The implementation of the Energy Efficiency Directive (art. 7)

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The energy context in Europe

- The European energy markets are slowly recovering after the economic crisis
- The current difficulties faced by utilities in Europe are not only the result of the economy but they also reflect the systemic market changes that occurred since 2000



The New Energy Efficiency Directive



Art. 7 of EED

- The art. 7 requests MS to achieve annual new amounts of energy savings at the final consumers (1.5% times the average consumption 2010-2012)
- MS may implement obligations schemes (for so-called "obligated parties") and/or alternative measures to achieve the targeted end-user energy savings
- MS are also allowed to discount several quantities from the target:
 - Quantities used in transportation (art. 7.1)
 - By using a lower end-user energy savings rate
 - Quantities used by the ETS industries
 - Savings from transformation and transport of energy
 - > Energy savings achieved after 2008, with effects until 2020

Max. 25% of the end-user energy savings target



How Member States implemented the Art7?

No obvious pattern overall, but low income MS have split between AM and OS



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Energy consumption in Romania

- Relatively strong association between the energy consumption and the real GDP growth rate
- "Modeling" the evolution of the primary energy consumption as a function of real GDP growth rates, we find that Romania will likely be below the pathway to the 2020 target, even when assuming strong economic growth rates



Implementation of the art. 7: what could Romania do?

Calculation of the yearly target (1,000 Toe)							
No.	Category	2010	2011	2012			
1	Final energy consumption	22,739	22,750	22,767			
2	Transport	5,107	5,313	5,351			
3	Energy consumption - calculation base (1-2)	17,632	17,437	17,416			
4	AVERAGE 2010-2012		17,495				
				Source: INS			

Distribution of yearly energy savings (1,000 Toe)								
Year		Energy savings					Cumulative	
2014	262.43							262.43
2015	262.43	262.43						524.85
2016	262.43	262.43	262.43					787.28
2017	262.43	262.43	262.43	262.43				1,049.70
2018	262.43	262.43	262.43	262.43	262.43			1,312.13
2019	262.43	262.43	262.43	262.43	262.43	262.43		1,574.55
2020	262.43	262.43	262.43	262.43	262.43	262.43	262.43	1,836.98

The impact of application of flexibility instruments on the total target					
		1,000 Toe			
Total target		1,836.98			
	Alternative pathway	1,574.55			
	Other allowed flexibilities	196.82			
Flexibility [max. 75% of total target]		1,377.73			



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The Energy Efficiency Fund: suggestion for functioning

- Romania notified the creation of an Energy Efficiency Fund (an alternative measure)
- It is of utmost importance to put as much of the available EU funds in financing the energy efficiency policies
- The functioning of the Fund ought to be in line with the new Guidelines on state aid for energy and environment
- A competitive process for selection of projects could be a solution for the functioning of the Fund

The authorities announce the energy savings target that want to achieve in year *t*. A cap price per saved toe could be calculated in advance using international banchmarking

Interested companies present their projects (with an energy audit among documentation) and request the (co)financing from the state

The winner(s) are selected by taking the lowest requested supports per toe saved. Firm contracts between contracting authority and the winners are signed The energy efficiency authority is monitoring the implementation based on regular audits. A fine at the level of support per toe is applied for each toe not achieved according to the contract



Focus of similar Energy Efficiency Funds in EU



- Energy savings in buildings
- Implementation of BAT standards in industrial processes
- Rehabilitation of municipal facilities (ie. street lightning)
- Cogeneration for industrial consumers (in particular decentralized generation and small-to-medium capacities)
- Implementation of information campaigns and trainings



Appendix

Call: Im(formula = diff(consum) ~ real GDP growth)

Residuals:
 Min 1Q Median 3Q Max
-1.8602 -0.6733 -0.2688 0.9608 1.7167

Coefficients:
 Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept) -1.06722 0.49795 -2.143 0.0607 .
gdpwr[2:12] 0.22676 0.09023 2.513 0.0331 *
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Residual standard error: 1.286 on 9 degrees of freedom Multiple R-squared: 0.4124, Adjusted R-squared: 0.3471 F-statistic: 6.315 on 1 and 9 DF, p-value: 0.03315 Shapiro test on residuals: W = 0.942, p-value = 0.5442

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