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EED Recast – Articles 5 and 6 Overview of the State of Implementation

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Implementing EED Recast in FI

- EED working group preparing the implementation
- Preparation supported by article-specific expert working groups
 - Identifying legislative needs, involving stakeholders, impact assessment
- Expert working group on Articles 5 & 6, work so far
 - 1) Study on the public bodies' building stock (VTT, Technical Research Centre of Finland)
 - **2)** Draft report on the definition of public body (Energy Authority)
 - Sectoral assessment of public bodies' final energy consumption (Art 5, buildings and public transport)
 - 4) Description of alternative approach method (Art 6, corresponding savings)



Work on the Definition of Public Body

- What have we achieved so far?
 - Draft report on the definition, based on preliminary legal analysis and discussions within the expert working group
 - Scope:
 - 1) Defining existing public bodies (clear cases)
 - 2) Principles for evaluating if an entity is a public body or not (cases to be analysed further)
 - How to evaluate? Comparing the EED and public procurement directives ('body governed by public law')
- What's next?
 - Entities that may or may not fall within the scope of application, depending on the situation
 - Mainly: Publicly owned companies
 - Closer analysis of these entities is the next step



Public Bodies in Finland (1)

- 1) National level
- State authorities, including i.a.
 - Ministries
 - State agencies
 - Government enterprises (part of the same legal person as the State)

• 2) Regional level

- Regional authorities, including i.a.
 - Wellbeing services counties
 - Regional councils
- 3) Local level
- Local authorities, including i.a.
 - Municipalities
 - Enterprises owned by municipalities (part of the same legal person as the Municipality)



Public Bodies in Finland (2)

- Analysis on 'other entities'
 - Comparing the EED 2(12) definition to that of a 'body governed by public law' (public procurement directives)
 - 'Directly financed' and 'directly administered'
 - Wording in the EED is partly different compared to procurement directives
 - 'Industrial or commercial character'
 - Wording in the EED is similar compared to procurement directives
- Publicly owned organisations
 - Companies, associations, foundations
 - Within these groups, some public bodies, however not all of them are public bodies
 - For example, public bodies could include: Publicly owned service companies, providing services mainly/only for municipalities?
 - For example, public bodies wouldn't include: Publicly owned energy companies (operating in market conditions)?
 - Closer analysis on these to be done next



Questions, Concerns, Challenges

- Comparing the EED 2(12) definition to organisational structures in Finland
 - Challenges with some entities
- In Finland, some activities can be exercised through either a company (an independent legal person) or a business-based authority (same legal person as the authority) (e.g. water supply management)
 - Challenges with interpretation in these situations (do both cases fall under the definition equally)
- Groups of entities that in our view may contain both public bodies and not public bodies
 - Publicly owned companies & other publicly owned entities
 - Closer analysis to be done next, method

Thank you!

