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Estonian 2020 Strategy Study underlines the model role of the state in energy saving policies. One of the areas where it is to be applied is the public procurement. Scarcity of natural resources and complicated political environment in the oil producing regions prove us how important it is to apply energy saving technologies.

The following is an example how to achieve those goals.

In 2011 Estonia will purchase 500 electric cars for the use of the municipality social services. In addition to that a grant scheme will be launched to support 500 private persons who obtain electric vehicles. By the end of 2012 a charging infrastructure for electric vehicles will cover all Estonia.

Putting 1000 electric drive vehicles on the road supports the aim of achieving at least 10% share of the use of renewable energy in the transport sector in Estonia by 2020. The owners will be supported on the condition that the electric vehicles will have to start consuming only the electricity generated from renewable energy sources.

The fulfillment of this program will help Estonia to strengthen its energy security. It will have the fully developed charging infrastructure consisting of around 250 quick charging stations and probably the largest number of electrical vehicles per inhabitant in the world.