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### **Schools and kindergartens connected to biomass heating plants will report about the purchase of biofuel to the Energy Efficiency Agency**

Public institutions connected to biomass heating systems shall ensure the procurement of high quality biomass fuel for the cold season and report the information on their readiness status for the new heating season to the Energy Efficiency Agency. For the first time this clause has been stipulated by the Government Decision on Measures aimed to prepare the national economy and the social sphere for autumn-winter period 2014-2015 (No. 685 dated 20.08.2014).

According to the aforementioned Government Decision, managers of public institutions shall purchase high quality biomass fuel that is suitable for the type of heating plant installed at their organization and in quantities that meet the needs for the whole heating season 2014-2015.

The clause on supplying the public institutions with biofuel has been stipulated following the increase in number of schools, kindergartens and community centres connected to biomass heating systems.

Nowadays, there are circa 200 schools, kindergartens, Mayor's halls and community centres that have biomass heating plants installed in the Republic of Moldova, of which 144 public institutions switched to biomass heating systems under Moldova Energy and Biomass Project. Hence, the Project allocated, at the expense of European funds, \$12,286 thousand for heating plants design, procurement and installation. The new heating plants are alternative to the ones based on natural gas or coal, and led to the creation of circa 400 new jobs, as well as to the launch of 100 businesses involved in the production of briquettes and pellets in the Republic of Moldova.

More information about the biomass heating projects for public institutions is available at: [www.biomasa.md](http://www.biomasa.md)