

D9: EED implementation in Greece

Introduction

The legal transposition of the Directive 2012/27/EE in Greece is planned to be implemented until June 2014. The procedures for the preparation of the appropriate legislative framework have already been established, while the responsibility for the supervision of these procedures is undertaken by the Ministry of Environment Energy and Climate Change. Regarding the current EED implementation, even if the official transposition has not yet been completed several requirements have been accomplished through the submission of the required reports and notifications.

Legal context

The procedures for the preparation of the legislative framework, which will transpose EED Directive, are on progress and are foreseen to be fulfilled until June 2014. After the compilation of the law, a public consultation procedure must be completed before the finalization of the law and the voting and ratification by the Greek Parliament.

Status of the implementation

The Ministry of Environment Energy and Climate Change is responsible for the transposition of EED Directive in Greece. Toward this direction, the Division of Efficient Use and Energy Savings has established a committee with the participation of representatives of the pertinent obligated parties and public authorities for the preparation of the appropriate procedures aiming at the in time implementation of EED Directive.

The committee has contributed to the successful fulfilment, at present time, of the obligations as derived by the implementation of EED Directive.

Greece, also submitted in April 2013 the first annual report to the Commission regarding the progress achieved towards national energy efficiency targets, in accordance with Part 1 of Annex XIV. Specifically, Greece has set in April 2013 the indicative national energy efficiency target, based on final energy consumption, as defined by Article 3.

Moreover, Greece has established and published in December 2013 the inventory of heated and/or cooled central government buildings with a total useful floor area over 500 m², as required by Article 5. Greece has decided to renovate 3% per year of the total floor area of heated and/or cooling buildings rather than choose alternative measure approach in order to achieve an equivalent improvement in the energy performance of the buildings within the central government estate.

In December 2013, Greece has notified to the Commission the planned policy measures and the estimated amount of energy savings, which will be achieved by the implementation of these measures, in accordance to the requirements of Article 7.

Finally, Greece in December 2013 has stated to the Commission the exemptions, which are foreseen in order to avoid the conduction of a cost-benefit analysis, as defined by Article 14.

Additional efforts

Several programmes have been already implemented for the achievement of the national indicative target for energy saving. Moreover, the following programs have been taken into account during the design of the proposed scheme of Article 7. These programs are presented briefly below:

➤ *"Energy saving at home" programme*

The "Energy saving at home" programme provides financial incentives for the implementation of energy-saving interventions in the residential building sector. The programme covers old, authorized buildings, which were not built under the Thermal Insulation Regulation, are located in areas with a specific zone price and are used as primary or secondary residence. Moreover, the owners must meet certain income criteria.

➤ *"Exoikonomo" programme*

The purpose of "Exoikonomo" programme is the implementation of actions and proven best practices in order to reduce energy consumption in the urban environment giving emphasis on the building sector (municipal buildings) and the upgrade of public spaces, on one hand, and in the area of municipal and private transport and energy intensive municipal facilities, on the other, through the implementation of technical interventions and actions to raise awareness and mobilize citizens, the local government, businesses and bodies.

➤ *"Exoikonomo II" programme*

This measure constitutes the continuation of "Exoikonomo" programme and foresees the upgrade of municipal buildings and infrastructure.

Installation of electronic and intelligent metering of electricity This measure aims at the utilization of electronic metering in order to measure on an hourly basis the electricity consumption giving the opportunity to collect effectively all the necessary information regarding the consumption of industrial, commercial and residential consumers and to facilitate the promotion of financial or other incentives to promote rational organization of consumption behaviour.

➤ *Replacement of old passenger vehicles*

This measure aims at the replacement of EURO III passenger vehicles with new EURO V vehicles through the partial or complete exemption from the special registration passenger vehicles tax.

➤ *Development of the Thessalonica metro*

The objective of measure is the increased utilization of fixed rail transport in the city of Thessalonica, which will lead to the significant reduction of private car use and will result in the achievement of energy savings.

➤ *Extension of the Athens Metro*

The objective of measure is the increased utilization of fixed rail transport in the city of Athens, which will lead to the significant reduction of private car use and will result in the achievement of energy savings.

Future planning

The crucial milestone in the near future is the completion of the transposition of EED Directive until June 2014.

Relevant information

More information regarding the status of EED implementation in Greece can be found at the following websites:

Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change:

<http://www.ypeka.gr>

National Energy Efficiency Action Plan:

http://ec.europa.eu/energy/demand/legislation/doc/neeap/greece_en.pdf

National programme "Energy saving at home" (gr):

<http://exoikonomisi.ypeka.gr/Default.aspx?tabid=629&locale=en-US&language=el-GR/>

National programme "Exoikonomo II" programme (gr):

<http://www.ypeka.gr/Default.aspx?tabid=842&language=el-GR>