

# The multiple benefits approach

Best practices

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Accurately identify areas of energy waste

Develop accurate recommendations for improvement

e.g changes to equipment, operations, or maintenance practices

## 1. Complete & accurate data

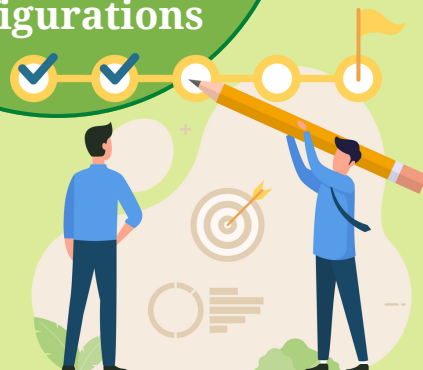
Complete and accurate data comes from an energy audit, which provides a complete data set for taking decisions on energy issues.

Begin activities in advance

which will allow companies to collect and analyze accounting data in depth

Track progress over time or analyze energy performance under different configurations

e.g assess the effectiveness of energy conservation measures and identify new opportunities for improvement



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Provide the necessary resources and support

includes funding, personnel, and access to information and data

Drive innovation and continuous improvement

## 2. Top management commitment

sets their commitment on sustainability and energy efficiency for all employees.

employees are more likely to be aware of and engaged in sustainability initiatives

Create a culture of sustainability and energy efficiency



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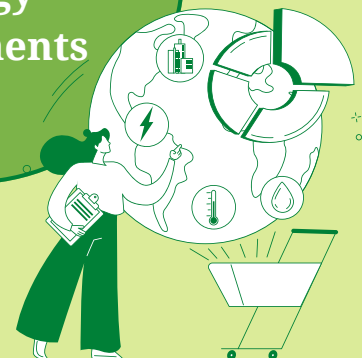
Help to identify the most significant areas of energy consumption and waste

Track progress over time and find areas of improvement

### 4. Quantification of energy-related problems

Help companies to comply with regulations, attract investors, and enhance reputation

Make informed decisions about energy investments



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Ensure that employees and managers understand the multiple benefits approach

and the requirements of the energy management system



## 5. Training personnel and managerial staff

Build a culture of energy efficiency and sustainability

Develop knowledge and skills that employees need to perform their roles in the Energy Management System

e.g improve the organization's energy performance



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Assess the financial feasibility of energy efficiency projects

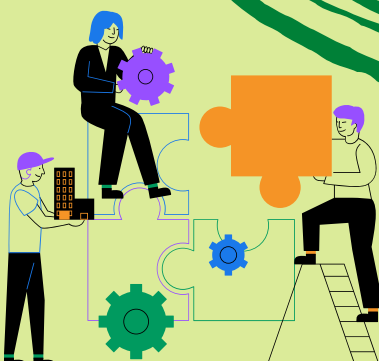


Support revealing, quantifying and tracking financial benefits of energy efficiency projects



### 6. Wide participation in the project management team

Report on the financial performance of the Energy Management System



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Energy efficiency measures often require significant upfront investments

Energy systems are complex and interconnected, and it takes time to understand them and to identify opportunities for improvement

7.  
Energy efficiency is a long-term procedure

Energy needs and technologies are constantly changing

Changing employee behavior

can be a challenging and time-consuming process

