



## **Completion of the international Helsinki Energy Challenge competition and payment of the awards**

### **Decision**

The City Manager decided to approve the results of the Helsinki Energy Challenge competition and decided on the payment of the prizes of the competition. The prizes amounting to 1,000,000 euros are paid as follows:

- HIVE, €350,000
- SMART SALT CITY, €200,000
- THE HOT HEART, €200,000
- BEYOND FOSSILS, €200,000
- CHP Consumers to Heat Producers, €50,000 (recognition award)

The prizes are paid from budget item 1 3001 City Board's funds available (profit centre 1000021, project 104020106902).

The City Manager decided to disqualify the applications mentioned in appendix 1 for not complying with the competition program.

### **Grounds for the decision**

#### **Background and purpose of the Helsinki Energy Challenge competition**

According to the Helsinki City Strategy approved by the City Council on 27 September 2017, Section 321, Helsinki takes its responsibility for the prevention of climate change seriously and ambitiously. Reaching carbon neutrality by 2035 requires significant investments in energy efficient buildings, renewable energy, low-emissions mobility and emissions-free energy production. More than 50 per cent of Helsinki's carbon dioxide emissions originate from the production of energy used for heating. In Helsinki, over 50 per cent of the district heating is produced with coal.

The Mayor of Helsinki introduced the international challenge competition, Helsinki Energy Challenge, on 3 April 2019 at the Helsinki Symposium. The objective of the competition is to find solutions through which the coal used in the heating of Helsinki can be replaced in an ecologically and financially sustainable way.

The City Board decided on 10 February 2020, Section 114, to grant one million euros for the payment of the competition prize.

#### **The rules of the competition and announcing the competition**

The competition was carried out as a design contest, as specified in the Act on Public Procurement and Concession Contracts (1397/2016). The rules and terms of the competition were defined in the competition program. The contract notice concerning the design contest was published on 26 February 2020 in the Tenders Electronic Daily (TED), a supplement to the EU Official Journal. An invite to the competition was also published on the competition website at <http://energychallenge.hel.fi>.

The competition program and background materials were freely available to all on the competition website.

#### **Phases of the competition**

The competition started on 27 February 2020 with an open application phase, which concluded on 30 September 2020. The competition applications, with presentations of the team members and their experience, as well as the team's preliminary solution (plan), was to be submitted through the application portal. A link to the application portal was available on the competition website. There were 252 applications submitted before the deadline of 30 September 2020 at 16:00.

27 applications were disqualified for not complying with the competition program. The disqualified applications and the grounds for the disqualifications have been presented in appendix 1. The other applications were in accordance with the requirements of the competition program.



The ten most promising applications were selected for the co-creation phase of the competition. The evaluation criteria described in the competition program were used.

The following teams were selected to the co-creation phase:

- Smart Salt City
- Going Deep
- Use It or Lose It
- Hive
- Sustainable Heat Coalition
- The Hot Heart
- Beyond Fossils
- CHP Consumers to Heat Producers
- CarbonHelSinki
- Flexible Future

These teams participated in the co-creation phase, during which they received further information and support to be able to finalise their proposals. The deadline for submitting the final competition proposals was 22 January 2021 at 16:00. All 10 teams submitted their final competition entries and all were in accordance with the requirements of the competition program.

## **Competition results**

The international jury of the competition has evaluated the competition entries and chosen the winners of the competition. The evaluation of the competition entries was carried out in accordance with the evaluation criteria described in the competition program.

The jury decided that the competition does not have one winner, and that the prize is shared among the four strongest proposals in such a way that one receives a bigger share and the others each receive an equal, smaller share

The awarded teams are:

HIVE (bigger share of the prize)  
SMART SALT CITY  
BEYOND FOSSILS  
THE HOT HEART

The prizes are paid as follows:

- HIVE, €350,000
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Moreover, the City of Helsinki decided to award a recognition award of €50,000 to one of the competition teams, "CHP Consumers to Heat Producers".

A condition for the payment of the prizes is that the awarded teams are not subject to the mandatory exclusion criteria or the discretionary exclusion criteria defined in sections 80 and 81 respectively of the Act on Public Procurement and Concession Contracts (1397/2016).



### **Follow-up assignments**

In accordance with paragraph 3.6 of the competition program and Section 40, subsection 2, paragraph 8 of the Act on Public Procurement and Concession Contract, the organiser of the competition, City of Helsinki, may sign a services contract with the winners, but a decision on the procurement of follow-up work is taken separately.

### **Applicable regulatory framework and decision powers**

According to Section 123 of the Act on Public Procurement and Concession Contracts (1397/2016), a contracting entity shall make a written decision on resolutions affecting the status of candidates and tenderers and on procurement procedure resolutions, which shall be substantiated.

Pursuant to Chapter 12, Section 1 of the City Governance Code, the City Manager decides on procurements, with the exception of shares

### **Enquiries**

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### **Appendices**

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- 2 Helsinki Energy Challenge applications and scores
- 3 Evaluation report
- 4 Translation of the Record and Instructions for rectification and appeal
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## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR RECTIFICATION AND APPEAL**

### **A RECTIFICATION OF PROCUREMENT**

Any party dissatisfied with this decision may request rectification of procurement from the contracting entity or by filing an appeal to the Market Court, or by doing both.

### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR RECTIFICATION OF PROCUREMENT**

#### **Time limit for submitting a request for rectification**

A party must request rectification of procurement within 14 days of receiving notice of the decision of the contracting entity (together with instructions for appeal) or of some other resolution made in the procurement procedure.

Filing an appeal to the Market Court does not prevent a party from requesting a rectification of procurement.

If the procurement decision has been communicated electronically, a party is deemed to have received notice of a decision and its attachments on the date when the electronic message containing them became available to the recipient on his/her reception device in a form in which the message can be processed. A party is deemed to have received notice of the decision on the day of dispatching the message, unless the party gives a reliable explanation of an electronic communications failure or of some other corresponding factor that caused the electronic message to reach the recipient later.

If the procurement decision has been communicated by a letter sent by post, a party is deemed to have received notice of the matter on the seventh day following the dispatch, unless the party shows that notification was received later.

The date of service is not included in the period for the request for rectification. The request for rectification must arrive at the City of Helsinki Registry before the end of office hours on the final day of the time limit.

If the final day of the time limit is a public holiday, Independence Day, 1 May, Christmas Eve or Midsummer's Eve, or a Saturday, the time limit is extended to the next working day.

#### **Authority considering the request for rectification**

The authority from which the rectification is requested is the Helsinki City Board.



The functional address of the authority considering the claim for a revised decision is the following:

E-mail: [helsinki.kirjaamo@hel.fi](mailto:helsinki.kirjaamo@hel.fi)

Postal address: P.O.B. 10  
00099 CITY OF HELSINKI

Fax number: (09) 655 783

Visiting address: Pohjoisesplanadi 11-13

Phone number: (09) 310 13700 (General administration)

The City of Helsinki Registry is open from Monday to Friday at 8:15 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### **Form and content of a request for rectification**

The proceedings concerning a request for rectification of a procurement are instituted by means of a written announcement stating

- the contracting entity's decision or other solution which the request for rectification of a procurement concerns
- how the decision or other solution should be rectified
- the grounds on which the decision or other solution should be rectified.

Electronic documents meet the requirements of written form.

The request for rectification must include the name of the person requesting the rectification and the contact information necessary to processing the request. If a legal representative or spokesperson pleads on behalf of the person requesting the rectification or if someone else has drafted the request for rectification, the request for rectification must also include their name and necessary contact information.

The request for rectification must be supplemented with documents, which the person requesting the rectification wants to refer to in support of their request, if the documents have not already been provided to the authority.

### **Minutes**

Extracts and appendices from the minutes concerning the decision will be sent on request. Documents can be ordered from the City of Helsinki Registry.



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## INSTRUCTIONS FOR AN APPEAL TO THE MARKET COURT

### **Appeal period**

The appeal must be filed in writing within 14 days of the date on which the party received notice of the procurement decision together with instructions for appeal.

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If the procurement decision has been communicated by a letter sent by post, a party is deemed to have received notice of the matter on the seventh day following the dispatch, unless the party shows that notification was received later.

The commencement of proceedings for rectification of the procurement does not affect the time limit within which the party concerned has the right to file an appeal against the decision by appealing to the Market Court.

The date of service is not included in the appeal period. The appeal must be delivered to the appeals authority before the end of the appeals authority's office hours on the final day of the appeals period.

If the final day of the appeal period is a public holiday, Independence Day, 1 May, Christmas Eve or Midsummer's Eve, or a Saturday, the appeal period is extended to the next working day.

### **Appeals authority**

The appeal is lodged to the Market Court.

The functional address of the Market Court is  
the following:

Postal address: Radanrakentajantie 5  
00520 HELSINKI  
E-mail: markkinaoikeus@oikeus.fi  
Fax number: 029 56 43314  
Visiting address: Radanrakentajantie 5  
Phone number: 029 56 43300



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The appeal may also be filed in the e-services of the administrative court and special courts at:  
<https://asiointi2.oikeus.fi/hallintotuomioistuimet>

### **Form and content of the appeal**

The appeals shall be filed in writing. Electronic documents meet the requirements of written form.

The appeal shall include:

1. the decision which is appealed against (the decision subject to appeal);
2. which aspect of the decision the appeal concerns and what changes the appellant is calling for (claims);
3. the grounds for the claims;
4. what the right of appeal is based on, if the decision appealed against is not addressed to the appellant.

The appeal shall also include the name and contact information of the appellant. If a legal representative or spokesperson pleads on behalf of the appellant, the appeal shall also include their contact information. Changes to the contact information when the appeal is pending shall be reported immediately to the administrative court.

The appeal shall also include the mail address and possible other address to which the documents related to the trial can be sent (process address). If the appellant has provided more than one process address, the administrative court may choose the address to which it sends the documents related to the trial.

The following attachments shall be added to the appeal:

1. the decision subject to appeal together with instructions for appeal;
2. evidence on the date that the appellant has been informed of the decision or some other evidence on the date from which the time limit for appeal is calculated;
3. the documents invoked by the appellant in support of the claim, unless they have already earlier been delivered to the authority

### **Notification of review to the contracting entity**

The appellant or their representative must inform the contracting entity in writing of the referral of the case to the Market Court. The notification must be submitted to the contracting entity no later than the time of submitting the appeal to the Market Court.

The announcement shall be made to:



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### **Standstill period**

In procurements exceeding the European Union threshold values, the agreement may be concluded no sooner than 14 days after the candidate or tenderer has received or is deemed to have received notice of the decision and instructions for appeal.

### **Court fee**

A court fee is charged from the party who has filed an appeal as provided in the Act on Court Fees (1455/2015). If considered by the Market Court as a first instance case, the fee is charged irrespective of the final verdict.

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