

Stakeholders' needs

What stakeholders told us, what we are going to do

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Stakeholders involvement



EPATEE is a project mostly based on a strong involvement of the stakeholders that deal with energy efficiency policy evaluation.

The first step has been the **interview** of 25 key stakeholders from all over EU, aimed at identifying their concept of policy evaluation, the barriers they face, and what kind of support EPATEE can offer them in their opinion.

Based on the interviews, a **first survey** (answered by 35 people) has been designed in order to go into more details on how policy evaluation is implemented in various countries, what issues need to be resolved, and which tools proposed by EPATEE are considered more interesting by the stakeholders.

Two more surveys will be carried on in the next months to complete the picture and provide valuable information to the EPATEE team.



Report of first actions



The report is available in the EPATEE website www.epatee.eu/main-results





Main outcomes



All the interviewed stakeholders agree that evaluation can contribute to improve energy policies, even if evaluation, especially ex-ante, is **not a base activity** of the policy cycle yet.

The type of analysis and the extent of the monitored and studied effects **vary a lot** depending on the type and size of the policy, on the priorities of policy makers, and on other state related conditions.

The time, human, and money **resources** dedicated to evaluation are not always sufficient to cover all the evaluation needs and to ensure a complete and reliable analysis. At least a **base level** of evaluation should be made mandatory for all the major policies and resources should be allocated since the design phase.

Standardization is open to debate, since someone thinks there is the need of a common standard, whereas others think there are too many differences to reduce everything to a standardized approach.



Is evaluation useful?



How would you qualify the level of evaluation practice in your country?

Evaluation is done for

most of the policies but

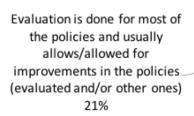
rarely leads to

improvements in the

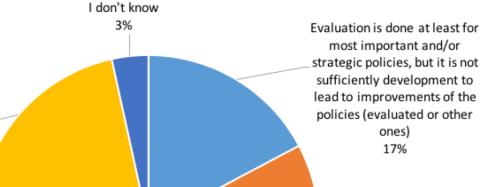
policies (evaluated

and/or other ones)

31%



While half of the sample states that evaluation produced improvements on policies, the other half thinks this seldom happens.

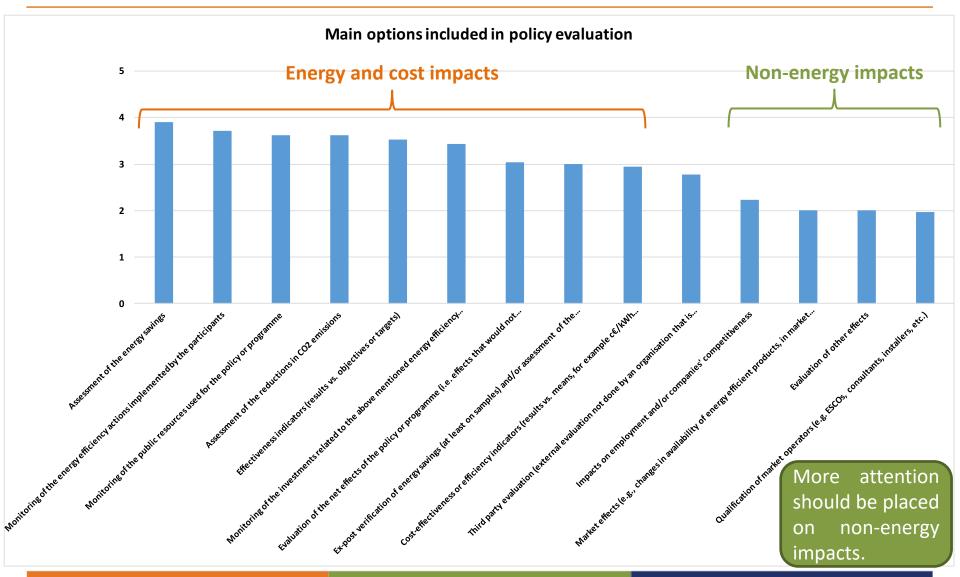


Evaluation is done only for the most important and/or strategic policies and allows/allowed for improvements in the policies (evaluated and/or other ones) 28%



What does evaluation include?







Main barriers



About the barriers perceived by the stakeholders, the strongest three express different issues:

- insufficient financial resources (i.e. when policies are designed a higher amount of resources in terms of percentage of the available budget should be dedicated to evaluation purposes);
- lack of interest from policy makers and public managers (i.e. a cultural barrier that exposes Member States and local governments to an ineffective use of the available resources and reduces the possibility to learn by doing);
- lack of reliable data to evaluate non energy effects (i.e. important aspects and impacts of policies are not covered by the evaluation process).



What we expect from today



- 1. To better understand why and how evaluation is useful for policy makers.
- 2. To stimulate exchanges between peers on the arguments that can be used to convince decision makers about the importance of evaluation.
- 3. To know your views on evaluation, its importance, and its success stories.
- 4. To better understand your needs and how EPATEE can help.



EPATEE and its stakeholders



To share experiences among the stakeholders and allow them to meet and provide insights on policy evaluation, workshops will be organised at EU and national level:

- **3 EU peer-learning workshop** aimed at allowing stakeholders to meet and share experiences on energy efficiency policy evaluation;
- 6 national peer-learning workshops aimed at spreading EPATEE's findings to those who benefit most of it: policymakers and implementers.

Webinars will also be organized to complement workshops, provide indepth discussion on single evaluation topics, and give the opportunity to a large number of stakeholders to take advantage from the EPATEE's information and sharing activities.

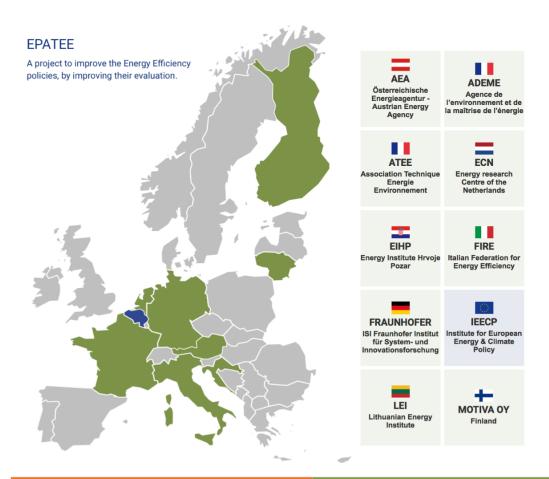
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Thank you for your attention!



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