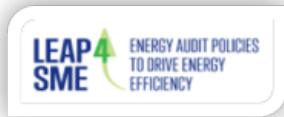




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Linking Energy Audit Policies to enhance and support SMEs towards energy efficiency: LEAP4SME

<https://leap4sme.eu/>

### Description of Project

The project intends to support Member States in establishing or improving national and local schemes for SMEs to undergo energy audits and implement cost-effective recommended energy-saving measures. An initial work of policies and programmes mapping will be followed by an in-depth understanding of their strengths and weaknesses, with the aim of overcoming the current bottlenecks. At the same time a work of characterisation of SMEs in terms of energy consumption, size and sector will be carried out to understand effective ways to properly address existing and innovative energy audit policies.

### Aim/Expected Impact of Project

Provided a continuous interaction (by means of workshops, questionnaires, meetings) with policy makers as well as SMEs and ESCOs/Energy Auditors associations, a set of policy proposals and recommendations will be developed and diffused. The priorities guiding the policy and recommendation development will be:

- Effectiveness and orientation to real market needs

- Integration with other points of the EED, particularly article 7 Energy Efficiency Obligation Schemes and alternative measures
- Replicability, at least for SMEs sector/size/region

A fundamental part of the project, with a relevant participation requested to each partner, will be a continuous action of capacity building and dissemination addressed to policy makers and relevant stakeholders at European, National and Regional level. In order to concentrate the efforts on new challenges and to valorise previous efforts, the Consortium is committed to take as much advantage as possible of results obtained in previous pertinent EU funded projects (such as ENSPOL, ODYSSEEMURE, EPA-TTE) and relevant initiatives such as EEFIG and its related Sustainable Energy Investment Forums. On request of the European Institutions, the Consortium would also be very glad to contribute, through findings and results of the project, to the current debate on the SME definition.

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

#### Smart Integration/ Circular Economy

Project Coordinator is ENEA, Italy. The Consortium consists of 10 partners from Italy, Austria, Portugal, Greece, Slovakia, Croatia, Malta, Poland, Belgium and the UK.