



Legal documents in Austria

In Austria, Art. 8 Energy Efficiency Directive (EED) has been transposed into national law by Art. 9 of the national Energy Efficiency Law (Energieeffizienzgesetz, EEffG), which entered into force in 2014. Guiding documents for implementation are offered in the form of FAQs documents published on the website of the National Energy Efficiency Monitoring Agency. Furthermore, annual reports provide information on the status of implementation of the EEffG, and there are several guidance documents, for example offering explanations on how to use the digital business platform (USP) to submit audit reports.



Involved actors in Austria

The ministry responsible for the Implementation of the EED in Austria is the Ministry of Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology. The Austrian Energy Agency with the National Energy Efficiency Monitoring Agency has been appointed as national monitoring body. To identify obligated companies, the national monitoring body collaborates with the Ministry of Finance and business data companies.

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<p>Identification and ensuring compliance of obligated companies in Austria.</p> <p>Especially for new companies and companies with complex ownership structures, the identification process and compliance with the regulation is challenging.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist in the self-declaration of companies. • Utilize existing databases to identify companies. • Enhance push- and pull-factors for compliance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key Recommendation #01: Overcome the information barrier by the creation of a central information hub at national or regional level depending on the EU MS specific characteristics
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<p>Compromise between reporting effort and monitoring.</p> <p>Finding a good balance between following up on the implementation of measures while limiting the additional burden for companies is a practical challenge.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Optimize the audit submission content and offer submission support. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key Recommendation #02: Inform on Non-Energy Benefits (multiple benefits) related to energy efficiency • Key Recommendation #04: Carbon Footprint calculation associated to audit should be encouraged <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resource #01: <u>Integration of Multiple Benefits in Companies' Business Model</u> • Resource #02: Calculation of cost benefit analysis with integrated multiple benefits (available on request)
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<p>Enhancing the uptake of measures.</p> <p>Energy audits and energy management systems help companies to understand potential energy efficiency measures. However, a practical challenge is that the implementation of the recommended measures could be enhanced.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use informational instruments to enhance the uptake of measures. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key Recommendation #02: Inform on Non-Energy Benefits (multiple benefits) related to energy efficiency • Key Recommendation #04: Carbon Footprint calculation associated to audit should be encouraged <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resource #01: Integration of Multiple Benefits in Companies' Business Model • Resource #02: Calculation of cost benefit analysis with integrated multiple benefits (available on request)
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<p>Guiding SMEs with limited available resources to action.</p> <p>Many SMEs restrain from participating in governmental energy efficiency programmes due to a fear of administrative burden.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a clear overview of available support schemes. • Simplify the application process to reduce administrative burdens. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key Recommendation #03: Create a set of structured guidelines to clarify the relationships between energy obligations – or NON obligations – and sustainability <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resource #03: Communication campaign plan and report • Resource #04: Training documents
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<p>Raising awareness on opportunities and create support mechanisms.</p> <p>Especially small SMEs are often not aware of the benefits that energy efficiency can have for them.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use active facilitation such as dedicated events to engage SMEs. • Establish cooperation with regional institutions and share success stories 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key Recommendation #03: Create a set of structured guidelines to clarify the relationships between energy obligations – or NON obligations – and sustainability <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resource #03: <u>Communication campaign plan and report</u> • Resource #04: <u>Training documents</u>
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