

Energy Saving Policies and Energy Efficiency Obligation Scheme



National observatories under the ENSPOL project

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WP6.2: national actions

To support policy makers and agencies in creating or enhancing EEOs and alternative measures three types of actions have been provided by the ENSPOL project:

- Capacity building workshops (to build the capacity about the project findings);
- National training courses (to illustrate in details how to deal with typical issues like additionality, energy savings evaluation, obliged parties, etc.);
- National observatories (to facilitate the discussion about EEOs and alternative measures among the relevant stakeholders at national level).

NOs summary

Country	First NO	Second NO	Third NO	Fourth NO
Austria	3 June 2015 23 people	-	-	-
Bulgaria	24 July 2015 14 people	24 July 2015 16 people	30 September 2015 26 people	7 April 2016 25 people
Greece	22 June 2015 17 people	16 December 2015 19 people	-	-
Italy	12 June 2015 26 people	23 September 2015 15 people	-	-
Poland	8 July 2015 20 people	13 November 2015 15 people	-	-

The role of NOs

NOs can be used to fulfill many different needs, such as:

- discuss in details about particular EEO or alternative measure schemes aspects or issues (e.g. additionality, materiality, M&V, costs, role of market operators, etc.);
- gather feed-backs from relevant stakeholders about improvement opportunities;
- monitor the scheme outcomes and main indicators trends;
- share experiences among stakeholders;
- create a bridge between national and EU policy activities or among different EEO schemes.

NOs: Italian example

In Italy three NOs have been organized, with the following topics under discussion:

- 1st - responsibility of ESCOs and end-users, meters additionality and baseline, cost-benefit evaluation;
- 2nd - *tau* multiplier and timeline for white certificates recognition, responsibilities of ESCOs, issues about proposals evaluation;
- 3rd - synergies between energy efficiency solutions emerged from energy audits implemented under art. 8 EED and white certificates.

NOs: Italian example

NOs timing has been decided according to the legislative evolution, e.g.:

- the first meeting took place while the consultation document about new guidelines was completed, influencing its contents;
- the second meeting was organized in correspondence with the end of the public consultation about new guidelines;
- the third meeting will try to put together art. 7 and 8 EED;
- afterwards the discussion will be most probably aimed at the new guidelines.

NOs: what do you think?

The attendants at the 2nd EU observatory were asked about their idea of NOs. This is what emerged from their answers:

- in the three MSs where observatories were already in place they played a positive role with respect to the improvement of the existing scheme;
- two representative from other MSs declared that a NO could be an interesting addition to their schemes.

So the question is: what do you think of a national observatory in your country?