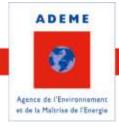
# Energy audits

The French experience



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### Implementation of art. 8 in France

#### Article 40 of DADDUE Law (2013) on energy audits and energy management systems

- → 2 Decrees and 2 ministerial orders
- Energy audits are compulsory for large enterprises
- Certification ISO 50001 = exemption for Energy audit
- First energy audit before December 5th and then every 4 y.
- Penalty: « up to 2 % of the turn over ... »
- Reports uploaded on a dedicated platform

#### Requirement:

- Standards: EN 16247 (buildings, Process, Transport) and ISO 50001 (for exemption)
- Perimeter: 80% of the company energy bill (sampling allowed for buildings)
- stakeholders: qualified energy auditors (internal or external) and accreditated certification bodies (NF X 50-091 /NF X 50003)

### **Context**



#### A survey has been led during the summer 2017

#### **Objectives**

- Stocktaking on the implementation
- Collect information on the use of the platform
- Check some ratios reported on the platform

Survey sent to 3,599 persons declared as a referent of companies that have submitted audit reports (<a href="www.audit-energie.ademe.fr">www.audit-energie.ademe.fr</a>). The survey was not sent to auditors or ISO 50 001 certified companies

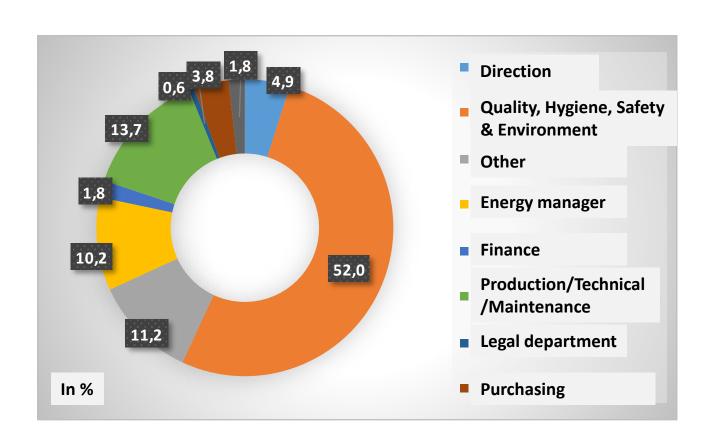
High return rate around 40%.



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## Profile of respondents



A minority of energy specialists

A majority of position connected to Quality, Hygiene, Safety, Environment

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### **Motivations**

Compliance with regulations as the main reason for carrying out the energy audit

Only a half conducted the audit to reduce energy consumption

For 2/3 of respondents, it was the first energy audit conducted by their company

94%
Regulatory

Regulatory compliance

56%

Energy consumption reduction

31%

Application of an environmental policy

13%

Imposed by a Group Policy

11%

**Image** 

**11%** 

Step towards certification ISO 50,001

Number of respondents: 1,384



### Contribution

For  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the respondents, the energy audit identified areas of progress

For nearly 15% of companies the contribution of the energy audit have not been identified

65% 52%

Improvement areas identified

Better knowledge of consuming sources

33%

15%

Better knowledge of energy costs

Identification of monitoring indicators

Contribution have not been identified

**Others** 

Number of respondents: 1,384



## Conditions of implementation

88 % of audits were carried out by an external auditor

6% of audits were carried out by an internal auditor

5 % audits were conducted in tandem

Companies have identified their auditor thanks to:

qualification organizations (29%) an internal benchmark (21%)

economic criteria (21%)

Without difficulties



## **Auditor requirements**

56% the auditor is able to propose personalized actions

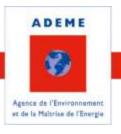
54% the auditor masters the NF EN 16247 methodology

45% the auditor has strong references in terms of energy audits

43% the auditor provides a service at a competitive price

43% the auditor is qualified by a qualification body

36% the auditor has an in-depth analysis capability



# Meeting expectations

65% of companies are satisfied with their auditor

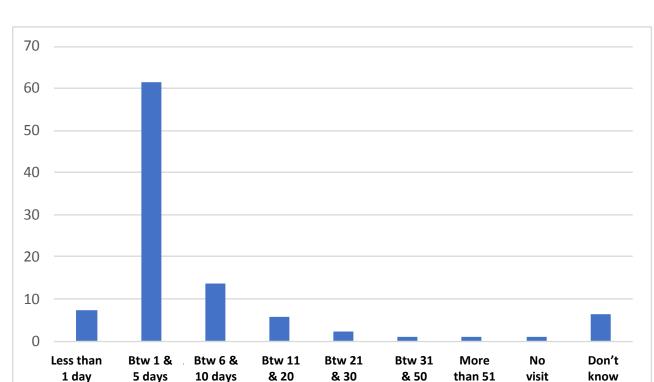
**32%** of companies are partially satisfied with their auditor

39 companies are not satisfied with their auditor

In 21% of cases, the auditor had little or no knowledge of the audited activity



### **Duration of site visits**



days

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In the majority of cases, the on-site visit lasted between 1 and 5 days

#### **BUT**

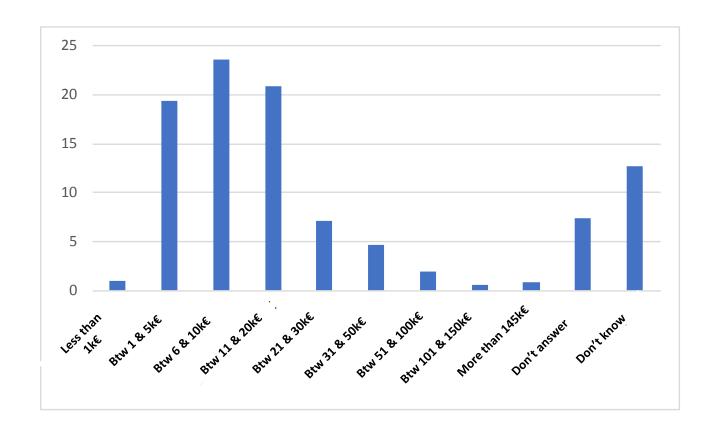
some site visits were not completed, or lasted less than one day

The methodology of the audit imposes a visit of site ...

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### Cost-effectiveness of audits





#### 25 % of audits costed less than €5,000

#### Median cost €12,500

1/3 of respondents estimates that the cost of the audit is covered by the recommendations issued

1/3 of respondents estimates that the cost of the audit is not covered by the recommendations issued

1/3 does not know



## Making use of the results

20% of companies consider that the support of the auditor was not sufficient to allow them to assimilate the results

The main gaps identified concern the lack of :

- details in calculations and assumptions (45%)
- information on the recommendations made by the auditor (45%)

- oral restitution (25%)

8% of companies consider not to be able to exploit the results of the audit, even partially



## Quality of reports

# 45 %

of companies had difficulty filling the platform due to missing data in reports:

42%: lack of data on the estimates

37%: lack of data on payback times

36%: lack of data on consumption

35%: lack of data on investment costs

35%: lack of data on financial savings





# Most of companies satisfied but...

Undeniable improvements needed, from the auditors side as well as from the audited side

# Thank for your attention

