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Employers' obligation to improve energy efficiency

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Native name:

Legea nr. 121 din 18 iulie 2014 privind eficienta energetica

English name:

Law on energy efficiency no 121/18 July 2014

Description

The law aims to establish a legal framework to improve energy efficiency across various sectors, primarily including manufacturing, distribution and supply, and transport. The law has set out the national target of reducing energy consumption by 19%. The target was set for 2020.

The law has introduced a number of strategic measures to achieve the goal, including removing barriers, introducing incentive schemes, promoting cooperation between end users, developing research, and encouraging energy services provision. The law also provides support for building and restoration of energy efficient buildings across private, public and commercial sectors.

For the purposes of applying the legal provisions, the [National Energy Regulatory Authority \(ANRE\)](#) by internal ANRE director, the Department of Energy Efficiency was established. The ANRE, through the Department of Energy Efficiency, will inform the government of compliance with the institutions involved in implementing this law, by the legal deadline for submitting reports. ANRE, through the Energy Efficiency Department, in collaboration with other competent authorities, promotes and regulates access to the market for energy services, especially for SMEs. The Ministry of Economy aims to develop programmes to encourage SMEs to undergo energy audits, as well as subsequent implementation of the recommendations of these audits.

With a view to achieving energy savings among consumers, energy efficiency policy measures shall be adopted between 1 January 2014 and 31 December 2020 aiming to save every year 1.5% of the annual energy sales volume to consumers of all distributors or energy suppliers by volume, calculated as an average over the 3 year period immediately prior to 1 January 2013.

The targets of energy savings resulting from the implementation of energy policy measures as the sum of the national energy efficiency plan shall be: a) 1% in 2014 and 2015; b) 1.25% in 2016 and 2017; c) 1.5% in 2018, 2019 and 2020, with the average annual primary energy consumption reference basis in the 3 years preceding 1 January 2013.

As part of efficient energy management, mentioned in [the National Energy Efficiency Action Plan](#), the economic operators have to raise the interest of all employees in efficient energy use and educating them through specific energy loss reduction programmes.

The [Romanian Energy Efficiency Fund](#) is a financial institution providing commercial financing of investments projects aiming the rational use of energy (RUE). The Fund assists industrial companies and other energy consumers in adopting and use of modern technologies for efficient use of energy. Thus, the Romanian economy could be affected by the reduction of its final energy intensity and the mitigation of Green House Gases and other pollutant emissions. The Romanian Energy Efficiency Fund aims to promote a demonstrative effect, through the successful implementation of this GEF/IBRD energy efficiency project, and to increase the interest of the banking sector in supporting energy efficiency investments in Romania.

Public bodies, including those organised at regional and local level, as well as social housing bodies covered by public law, are encouraged, according to their competences and administrative structures: a) to adopt a self-sustainable energy efficiency plan or as part of a comprehensive climate or environment plan, containing specific targets and actions on energy saving and energy efficiency; b) to implement an energy management system, including energy audits, as part of the implementation of the plan referred to in point (a); c) to use energy service companies and energy performance contracts as appropriate to finance renovation and implement plans to maintain or improve energy efficiency in the long term . In order to achieve energy efficiency in buildings, the Ministry of Regional Development and Public Administration, as the competent authority in the field of construction, performs analyses and develops strategies, promotes public policies and specific legislation, initiates and monitors programs to increase energy efficiency in buildings.

Comments

Law 562/2016 amends the 2014 text to transpose Directive 2012/27/EU.

The National Energy Efficiency Action Plan was drafted by an independent consultant contracted by the Ministry of Energy, on the basis of public information, and on the basis of relevant information concerning energy consumption, energy savings, investment plans and others, provided in August - November 2017 by the following ministries/entities implementing efficiency measures Ministry of Development, Public Works and Administration, Ministry of Investments and European Projects, Ministry of Economy, Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, ANRE and Department of Energy Efficiency of ANRE, as well as economic operators; and their associates.

Cost covered by

National government





Involved actors other than national government

Regional/local government

Thresholds

Number of affected employees:
249

Sources

-  [Legea nr. 121 / 2014 privind eficienta energetica \(Law on energy efficiency 121/2014\)](#)
-  [Lgea nr. 160 / 2016 pentru modificarea si completarea Legii nr. 121/2014 privind eficienta energetica \(Law no 160/2016 modified or extended the energy efficiency Law 121/2014\)](#)
-  [Planul National de Actiune in Domeniul Eficientei Energetice IV \(the fourth National Energy Efficiency Action Plan\)](#)
-  [Ordonanta de Urgenta nr. 124/2001 privind infiintarea, organizarea si functionarea Fondului Roman pentru Eficienta Energiei \(Emergency Ordinance no 124/2001 regarding the founding, organisation and function of the Romanian Energy Efficiency Fund\)](#)

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