

D9: EED implementation in Finland

In Finland the overall responsibility for the implementation of the EED is with the Ministry of Employment and the Economy. Sectorial responsibilities are with Ministry of the Environment, Ministry of Transport and Communications, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry and Ministry of Education and Culture, responsible for the sector is general, and Ministry of Finance. Ministry of Employment and the Economy established 26th November 2012 a Working Group to supervise the work on the transposition of the Energy Efficiency Directive. Under the WG, eight sub-groups worked on specific articles. The WG completed its work in December 2013 and the transposition process continues based on principles presented in the WG Report, which was published in January 2014.

Legal context

Based on the Standing Order of the Government, the overall responsibility for energy efficiency is with the Ministry of Employment and the Economy. Most of the MEE's responsibilities coming from the EED have been given to the newly established Energy Authority. There are five other ministries that have either direct responsibilities coming from the Energy Efficiency Directive or are responsible for certain energy efficiency measures that necessary to achieve full compliance.

Due to the broad scope of the EED and certain new obligations, for which the existing legislation does not offer a feasible framework, a new Energy Efficiency Law is in the pipeline. Some obligations, e.g. Article 6 and 15, can be transposed by amending existing legislation.

Status of the implementation

The status of the implementation of the Energy Efficiency Directive in Finland is presented in Table 1.

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Article 3	Annual Report 2013 submitted 26.4.2013.
Article 4	Work in progress. Strategy expected to be completed in March 2014.
Article 5	Finland has chosen 5(6) for implementation. Notification submitted 18.12.2013.
Article 6	Government decision-in-principle on the promotion of sustainable environmental and energy solutions (Cleantech solutions) in public procurement (13.6.2013) will be revised to achieve full compliance with EED.
Article 7	Finland will use alternative measures for implementation. National Energy Efficiency Programme was submitted 5.12.2013.
Article 8	Ongoing energy audit programs already quite close to comply with 8(1). Work in progress with national minimum requirements based on Annex VI and with 8(4)–8(6). Implementation of some parts of the article will be part of the new energy efficiency law and decree.
Article 9	Study on 9(3) completed. Some amendments to existing legislation needed to achieve full compliance with EED.

Article 10	Some amendments to existing legislation needed to achieve full compliance with EED. Some obligations will be part of the new energy efficiency law.
Article 11	Full compliance check not yet completed. Some amendment needs in existing legislation identified. Some obligations will be part of the new energy efficiency law.
Article 12	Existing measures fulfil all requirements.
Article 13	Work in progress. Details will be defined in connection to the work on the substance articles listed in Article 13.
Article 14	Notification on 14(6) submitted 17.12.2013. Work on other paras in progress. Will be part of the new energy efficiency law.
Article 15	Work in progress. Several amendments to existing energy market legislation, some obligations will probably be part of the new energy efficiency law.
Article 16	Existing situation satisfactory, no need for immediate actions. Energy Authority will be responsible for monitoring the situation and taking actions when necessary.
Article 17	Existing situation is satisfactory. Providing information to the market actors will be highlighted in 2015. Energy Authority will be responsible for monitoring the situation and taking actions when necessary.
Article 18	Existing situation is satisfactory. Requires continuous work.
Article 19	Existing situation is satisfactory. Requires continuous work and follow up.
Article 20	Constitution limits the possibility to establish funds in Finland.
Article 24	NEEAP-3 (1 st EED NEEAP) work in progress.

Table 1 – Status of implementation of the Energy Efficiency Directive in Finland (January 2014)

Additional efforts

The broad Voluntary Agreement Scheme (2008-2016) is the main instrument in Finland to implement Article 7. For the purpose to ensure the continuity of this policy measure two framework agreements with the agreement parties of industries and municipal sector were signed in November 2013. The agreements contain commitments to aim at approximately 50% of Finland's total cumulative energy savings target of Article 7 and to start negotiations on a new Voluntary Agreement period (2017-) in 2015.

Future planning

The responsibilities on energy efficiency work and implementation of different obligations in this field were reorganised when the Energy Authority was established in the beginning of 2014. Future planning will be started in the autumn 2014 after the EED transposition has been completed.

Relevant information

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