



# European Energy Network

The voluntary network of European Energy Agencies - at the heart of the clean energy transition

## Name and Country of E<sup>n</sup>R Member

EWA - Malta



## Name of Project/Programme & Link to website

Investing in Energy

<https://www.energywateragency.gov.mt/energy-efficiency/attachment/investing-in-energy>

## Description of Project

This project tackled various aspects of promoting energy efficiency within small and medium-sized enterprises with focus on the manufacturing, services and import/distribution industries. Its main components included an outreach initiative, pilot projects, data collection and training workshops.

It was designed in two phases, where during the first phase detailed collection on energy consumption was carried out, followed by a pilot set of energy audits. The second phase continued to expand the energy audits but focussed mainly on providing technical workshops, training opportunities in aspects of energy auditing (mainly on auditing transportation) and business breakfasts with sharing of good practices between enterprises.

The project was driven by the Malta Business Bureau in partnership with the Energy and Water Agency and the Malta Chamber of Commerce, Enterprise and Industry, with co-financing from the Regulator for Energy and Water Services and the Ministry for the Economy, Investment and Small Business. Through these channels and advertising it was possible to reach a wide range of enterprises.

It was also possible to reach the general public through press-releases and presence in the local media.

The project aimed at gauging the effort of each participating enterprise, operating in Malta, in complying with legal obligations emanating from EU energy regulations while providing an understanding as to the costs and savings resulting from energy efficiency measures that were being implemented or planned by the enterprises.

## Aim/Expected Impact of Project

A total of 150 enterprises were reached through this project, with the aim of creating a network between enterprises to work specifically on energy efficient measures.

Through the project it was possible to expose enterprises to Malta's strategic goals and highlight the key role industry plays in reaching these goals. It was also possible to provide technical support to industries in reaching these goals and implementing obligations. Enterprises were able to share good practice such as how to become more energy efficient, even when increasing the company's workload. By focussing on the processes that are common between different enterprises, it was possible to create a cascading effect of good practices, and many good practices were replicated across different industries.

Following this project further work is being carried out by MBB to implement Energy Clusters, following on the success that arose from the best practice sharing through this initiative.



## Involvement of the Agency and Link to the EU Green Deal

### Smart Integration/Just Transition

The Agency worked hand in hand with MBB in order to identify the target audience for this initiative. It also provided the resources necessary to carry out the energy audits within the group of enterprises, in order to highlight its benefits and support the companies in implementing energy efficient measures. In addition, the Agency worked on creating a scheme to keep promoting such energy audits within SMEs.

The Agency helped organise and participated in the breakfast meetings and workshops of this project. Through this participation it was able to reach various industries and highlight Malta's contribution towards EU Climate Targets.