MEASURES FOR WATER AFFORDABILITY IN ESTONIA

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Regulative measures

The development of water supply and public sewerage is delegated to the municipality level by Local Government Organisation Act, specified in Public Water Supply and Sewerage Act and Water Act.

The Water Act will be amended further for the implementation of the DWD.

The price of water services is regulated by Public Water Supply and Sewerage Act and controlled by the Competition Authority.

- The price of water services is calculated in public water supply and sewerage development plans
- Comparison of the price of the service with the average household income
Informational measures

Study on water quality of private wells:
- Opportunities for households to connect to the public water supply or implement other measures for safe drinking water
- Guidelines for private well owners

Guidelines for municipalities how to regulate and do supervision on individual sewerage systems.

Seminars for municipalities (possibilities of grants, RBMP implementation)
Financial measures

Grants for connecting households to public water and sewerage system in agglomerations over 2000 pe.

Grants of infrastructure development and reconstruction for regional water service providers under 2000 pe.
- Focus on the consolidation of service providers
- Limited cost rate for average household income (max 4%, usually 1.5-2%)
- Self-financing rate 50-55%

Grants for individual wells and household sewerage systems in sparsely populated areas.
- Implemented by municipalities
- Household self-financing rate 33%
Thank you!

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