

# Ireland



## Legal documents in Ireland

In Ireland, Article 8 of the Energy Efficiency Directive has been transposed into national law under the Statutory Instrument (S.I.) 426 of 2014, which entered into force in 2014. On the website of the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland, there are guiding documents for the implementation in the form of FAQs.



## Involved actors in Ireland

The department responsible for the Implementation of the Energy Efficiency Directive in Ireland is the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources. The main governmental energy monitoring body in Ireland is the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI). SEAI promotes and advises in the development of sustainable energy. Large Industry Energy Members (LIEN), supported by the SEAI, work on improving their energy performance and on inspiring other companies to increase energy efficiency.

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<p><b>Identification of obligated companies, having regard to private companies, and ensure compliance.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve the identification of obligated companies based on database and information.</li> <li>• Enhance the gathering of data about companies from all potential data sources e.g. data from utilities, corporate websites.</li> <li>• Improve hotline service to make information about identification better accessible.</li> <li>• Create a detailed guideline for companies to simplify identification.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Ensuring quality of energy audits.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish validity and quality checks.</li> <li>• Install monitoring system to control results of quality checks.</li> <li>• Require additional trainings for auditors.</li> <li>• Examine process to verify written and practical knowledge of auditors.</li> <li>• Limit accreditation for auditors in time.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key Recommendation #03: Create a set of structured guidelines to clarify the relationships between energy obligations – or NON obligations – and sustainability</li> <li>• Resource #01: Report on <a href="#">audits and EMS implementation</a> with MB approach</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Increasing the implementation of measures resulting from energy audits.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Publish walk-throughs for audits and create helpdesk.</li> <li>• Publish accessible information about successful implementation (best practices/ innovative technologies).</li> <li>• Encourage / oblige auditors to link identified measures to funding schemes.</li> <li>• Oblige non-SMEs to justify for each measure why it is not being implemented, and consider NEBs.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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</li> <li>• Key Recommendation #05: Benchmarking approach</li> <li>• Resource #02: Calculation of cost benefit analysis with integrated multiple benefits (available on request)</li> <li>• Resource #03: <a href="#">Communication campaign plan and report</a></li> <li>• Resource #04: <a href="#">Training documents</a></li> </ul>
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<p><b>Create support mechanisms and raise awareness on opportunities of energy audits.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make existing informational instruments more accessible for SMEs by sharing information about workshop via e.g. social media, industrial associations.</li> <li>• Share examples of successful implementation of measures by other SMEs as good practices.</li> <li>• Increase cooperation between SMEs and institutions to minimize research effort for SMEs.</li> <li>• Present potential benefits of energy audits.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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</li> <li>• Key Recommendation #05: Benchmarking approach</li> <li>• Resource #02: Calculation of cost benefit analysis with integrated multiple benefits (available on request)</li> <li>• Resource #03: <a href="#">Communication campaign plan and report</a></li> <li>• Resource #04: <a href="#">Training documents</a></li> </ul>
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<p><b>Guiding companies about how to get the energy audit done and about criteria for SMEs energy audits.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support SMEs at regional level and create direct channels to contact regional institutions through e.g. hotline.</li> <li>• Establish peer networks.</li> <li>• Continue of advising and mentoring for SMEs.</li> <li>• Simplify the process of energy audits by offering interactive help during application.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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</li> <li>• Key Recommendation #05: Benchmarking approach</li> </ul> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resource #02: Calculation of cost benefit analysis with integrated multiple benefits (available on request)</li> <li>• Resource #03: <a href="#">Communication campaign plan and report</a></li> <li>• Resource #04: <a href="#">Training documents</a></li> </ul>
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