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**THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS CHECKLIST**

<b>IMPACTS</b>	<b>QUESTIONS</b>
<b>ECONOMIC IMPACTS</b>	
<b>Free market and competitiveness</b>	<p>What are the impacts of options on free traffic of goods, services, capital and labour?</p> <p>Can the option lead to deterioration of choices for consumers, higher market prices, and creation of new obstacles for suppliers and service providers, encouraging of uncompetitive market behaviour, creation of the monopolistic market?</p>
<b>Competitiveness, trade and inflow of investments</b>	<p>What is the impact of the options on the competitiveness of Croatian economic subjects in the single EU market and region?</p> <p>What are the impacts of the option on market barriers?</p> <p>Does the option encourage inflow of investments?</p>
<b>Operative costs and business of SMEs</b>	<p>Will the option lead to additional costs for economic subjects due to the new adjustments, compliance and fulfilment of the legislative conditions?</p> <p>How the option affects the costs of economic subjects i.e. procurement of resources (raw materials, machinery, labour, energy, etc.)?</p> <p>Will the option include stricter business regulation?</p> <p>Will the option make access to finances more difficult?</p> <p>Does the option influence investment cycle and money flow in the investment project?</p> <p>Can the option influence product advertising (e.g. in a way which limits or forbids marketing)?</p> <p>Can the recommended option impact negatively on the creation of new business entities or have an adverse impact on their continuing to trade?</p>
<b>Administrative obligations and obstacles for economic subjects</b>	<p>Does the option influence the requirements on companies for more information, reports and other information to the state administration (for example, the kinds of data to be provided, the volume, reporting frequency, complexity of the procedure for data provision)?</p> <p>What is the impact of administrative obligations, especially on SMEs?</p>
<b>Fiscal commitments of the state</b>	<p>Does the option have an impact on the state budget?</p> <p>Does it cause additional obligations for the Government or other state institutions?</p> <p>Does the option require changes or restructuring in the public sector and how will that reflect on the state budget?</p> <p>Are the funds for the implementation of the option secured in the state budget and what impact is expected to the projections of the state budget (will the provisions increase or decrease demands for funds)?</p>
<b>Property rights</b>	<p>Does the option affect property rights (land, movables, and real estates)? Is the acquisition, sale or utilisation of property rights limited?</p>
<b>Research and Innovation</b>	<p>Does the option encourage or limit R&amp;D?</p> <p>Does it make implementation and dissemination of new production methods, technologies and products easier?</p>





	<p>Does it affect intellectual ownership (patents, stamps, author rights, and other intellectual property rights)?</p> <p>Does it encourage or limit research by academic or industrial organisations?</p> <p>Does it encourage improvement of effectiveness/efficiency in the utilisation of resources?</p>
<b>Consumers and Households</b>	<p>Does the option affect consumer prices?</p> <p>Does it affect the quality or availability of goods/services that consumers have on their disposal or impact on consumer confidence?</p> <p>Does it affect the information available to consumers or their safety?</p> <p>Does it have significant consequences on the position of individuals/households, either as a long-term consequence either directly or indirectly?</p>
<b>Regional Development</b>	<p>Does the option have expected impacts on regional development in the country; for example, in terms of opening new or closing existing working places, or in terms of deterioration of the state's transfers towards regions and counties?</p>
<b>Macroeconomic Environment</b>	<p>Does the option influence economic growth or employment?</p> <p>How does the option contribute to the improvement of conditions for investment in and functioning of the market?</p> <p>Does the option have direct impacts on macroeconomic stability?</p>
<b>SOCIAL IMPACTS</b>	
<b>Employment and Labour Market</b>	<p>Does the option make creation of new working places easier?</p> <p>Does it lead, directly or indirectly, to the loss of existing working places?</p> <p>Does it have special negative consequences for certain professions, groups of workers or the self-employed?</p> <p>Does it have special impacts on different age groups?</p> <p>Does it affect job opportunities?</p> <p>Does it affect the functioning of the labour market?</p> <p>Does it affect the harmonisation of the private, family and personal life?</p>
<b>Standards and rights related to quality of the working place</b>	<p>Does the option affect the quality of the working place and environment?</p> <p>Does the option affect availability of training, retraining (new qualification) and additional education for workers or unemployed people?</p> <p>Does the option affect the health, safety or dignity of workers?</p> <p>Does the option affect, directly or indirectly, current rights and commitments of workers?</p> <p>Does the option affect, directly or indirectly, current rights and commitments of employers?</p>
<b>Social Inclusion and Protection of Special Groups of People</b>	<p>Does the option affect access to the labour market and change of the working place?</p> <p>Does it result, directly or indirectly, in higher equality or inequality?</p> <p>Does the option affect equal access to goods and services?</p> <p>Does the option affect access to mediators for the job search or services of general economic interest?</p> <p>Will the public be better informed on the subject after implementation of the recommended option?</p> <p>Does the measure affect special groups of individuals (for example, most vulnerable or groups with highest risk regarding poverty; children; women; old and helpless; persons with special needs; unemployed; national, linguistic and religion minorities, asylum seekers), companies and other organisations, religion communities or special locations?</p>





	Does the option significantly affect citizens of other nationalities or foreign seasonal workers?
<b>Gender equality, Equal Treatment, Equal Opportunities</b>	Does the option affect non-discrimination, equal treatment and opportunities for all? Does the option have different impacts on women and men? Does the option promote equality between women and men? Does the option imply different treatment of individuals or groups based on their gender, racial or national origin, religious beliefs, disability, age or sexual orientation? Can the option lead to indirect discrimination?
<b>Individuals, Private and Family Life, Personal Data</b>	Does the option impose additional administrative requirements on individuals and does it increase administrative burdens (for example, issuing public documents, additional filling of forms, additional certificates of other public institutions and organisations, does it limit the rights of individuals etc.)? Does the option affect the privacy of individuals (including their place of living or communication)? Does it affect the right of choice and freedoms of the individuals? Does it affect family life or legal, economic or social protection of family? Does it affect children's rights? Does the measure includes processing of personal data or does it impact on the rights of individuals to access their personal information?
<b>Management, Inclusion of Public and Stakeholders in the Decision Making Process, Media, Ethics</b>	Does the option affect, limit or encourage the inclusion of stakeholders in decision making processes, as envisaged by special national and European legislation (for example, The RIA Act, Codex for the consultation with the public in the processes of the adoption of the Acts, other regulations and official documents)? Does the option treat all participants and stakeholders equally with due respect regarding diversity? Does the measure affect cultural or linguistic diversity? Does it affect autonomy of social partners in the areas for which they are competent? Does it affect, for example, collective negotiation at any level or on the right to collective action? Does the option affect public institutions and administration, for example, their competences? Will the option affect the rights of individuals and their relationship with public administration? Does it affect access by individuals to legal institutions? Does the option give more opportunities to the public for better informing themselves on the specific problem? Does it affect access by individuals to information? Does the option affect civil society bodies, other organisations, or political parties? Does the option affect media, pluralism of media, or freedom of speech? Does the option affect ethical issues (cloning, use of human body or body parts for financial profit, genetic researches, use of genetic information)?
<b>Public Health and Security</b>	Does the option impact on the general health of individuals/whole population, their life expectancy through impacts on the social-economic environment (working environment, income, education, professional occupation, diet)? Does the option increase or decrease frequency of health risks due to the presence of substances that are harmful in the natural environment? Does it affect health due to the changes in noise levels or the quality of air, water or soil?





	<p>Will it affect health due to changes in the expected utilisation of energy and/or waste management?</p> <p>Does the measure affect health factors connected with life style as for example diet, physical activity and consumption of tobacco products, alcohol or narcotics?</p> <p>Are there especially affected risk groups of people (due to their age, gender, disability, mobility, regional or social group)?</p>
<b>Crime, Terrorism and Security</b>	<p>Does the option affect national security by creating security failures which increase crime or terrorism threats?</p> <p>Does the option open up the possibility for detection of criminals and/or their potential benefits from crime?</p> <p>Can the option increase the number of criminal activities?</p> <p>Does it affect the capacity of police forces?</p> <p>Will it affect rights to freedom and security, to a fair trial or the right to defend oneself if accused of a crime?</p> <p>Will it affect the right of victims and witnesses?</p>
<b>Access to Social Protection, Health and Education systems and the consequences of them</b>	<p>Does the option affect services in the sense of quality/access for all?</p> <p>Does it affect education or the mobility of workers?</p> <p>Does the option affect access of individual to public/private education or vocational education and specialisation?</p> <p>Does the option affect financing/organisation/access to social and health services?</p> <p>Does the option affect Universities and academic freedoms or self-government?</p>
<b>Culture</b>	<p>Does the option affect the preservation of cultural heritage?</p> <p>Does the option affect cultural diversity?</p> <p>Does the option affect inclusion of citizens in cultural manifestations or their access to cultural resources?</p>
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION IMPACTS</b>	
<b>Climate</b>	<p>Does the option affect the emission of greenhouse gasses (for example, carbon dioxide, methane and similar) to the atmosphere?</p> <p>Does the option affect the emission of substances that harm the ozone layer?</p> <p>Does it affect human capacity and capability to adjust to climate changes?</p>
<b>Transport and Use of Energy</b>	<p>Does the option affect energy resources for the needs of the economy?</p> <p>Does the option affect combinations of fuels (coal, gas, nuclear energy, renewable resources) used in the production of energy?</p> <p>Will it increase or decrease demand for transport (travel, freight and cargo)?</p> <p>Will the measure increase or reduce demand for energy and fuel?</p>
<b>Air Quality</b>	<p>Does the option affect emissions of acids, photochemical or harmful air pollutants that can affect human health, damage crops or buildings or lead to pollution of the environment (soil, rivers and similar)?</p>
<b>Biodiversity, Flora, Fauna and Landscape</b>	<p>Does the option decrease the number of biological species/specimens in certain areas (for example, deterioration of biodiversity) or does it increase the number of species (for example, by promoting their preservation or habitats)?</p> <p>Does it affect protected or endangered species, their habitats or ecologically endangered areas?</p>



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	Does the option in any manner affect migration routes, ecological corridors or protected ecological zones? Does the option affect the aesthetic quality of a protected environment?
<b>Quality of Water and Water Resources</b>	Does the option affect the quality of drinking water or groundwater? Does the option increase or decrease the quality of the water in coastal and marine areas (for example, due to the discharge of sewage, nutrients, oils, heavy metals or other pollutants)? Does it affect the available drinking water resources?
<b>Quality of Soil Resources</b>	Does the option affect the acidity, pollution or salinity of the soil? Does the option affect soil erosion? Does the option result in the loss of usable surface soil (for example, due to construction work) or increase the usable surface soil (for example, due to decontamination)?
<b>Use of Land</b>	Will the option create new, until now, unused land (e.g. new greenbelt land) that will be used in future? Does the option affect land designated as endangered due to ecological reasons (for example, re-designation of agricultural land as suitable for construction, or changes in agricultural use)?
<b>Renewable or Non-renewable Resources</b>	Does the option affect the utilisation of renewable energy resources (wind, water, sun, sea) or renewable food resources (for example, fish) such that these resources are used up faster than they can renew on their own? Will implementation of the option increase or decrease the consumption of non-renewable resources (for example, groundwater, minerals and ores)?
<b>Ecological consequences for business and consumers</b>	Does the option affect sustainable production or consumption? Does the option affect the relative price of products that are ecologically (non) compatible? Does the option encourage or limit the use of ecologically (non)compatible goods or services through changes in legislation on capital investments, credit, insurance services etc.? Will companies be more or less likely to pollute the atmosphere due to changes in the way they conduct their business?
<b>Generation of waste/use/recycling</b>	Does the option affect the production of waste (in terms of domestic and business waste, city waste, agricultural waste, radioactive or toxic waste)?
<b>Possible Ecological Risks</b>	Does the option affect the ability to prevent fires, explosions, accidental leaks, or other kinds of ecologically damaging events? Does the option affect the risks of unauthorised or unintentional discharges into the environment of ecologically harmful or genetically modified organisms?
<b>Animal Welfare</b>	Does the option affect animal health? Does the option affect animal welfare (for example, the humane treatment of animals)? Does the option affect the security of animal foodstuffs or feed?
<b>International ecological impacts</b>	Does the option affect the environment or measures to protect the environment in neighbouring countries or in other EU Member States (for example, new initiatives in coastal regions or plans to construct dams across rivers, which flow through other countries)?

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