



EPATEE – Evaluation into Practice to Achieve Targets for Energy Efficiency

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OBJECTIVE: creating favourable conditions for improving the number, quality/performance and effective use of ex-post impact evaluations of energy efficiency policies.

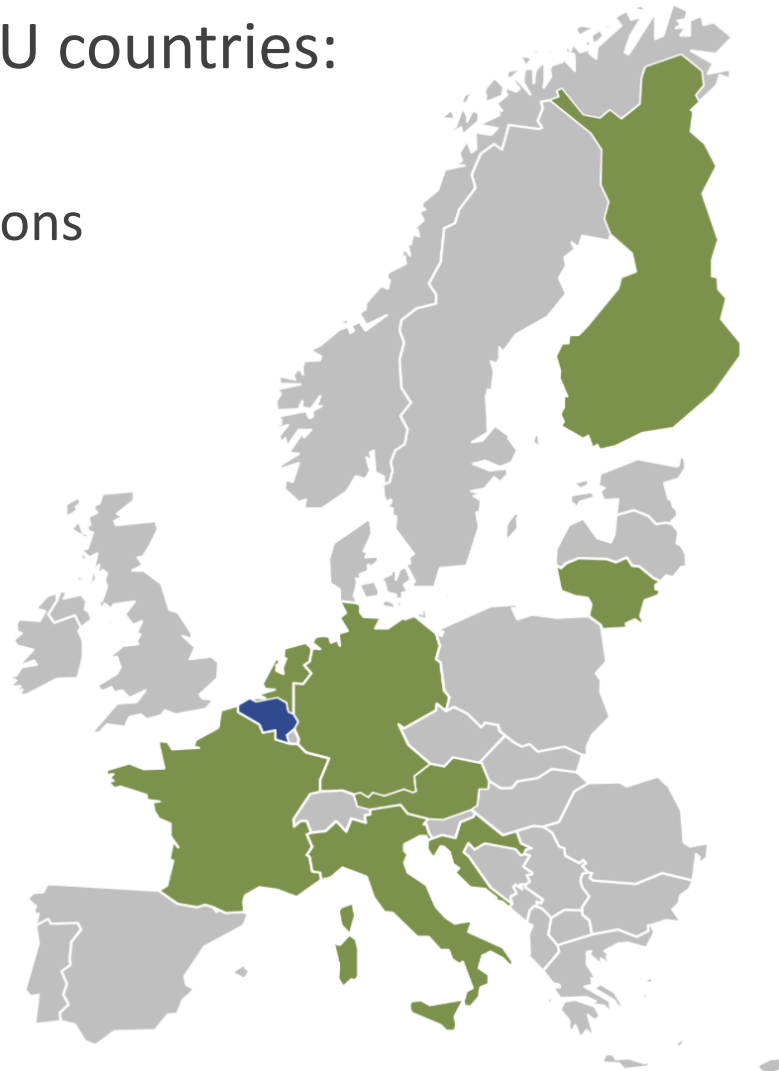
CONCEPT: improving key stakeholders' evaluation practices can lead to a better understanding/knowledge of impacts and how policies work, and thereby to increasing effectiveness of policies





10 partners from 8 EU countries:

- ✓ public agencies
- ✓ professional associations
- ✓ research institutes



coordination

 AEA Österreichische Energieagentur - Austrian Energy Agency	 ADEME Agence de l'environnement et de la maîtrise de l'énergie
 ATEE Association Technique Energie Environnement	 ECN Energy research Centre of the Netherlands
 EIHP Energy Institute Hrvoje Pozar	 FIRE Italian Federation for Energy Efficiency
 FRAUNHOFER ISI Fraunhofer Institut für System- und Innovationsforschung	 IEECP Institute for European Energy & Climate Policy
 LEI Lithuanian Energy Institute	 MOTIVA OY Finland

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➤ **What are the results or impacts?**

Assessing and reporting results, effectiveness and efficiency of the policies, e.g.:

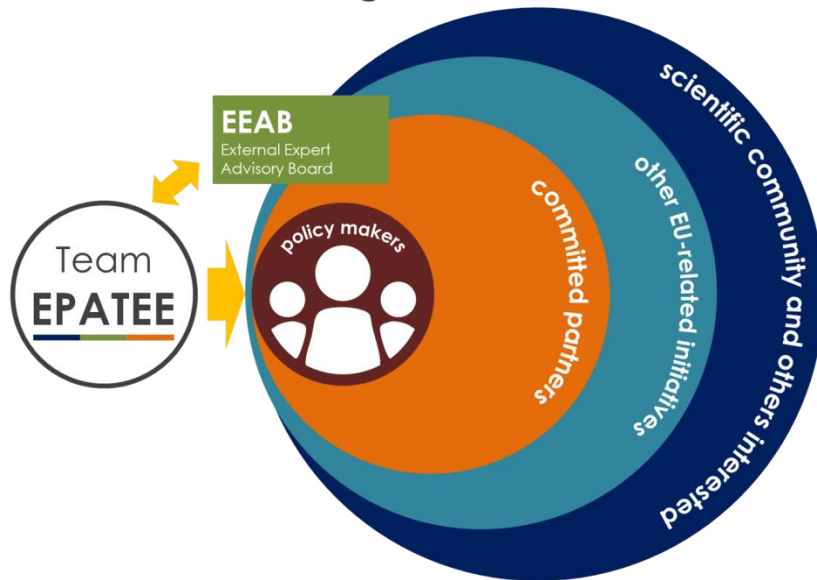
- accountability (e.g., to the Ministry of Finance, the Parliament or the Court of Auditors),
- monitoring target achievement,
- assessing cost-effectiveness of the policy measure,

➤ **What can we learn or improve?**

Examining what works, what does not work, looking for improvements and getting new ideas, e.g.:

- getting a feedback on the satisfaction about the scheme,
- understanding what worked (or did not work) as planned,
- providing inputs to the redesign or improvement of the scheme,

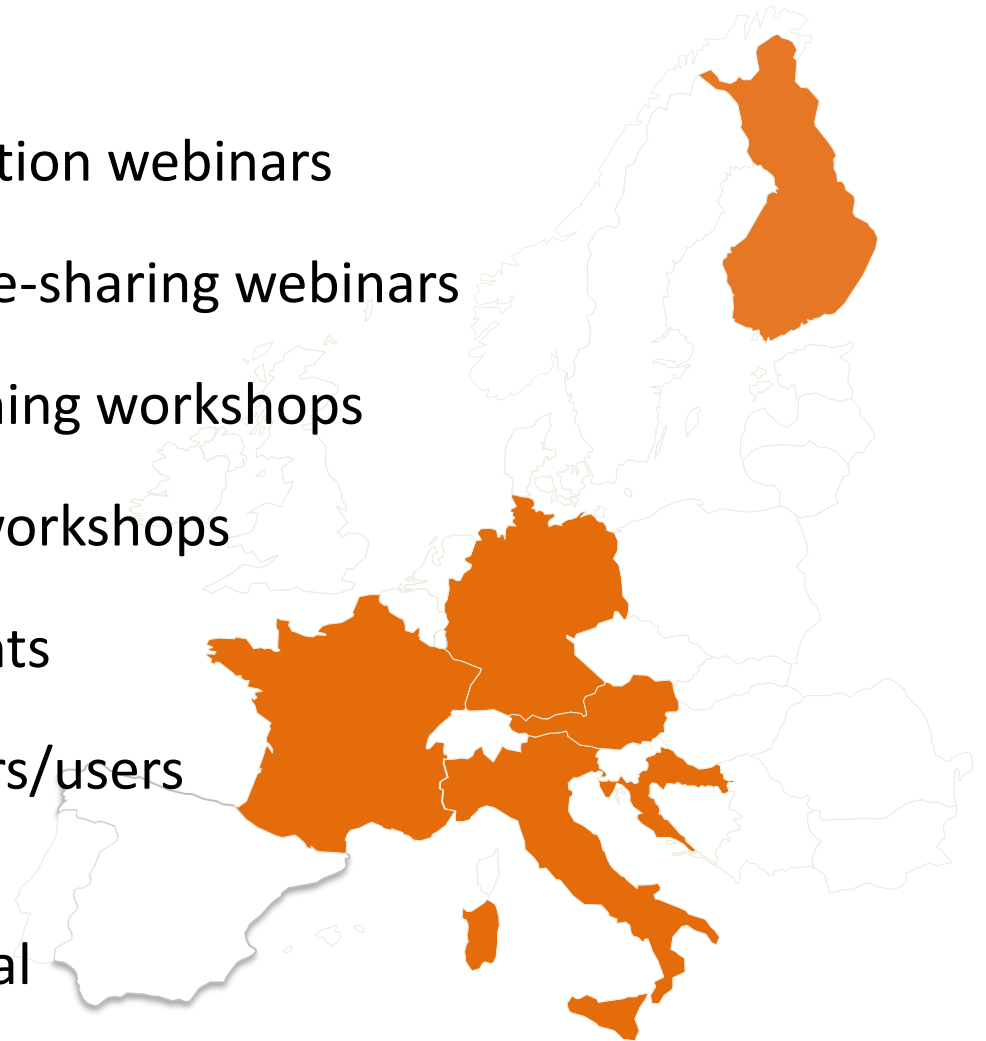
EPATEE's coverage



- Interviews with key stakeholders
- Surveys on evaluation practices
- EU peer-learning workshops
- National peer-learning workshops
- Webinars
- Direct support
- EPATEE newsletter
<https://epatee.eu/subscribe-our-newsletter>

732 participants to all events

- 289 participants to dissemination webinars
- 143 participants to experience-sharing webinars
- 160 participants to peer-learning workshops
- 140 participants to national workshops
- Around 300 unique participants
- Plus direct support and visitors/users of website and online toolbox
- 30 presentations from external experts at EPATEE events



Online toolbox

making resources easy to use

Based on up-to-date knowledge and concrete experiences

Knowledge Base
(user-oriented
database of references)

Case studies
(about ex-post
evaluations)

Further sources

Online toolbox
making resources easy
to use

<https://www.epatee-toolbox.eu/>

New

SEARCH BY AUTHOR
SEARCH BY TITLE

Search by Categories

All entries coded according to a set of criteria
→ Enabling filters for tailored searches

Year of publication

1984 2019

Language

None selected -

Study type

None selected -

Type of policy instrument

None selected -

Sector

None selected -

Geographical scope

None selected -

▼ ADVANCED SEARCH

Evaluation type

None selected -

Objective of evaluation

None selected -

Data Collection

None selected -

Calculation method

None selected -



Baseline / counterfactual

None selected -

Savings data presentation

None selected -

Normalisation factors

None selected -

Effect adjustments

None selected -

Cost data

None selected -

Uncertainty analysis

None selected -

Other impacts

None selected -

Case Study available

None selected -

SEARCH

CLEAR ALL


➤ Updated this summer: now **258 entries!**
(+ short summary for non-English references)

New

Background information

Attachment

 EPATEE : introducing the case studies in 5 slides

 EPATEE: Terminology and typologies used in the case studies

 Evaluation into Practice: Lessons learnt from 23 evaluations of energy efficiency policies | Volume I - Main findings

 Evaluation into Practice: Lessons learnt from 23 evaluations of energy efficiency policies | Volume II - Background report

Case studies about examples of evaluations

These case studies present how policy measures have been evaluated, including an interview with the evaluator customer and/or lead evaluator.

Country: Sector: Type of instrument:

Country	Name of the measure	Sector	Type
Austria	City Energy Efficiency Programmes of Vienna	Transversal	Policy mix
Austria	Environmental Support' (UFI: Umweltförderung im Inland)	Industry and services	Financial
Belgium	Primes Energie (grants for energy renovation)	Residential	Financial
Croatia	Individual heat metering in multifamily buildings	Residential	Information/ Education
Croatia	Energy renovation of public sector buildings programme	Services	Financial

← + lessons learnt from their review

↙ 23 case studies about examples of evaluations

+ Topical case studies



These case studies are focused on evaluation issues that have been high challenges in terms of evaluation practices. They include a targeted literature

- Linkage between monitoring and evaluation
- Evaluating net energy savings
- Comparing estimated vs measured energy savings



- Making information easily **accessible** & providing data as **transparent** as possible
- Analysing **concrete examples** about
 - **why** evaluation is used
 - **how** it is performed
- interview(s) with the evaluation customer and/or evaluator → direct experience feedback

NO INTENTION TO BE EXHAUSTIVE OR REPRESENTATIVE

Objective = covering a **diversity** of situations to produce **materials for experience sharing**

Case studies: overview



US

- > New England Capacity Market
- > Weatherization Assistance Program

Netherlands

- > Subsidy scheme for housing corporations
- > Multi-year agreements in the industry
- > Purchase tax on passenger cars

Nordic Countries

- > Nordsyn (market surveillance)

Finland

- > EE agreements in Industries
- > Energy audits in municipalities

UK

- > Supplier Obligation
- > Warm Front

Ireland

- > Better Energy Homes

Denmark

- > EEO scheme

Germany

- > Energy Efficiency Fund
- > Energy Efficiency Networks Initiative

Lithuania

- > Renovation programme for apartment blocks

Belgium (Wallonia)

- > Primes Energie

France

- > "Future Investments" programme
- > Voluntary agreement for freight companies

Austria

- > Environmental Support Programme for companies
- > City EE Programmes of Vienna

Italy

- > White Certificates scheme

Croatia

- > Energy renovation programme for public sector buildings
- > Individual heat metering in multifamily buildings



Overall objective:

- Develop a smart online toolbox with information and guidance for practitioners on integrating evaluation practice in the policy cycle for energy efficiency policies.

Target groups

- Primarily policy makers and evaluators, who are not necessarily experts in the field of evaluations and/or energy efficiency

The online toolbox offers

- General guidelines and ‘best practices’ examples on energy efficiency policy evaluation
- Guidance on logical steps of an evaluation
- Guidance on evaluation methodologies
- Guidance on different types of impacts
- Practical examples, with references
- do’s and don’ts
- per sector, per policy measure, in different countries
- Recommendations and support on energy efficiency policy design
- Further readings



Online tool for putting evaluation of energy savings into practice

This website provides practical tools and guides to facilitate the uptake of good evaluation practices according to various needs.

The tools are meant to help step by step both evaluators and users of evaluation results in specifying the evaluation methods and effects, through:

- Providing a smart online toolbox with tools for integrating evaluation practice in the policy cycle.
- Clarification of how tools can be best applied by means of guidelines

Evaluation principles & methods

Select this box if you have questions about evaluation principles, about why and how to plan & prepare evaluations or about cross-cutting issues.

Specific evaluation guidance

Select this box if you have questions related to the evaluation of a specific combination of policy instrument, sector and/or a certain type of evaluation method.

Knowledge base & case studies

Select this box if you looking for practical examples or references to additional information.

A policy officer wants to compare several proposals received for an upcoming evaluation

Or an evaluator looks for examples and pros & cons of different methods for a given situation



Type of policy

- Legislative/Normative
- Legislative/Informative
- Financial support
- Fiscal/Tariffs
- Information/education
- Voluntary and Cooperative
- Market based instruments

Sector

- Buildings/residential
- Buildings/non-residential
- Households appliances
- Services devices
- Industry/specific
- Industry/general
- Agriculture
- Freight transport
- Passenger transport

Type of method

- Measurement
- Deemed savings
- Engineering estimate
- Stock Modelling
- Billing analysis
- Diffusion indicator
- Energy indicator sector
- Energy indicator equipment
- Econometric modelling
- Econometric price elasticity



Examples of use | 1) Specific guidance



+ 1. USE OF THE TOOL

+ 2. SCOPE OF THE TOOL

+ 3. EVALUATION REQUIREMENTS

+ 4. APPLICATION FOR CALCULATION OF SAVINGS

+ 5. INPUT AND OUTPUT

+ 6. ALTERNATIVE FOR CHOSEN METHOD

+ 7. ADDITIONAL EVALUATION RESULTS

+ 8. CONCRETE EXAMPLES

+ 9. FURTHER READING

Why/when this method can be relevant (according to the policy's and sector's specificities)

How this method can be used (e.g., baseline, normalization/adjustment factors, data requirements)

Pros & cons vs. other methods

Going beyond energy savings

References for more details (examples, guidebooks, dealing with specific issues, etc.)

2) Principles and process

A policy officer not yet familiar with evaluation, who wants to get some insights about its added value

An evaluation expert struggling to make evaluation integrated in the practices of her institution



General principles

Terminology, general concepts, different evaluation approaches, etc.

Process of evaluation

Why doing evaluations, how to prepare evaluations, how to integrate evaluation in the policy cycle

Cross-cutting issues

Issues relevant for most types of situation (e.g. evaluating net energy savings)



Evaluation priorities depend on who the **primary audience** is

Evaluation is not a burden, but an **opportunity**

Evaluation helps increasing **stakeholders' confidence** in the schemes

“One may have fear to do an ex-post impact evaluation, because it may show smaller results than based on the engineering estimates. However this increases the robustness of the results and therefore the confidence funders can have in them” (quote from the Irish case study)

Communication about evaluation results can be as important as doing the evaluation

Regular review and **in-depth** ex-post evaluations are complementary



Well-documented data is good data

The choice of evaluation methods depends on evaluation objectives and practical constraints

Monitoring and data collection are essential for making any evaluation possible

Selecting the most relevant data to collect is a **continuous process**

“In reality, if two persons carry out impact evaluation of the same policy measure, they get different results. Even if I make the same calculation in successive years without proper documentation of the calculation method and definitions, the calculation can be different. This highlights the needs for good logic and documentation.” (quote from the Finnish case study)

Evaluating **net impacts** is a challenge, but **essential** to assess the efficiency of policies

Comparing **different methods** helps assessing the robustness of the results



EPATEE website
<https://epatee.eu/>



Remain available online at least until
October 2021

Knowledge Base



Accessible also through ODYSSEE-MURE
website + possible "light" updates

Toolbox



Accessible also through ODYSSEE-MURE
website

Webinars



Accessible also at energy-evaluation.org
(+ Youtube channel)

Case studies



Contacts with JRC for including them in E3P
(European Energy Efficiency Platform)



- Expert Area “*Planning, monitoring and verification and savings calculations*” in Domain 1 and in the CA EED Forum



- Renewed from 2019 to 2022, including an upgrade of the MURE database



- Energy Evaluation Europe (formerly IEPPEC)
 - New website: <https://energy-evaluation.org/>
 - [LinkedIn discussion group](#) with 300+ members
 - Webinar series ([Energy Evaluation Academy](#))
 - Call for Abstracts still open for **EEE 2020** (conference to be held in London, 29 June – 1 July 2020)

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Thank you for your attention!

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➤ Feedback and discussion ideas

- Evaluation experience-sharing
- How can EPATEE outputs directly help you as a stakeholder?
- Financial support ideas for the future of the outputs
- Future opportunities

