

D9: EED implementation in Ireland

Introduction:

The Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources (DCENR) is responsible for implementation of the EED in Ireland. The Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (Ireland's national energy agency) is responsible for measuring energy savings achieved and for implementation of many energy efficiency support programmes.

Legal context:

National regulations transposing the EED are currently being drafted and will enter into force by the June 2014 deadline.

The precursor to the EED was the Energy Services Directive (ESD), which was the primary legislative vehicle through which EU energy efficiency policy was delivered. Ireland transposed the ESD through the Energy End-Use Efficiency and Energy Services Regulations 2009 (S.I. 542 of 2009). These regulations are currently still in force but will be repealed or amended as appropriate, following transposition of the EED.

Status of the implementation

Following adoption of the EED in October 2012 a group was established to oversee the transposition and implementation of the Directive. Since then, a number of stakeholder meetings were held and a public consultation process was carried out in late 2013. Responses to the consultation are currently being analysed and results will be published on the Departments website when finalised. We expect that a Regulatory Impact Assessment will also be carried out by the Department prior to transposition.

Implementation of the EED is sub-divided into specific work packages. The current status by work package is shown in Table 1 below.

Work Package	EED Article	Status
WP1 – Targets & Renovation Strategy	3 – Energy Efficiency Targets	IE submitted our report on national energy efficiency targets by 30 April 2013
	4 – Buildings Renovation	Preparatory work on Renovation Strategy commenced. Intend to submit first version by April 2014 deadline
	24 – Reviewing & Monitoring of Implementation	Work on drafting a revised EEAP has commenced. National Implementation Group monitors delivery of our NEEAP objectives

Work Package	EED Article	Status
WP2 – Public Sector	5 – Exemplary role of public bodies' buildings	IE submitted our compliance report in December 2013. Intend to adopt alternative approach.
	6 – Purchasing by public bodies	Examining existing legal framework to assess what, if any, amendments are required
WP3 – Metering & Billing	9 – Metering	National Smart Metering Programme rollout being managed by CER (Energy Regulator). Examining existing legal framework to assess what, if any, amendments are required
	10 – Billing Information	As above
	11 – Cost of access to metering and billing information	As above
	12 – Consumer information and empowering programme	As above
WP4 – CHP and Infrastructure	14 – Promotion of efficiency in heating and cooling	IE notified Cion of exemptions under Art 14 (6) in December 2013. Examining existing legal framework on CHP to assess what, if any, amendments are required
	15 – Energy transformation, transmission and distribution	As above
WP5 – Accreditation of Energy Service providers and Energy Audits	8 – Energy audits and energy management systems	Examining existing legal framework to assess what, if any, amendments are required
	16 – Availability of qualification, accreditation and certification schemes	As above
WP6 – EPC Framework / Cross Cutting Financial Issues	12 – Consumer information and empowering programme	Examining EED requirements to determine what transposition may be required
	17 – Information and training	Examining EED requirements to determine what transposition may be required
	18 – Energy services	Examining EED requirements to determine what transposition may be required National Energy Services Framework published December 2013
	19 – Other measures to promote energy efficiency	Examining EED requirements to determine what transposition may be required
	20 – Energy efficiency national fund, Financing and technical support	Energy Efficiency Fund established. Fund Manager to be appointed in Q1 2014. Other requirements being examined.
WP7 – Energy Efficiency Obligation	7 – Energy Efficiency Obligation Schemes	IE notified Cion of our approach in December 2013. Regulations to introduce mandatory obligations scheme will be finalised Q1 2014
WP8 – Transposition	13 – Penalties	Will be included in transposing Regulations
	18 – Energy services	Examining EED requirements to determine what transposition may be required

Table 1 – Status of EED Implementation by work package and EED article

Additional efforts

Ireland's second National Energy Efficiency Action Plan (NEEAP2) reaffirms Ireland's commitment to delivering 20% energy savings in 2020 along with a public sector target of 33%. The plan contains details of 97 actions and measures that will contribute to Ireland meeting its national energy saving target which will be achieved across a broad range of energy users in the public, commercial, household, transport and energy supply sectors.

Future planning

The preparatory process for Ireland's third National Energy Efficiency Action Plan (NEEAP3) is underway. In addition to providing a status report on progress achieved to date, NEEAP3 will outline the energy efficiency measures adopted or planned for the period to 2020 and energy savings achieved to date. Once available, NEEAP3 will be published on the DCENR website - <http://www.dcenr.gov.ie/Energy/Energy+Efficiency+and+Affordability+Division/National+Energy+Efficiency+Action+Plan.htm>

Relevant information

Additional information can be found on the following websites:

Department of Energy – www.dcenr.gov.ie

Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland – www.seai.ie

Ireland's First National Energy Efficiency Action Plan (NEEAP1) - http://www.dcenr.gov.ie/NR/rdonlyres/FC3D76AF-7FF1-483F-81CD-52DCB0C73097/0/NEEAP_full_launch_report.pdf

Ireland's Second National Energy Efficiency Action Plan (NEEAP2) - http://www.dcenr.gov.ie/NR/rdonlyres/B18E125F-66B1-4715-9B72-70F0284AEE42/0/2013_0206_NEEAP_PublishedversionforWeb.pdf