



EiiF & the Fit for 55 Package

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EiiF, with the support of its Members and joining forces with other organisations, has been strongly advocating the 55% GHG emissions reduction target and recommended the implementation of the following 5 measures to achieve the 55% in 2030:

- ✓ **Energy Efficiency First Principle**
- ✓ **A binding & increased energy savings target**
- ✓ **Energy management obligation for companies >100TJ**
- ✓ **Energy audit obligation for companies >10TJ**
- ✓ **Energy audit recommendations must be implemented**

EiiF's top 5 recommendations successfully found their way into the Fit for 55 Package developed by the European Commission.



The top 5 EiIF recommendations in the Fit for 55 Package

The aim of the Fit for 55 Package is to update the EU’s 2030 climate and energy laws. It consists of a set of inter-connected proposals, which all drive towards the same goal of ensuring a fair, competitive and green transition by 2030 and beyond. The “55” refers to the 55% net emissions reduction target for 2030 that EU leaders agreed on last year.

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#1 The Energy Efficiency First Principle

The key role of energy efficiency is supported by the energy efficiency first principle. Energy-efficient solutions should be considered as the first option in planning and investment decisions and shall be used as the “First Fuel”.
(cf. [EED recast, PDF-page 3](#))

We strongly advocated the energy efficiency first principle, and we are confident that the European Parliament and the EU Council will approve it.

#2 The increased Energy Savings Target becomes binding on EU level

The EED recast sets binding energy efficiency targets at European Union level. The new energy savings target corresponds to a reduction of 36% for final energy consumption, when compared to the 2007 Reference Scenario projections for 2030. The more ambitious target requires a stronger promotion of energy efficiency.
(cf. [EED recast, PDF-page 34](#))

We strongly advocated a binding energy savings target and an increase from 32,5% to 36% or more. We expect that the European Parliament and the EU Council will approve its binding character on EU level and the new ambition of 36%.



#3
Energy management obligation for energy-intensive companies

Enterprises with an average annual consumption higher than 100TJ of energy over the previous three years and taking all energy carriers together, shall implement a certified energy management system.
(cf. [EED recast, PDF-page 96](#))

We strongly advocated that intensive energy consumers must implement (certified) energy management (e.g., ISO 50001). Our vast energy audit experience (2.500 TIPCHECKs) proves the benefits.

#4
Regular energy audits for companies consuming >10TJ per year

The enterprise's average consumption shall now be the criterion to define the application of energy management systems and of energy audits (cf. [EED recast, PDF-page 50](#)). Enterprises with an average annual consumption higher than 10TJ are subject to an energy audit every four years if they do not implement an energy management system.
(cf. [EED recast, PDF-page 96](#))

We strongly advocated taking the energy consumption as the benchmark for energy management and energy audits and not the company size. We are optimistic that this new definition will be approved by the European Parliament and the EU Council.

#5
Energy audit recommendations must be implemented

Energy audits shall be carried out in an independent and cost-effective manner by qualified experts. Installations subject to an energy audit will be required to implement recommendations of the audit report. Otherwise, and if applicable, their free ETS allocation will be reduced.
(cf. [EED recast, PDF-page 96](#) and [ETS amendment, PDF-page 19](#))

We strongly advocated making the implementation of recommended economic audit measures obligatory (see TIPCHECK reference in [EED Evaluation, PDF-page 255](#)) and the sentence from [PDF-page 378 in the Impact Assessment](#) could come from us: "Require companies subject to audits to implement energy audit recommendations with a payback time of less than 2 years."

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