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## Slovakia: Obligation to undertake energy efficiency audits

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Slovakia

Phase:

Anticipation

Type:

Obligation to undertake energy efficiency audits

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Native name:

Zákon č. 321/2014 o Energetickej Efektívnosti

English name:

Act No. 321/2014 on energy efficiency

### Article

§14 (1), (3) and (9); §31 (1)g

### Description

For a large enterprise it is mandatory:

- to ensure that an energy audit is carried out at least every four years;
- to implement a certified energy management system; or
- to introduce a certified environmental management system.

The ministry issues a generally binding legal regulation which it establishes:

- the procedure for carrying out an energy audit,
- the content of the written report on the energy audit,
- a set of data for the energy efficiency monitoring system, which is the output of the energy audit, and
- a set of data for the energy efficiency monitoring system, which is the output of the certified system.

A large enterprise that implemented a certified energy system or a certified environmental system must:

- notify the monitoring system operator within one year, and
- send a dataset about the energy efficiency monitoring system to the monitoring system manager, at least once every four years.

Micro enterprise and SME, which ensured an energy audit co-financed from public resources or from support programs of international financial institutions is obliged:

- to keep written report on the energy audit for the term specified by co-financing organisation, and
- to provide the report on request to the monitoring system manager within 30 days.

### Comments

An energy audit is a thorough assessment of the energy consumption of a company including its buildings, processes and transport use. Its goal is to identify cost-effective ways to save energy. Audits can identify often quite simple ways for companies to save energy and money such as properly insulating pipes in a factory.

Article 8 – (4) of the [Energy Efficiency Directive \(2012/27/EU\)](#), states that enterprises that are not SMEs, are subject to an energy audit carried out in an independent and cost-effective manner by qualified and/or accredited experts or implemented and supervised by independent authorities under national legislation, at least every four years.

Alternatively to the energy audit, a large enterprise can implement an energy management system that impacts more in comparison with an energy audit. An energy management system is based on a strategic process that aims to improve energy usage/efficiency.

Moreover, member states should develop programmes to encourage SMEs to undergo energy audits.

Cost covered by

Employer




### Involved actors other than national government

National government only

### Thresholds

No, applicable in all circumstances

### Sources

-  [Law 321/2014 on energy efficiency](#)
-  [Amendment 419/2020 to the law on energy efficiency](#)
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