

D9: EED implementation in Sweden

In Sweden the implementation of the EED is the responsibility of the Ministry of Enterprise, Energy and Communications. The proposal for the national implementation of the EED is still under preparation (January 2014), hence the information given in this report is preliminary.

Legal context

The majority of the requirements in the EED will be transposed through amendments to existing laws, and for some articles through new laws.

Status of the implementation

The Ministry for Enterprise, Energy and Communications presented a first draft for the implementation of the EED in May 2013. There was a consultation period until September 2013. On the basis of the results of the consultation a proposal for a bill is under preparation. The bill is planned to be presented to the Parliament in March 2014 and the new requirements will come into force in June 2014.

Sweden has notified the plans for the implementation of EED art. 7 and the alternative method for art. 5 to the Commission in December 2013.

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Article 3	Sweden has notified the national target for art.3 to the Commission as part of the National Reform Program in 2013.
Article 4	The Swedish Energy Agency and the Swedish National Board of Housing, Building and Planning have made preparatory work for the long term strategy for energy efficient renovations which is due in April 2014.
Article 5	Sweden has notified the measures for the alternative method in art. 5 to the Commission in December 2013.
Article 6	The government is preparing a regulation for the requirements on purchasing by central government bodies.
Article 7	Sweden has notified the implementation of art. 7 to the Commission in December 2013. Sweden has opted for the alternative approach.
Article 8	The government is preparing a proposal for a new law regarding the requirement for non-SME's to undergo cost effective and high quality energy audits.
Article 9	The government is preparing a proposal for a new law regarding metering of energy in individual apartments.

Article 10	The government is preparing a proposal for strengthened requirements on retail energy sales companies as regards billing.
Article 11	The government is preparing new requirements to ensure that energy consumers will receive their bills for free.
Article 12	It has been decided to prolong the state support to the municipal energy- and climate advisors in 290 municipalities until 2017.
Article 13	The penalties foreseen will be notified to the Commission in June 2014.
Article 14	The government is preparing a proposal for a new law to perform a cost benefit analysis as regards the use of waste heat prior to the construction of new electricity production units, industrial sites or district heating networks. The government is also preparing changes to the Environmental Code regarding requirements to present the results of the CBA in the environmental permitting process.
Article 15	The government is preparing a legislative proposal for improved energy efficiency in the operation of electricity and district heating networks.
Article 16	The government is preparing a proposal for a voluntary certification scheme for energy service providers.
Article 17	It has been decided to prolong the state support to the municipal energy- and climate advisors in 290 municipalities until 2017.
Article 18	Continuation of existing efforts to promote the energy services market.
Article 19	The Swedish Energy Agency in cooperation with other relevant government agencies has been given an assignment to evaluate the barriers to energy efficiency.
Article 20	Sweden will prioritize energy efficiency within the framework of the Regional fund and provide co-funding for energy efficiency projects. The Swedish Energy Agency will probably be responsible for information on energy efficiency for banks and other financial institutions; Financial mechanisms are also being discussed within the framework of the national long-term strategy for energy efficient renovations related to Art. 4
Article 24	Sweden is currently preparing the National Energy Efficiency Action Plan which is due in April 2014.

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Additional efforts

The Swedish energy efficiency policy is based on general measures (such as CO₂- and energy taxes and ETS) and regulatory measures (such as building codes and energy performance requirements) in combination with supporting measures aimed at removing market failures. Examples of the latter are municipal energy- and climate

advisors, networks, regional energy- and climate strategies, support for energy audits in SME's and market introduction measures.

Here is a selection of the additional measures that are currently in place:

- Energy and Climate advisors in 290 municipalities and 14 Regional energy offices
- State support for strategic energy efficiency work at local and regional level (290 municipalities, 20 county councils)
- Capacity building network and energy efficiency projects in front-runner municipalities (37 selected municipalities).
- Financial support for energy audits in SME's
- Networks in building, industry, SME – capacity building and market introduction of new technologies
- State support for regional energy- and climate strategies
- Information activities, websites and other
- Capacity building for the enforcement of energy efficiency requirements in environmental legislation

Future planning

During 2014 Sweden will prepare for the use of EU Regional fund for energy efficiency projects, both at regional and national level. SME's is a targeted group for the national programme.

In 2015 there will be a national review of the possibilities of reaching the national energy- and climate targets, derived from the EU 20/20/20-targets. Following the results of the review, additional measures might be proposed.

Sweden is currently investigating the possibilities of replacing the former program for energy efficiency in energy-intensive industry (PFE) with a new program.

Relevant information

Ministry for Enterprise, Energy and Communications: www.government.se

The Swedish Energy Agency: www.swedishenergyagency.se