 kW power system</b>	11,000 - 15,000	70	20%	600
<b>In total</b>			<b>100%</b>	<b>3000</b>

**Table 2. "Solari-500+" (legal and natural persons)**

<b>Photovoltaic system</b>	<b>Annual consumption range (kWh)</b>	<b>Minimum required roof area (m<sup>2</sup>)</b>	<b>Participation system</b>	<b>Number of photovoltaic systems</b>
<b>10 kW power system</b>	13 000 - 19 000	70	20%	100
<b>15 kW power system</b>	19,000 - 27,000	100 or 150 (for flat roof)	20%	100
<b>20 kW power system</b>	27,000 - 37,000	130 or 195 (for flat roof)	20%	100
<b>25 kW power system</b>	37 000 - 47 000	165	20%	100
<b>30 kW power system</b>	47 000 - 54 000	195	20%	100
<b>In total</b>			<b>100%</b>	<b>500</b>

### **3. The objective of the Public Call**

The goal of the project "Solari - 3000+" and "Solari - 500+" is the procurement and installation of photovoltaic systems in order to provide support:

- To low-carbon development through increasing energy efficiency, independence, security of supply, reducing energy consumption, and thus the associated costs,
- In reducing greenhouse gas emissions,
- To more secure energy supply,
- In affirming the use of RES,
- To beneficiaries to produce electricity for personal needs.

### **4. General conditions**

The following can participate in the "Solari-3000+" and "Solari-500+" Project:

- owners/co-owners of an individual object,
- facilities built in accordance with the law regulation, which arranges spatial planning and facility construction,
- facilities with an approved connection power that must be greater than the power of the photovoltaic system that is planned to be installed, and in accordance with the current Law on Energy, Article 96, paragraph 1,
- objects with a three-phase connection to the distribution network,
- regular payers, i.e. the right to participate in the project is given to customers who regularly settle monthly bills for consumed electricity and monthly installments for debt repayment, if there is such an obligation,
- buildings with a roof surface that is not in the shadow of other neighboring buildings, trees, etc.

### **5. Additional conditions**

Customers from the household category have the right to apply for participation in the "Solari-3000+" part of the project:

- whose annual consumption in the previous three years is over 4,000 kWh, i.e. the average monthly bill for consumed electricity with a discount of over €30,
- buildings must have a sloping roof surface, for the installation of a photovoltaic system, with an orientation to the south and/or southeast and/or southwest, at an angle equal to or greater than 10<sup>Fr</sup>.

To participate in the "Solari-500+" project, consumers from the category of other consumption (legal entities and individuals) can apply:

- whose annual consumption in the previous three years is over 13,000 kWh, and the average monthly bill for consumed electricity with a discount is over €120,
- buildings can have flat or sloping roofs. A building with a sloping roof surface, provided for the installation of a photovoltaic system, must be oriented to the south and/or southeast and/or southwest, at an angle equal to or greater than 10<sup>Fr</sup>.

## **6. General conditions for the beneficiary of the Eco-Fund subsidy**

- The building was built on the basis of the appropriate act in accordance with the Law on Spatial Planning and Construction of Buildings ("Official Gazette of Montenegro" No. 064/17 of 06.10.2017, 044/18 of 06.07.2018, 063/18 of 28.09.2018, 011/19 from 19.02.2019 and 082/20 from 06.08.2020) and any other that is listed or equated to it by a special law;
- An object that has not been extended or changed in relation to the act that proves its legality;
- The existing electricity meter is connected to the same solar investor system, that is, the owner of the facility;
- Objects in the legalization procedure cannot be subject to financing until the legal end of the procedure or the adoption of an adequate decision by the competent state body;
- Legal entities and entrepreneurs must submit a certified statement related to the award of small amount aid - de minimis aid.

## **7. The type and amount of subsidies allocated to Eco-Fund beneficiaries**

The maximum amount of subsidy beneficiary can obtain for procurement and installation of photovoltaic systems amounts to 20% out of acceptable costs, VAT included.

### **Eligible expenses**

Eligible costs refer to the total estimated value of the investment, which is determined by the offer and the Performance Contract, as integral parts of the Subsidy Award Agreement for co-financing the implementation of the project "Solari 3000+" and "Solari 500+" (hereinafter: Subsidy Award Agreement). The agreed amount of the subsidy will be based on a calculation in the amount of 20% of the agreed estimated value of the investment between EPCG and the beneficiary.

**The beneficiary shall be granted a subsidy after the implementation of the investment, by submitting a certificate (Final Report on the implemented project per beneficiary) to the Eco-Fund by EPCG.**

## **8. Signing of the Subsidy Award Agreement**

If the applicant meets the stated conditions, after the report on the zero state, accepts the Offer of EPCG, i.e. concludes the Performance Contract on the construction of an integrated solar power plant with EPCG, the Eco-Fund makes a Decision on the selection of beneficiaries. After

making a decision on the selection of beneficiaries, the Subsidy Award Agreement is signed between Eco-fund, beneficiary and EPCG.

## **9. Application**

The beneficiary fills out the application for photovoltaic systems on the EPCG website, at the address **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.** or by filling out a form that can be picked up at the counters of the local FC Supply unit.

The beneficiary can hand in the completed form to the counter of the local FC Supply unit or send it by registered mail to the EPCG address, with the name and address of the applicant, indicating the subject of the Public Call to which the application refers, to the address of the EPCG administrative building, Vuk Karadžić no. 2, 81400 Nikšić.

The entire documentation submitted on the basis of this Public Call remains in the subject archive EPCG without obligation to return or copy the same by EPCG.

At the time of submission of the application to the EPCG, the applicant receives a confirmation of submission of the application with the indicated day, hour and minute of delivery.

By receiving the completed form from the beneficiary either at the counter of the local unit of FC Snabdijevanje or by registered mail to the address of EPCG, employees of EPCG who are in charge of the mentioned project are obliged to enter the data from the application form electronically through the application, with the date of the application.

Submission of applications begins on the day of publication of the Public Call.

**The deadline for submitting applications is 60 calendar days from the date of publication of the Public Call.**

The list of beneficiaries who have qualified for the allocation of subsidies will be published on the website of the Eco-Fund.

## **10. Regional representation in the project**

Considering the solar potential of Montenegro, as well as the population density for the purposes of this project, the regional representation of the installation of photovoltaic systems will be as follows:

- 40% of south-coast installations;
- 40% of installations in the central part, including Podgorica;
- 20% of installations in the north, including Nikšić;

## **11. Ranking criteria and scoring**

### **11.1. Criteria for ranking applications in the Solari 3000 +**

The ranking is based on the following criteria:

- Potential beneficiaries who use wood or coal for heating and want to switch to devices that consume electricity have an advantage in ranking compared to beneficiaries who use electricity for heating or wood or coal and do not want to switch to electricity devices. The advantage in the ranking is reflected in the possibility of moving to a higher category (if the beneficiary is in the category of the 3 kW system, he moves to the 5 kW category and has an advantage over beneficiaries from that category in the same region);
- Average monthly income per household member (beneficiaries with lower monthly income have priority);
- The amount of the average monthly bill for the consumed electricity in the previous three calendar years (beneficiaries with higher amounts of the average electricity bill have priority);
- Beneficiary registration time frame (earlier registrations have priority).

It is necessary to conduct a clear and fair ranking of applicants, through appropriate scoring, within a certain region and power of the photovoltaic system.

As already stated, the absolute advantage in the implementation of the project is for beneficiaries who express their desire to replace the current heating by burning wood or coal with heating by electricity. In terms of scoring, these applications are awarded 50 points.

The next scoring criterion is the amount of the beneficiary average monthly bill. In the group of applications within a certain region and power of the photovoltaic system, 25 points, as the maximum number of points according to this criterion, are awarded to the applicant / applicants with the largest amount of the bill. The downward scoring scale is formed proportionally for lower bills.

The next scoring criterion is the amount of monthly income per household member. In the group of applications within a certain region and power of the photovoltaic system, the applicant who has the highest income per household member is determined and, according to this criterion, zero points are assigned to him. Points are awarded proportionally, in an increasing sequence, in accordance with a decreasing sequence of household income, where the highest number of points, 25, is given to the applicant with the lowest amount of income per household member.

In the event that two or more potential beneficiaries have the same number of points, the one who submitted the application first has the priority.

### **11.2. Criteria for ranking applications in the Solari 500 +**

For legal entities and individuals who, in accordance with the volume of electricity consumption, are candidates for installing photovoltaic systems with more than 10 kW of installed power (project segment Solari 500+), the scoring criterion is only the amount of the average monthly electricity bill. In this sense, in the group of applications within a certain region and the power of the photovoltaic system, 100 points are awarded to the applicants who have the highest average monthly bill for consumed electricity. Furthermore, in accordance with decreasing bills, the number of points is allocated proportionally. In the event that two or more potential beneficiaries have the same average account amount, i.e. number of points, priority is given to the beneficiary who submitted the application first.

## **12. Documentation to be provided**

Beneficiaries of the Solari 3000 + need to provide the following documentation:

- certificate of earnings for all household members;
- a copy of the ID card of the head of the household;

- certified Household members certificate, not older than six months.

In addition, beneficiaries who have expressed an interest in switching from heating with wood or coal to heating with electricity, i.e. to qualify for a higher power photovoltaic system, need to attach the pro-invoice of the heating device that uses electricity, which they plan to purchase for household heating in the period to come.

### **13. Other information**

This Public Call was announced in the daily newspapers "Pobjeda", "Vijesti" and "Dan", and on the websites of EPCG and Eco-Fund ([www.epcg.com](http://www.epcg.com) [www.eko-fond.me](http://www.eko-fond.me)). By submitting documentation to this Public Call, the applicant gives approval to EPCG to publish basic data about him and the submitted project on the EPCG website and in other reports.