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# Energy audits in Germany - What's new, what's next?

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# Motivation for changes

## **Evaluation of first audit round in 2015/16 showed:**

- Need to improve compliance tracking
- Some audit reports did not fulfill quality requirements
- Companies perceived audit obligation as an unwelcomed duty

## **→ Changes of audit obligation in Germany**

- New compulsory online energy audit declaration
- Auditors must register and get regular trainings
- More focus on company and auditor communication

# New online audit declaration

1. **Company Details** (name, address, sector, legal form,...)
2. **Energy consumption and costs**  
by different energy sources, e.g. gas, electricity etc. → online tool
3. **Auditor information** (contacts, registration number)
4. **Suggested measures**  
(incl. Investment costs, operating life and expected savings)
5. **Costs of audit**  
(external and/or internal)

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- Audit report should contain all necessary information (quality control)
- High priority on data protection
- Auditor can submit audit declaration on behalf of the

# Why new online audit declaration?

1. Improved compliance tracking
2. Establish new communication channel with companies
3. Quality check for audits
4. Better empirical data base  
(policies and cost effectiveness of audits)

# Communication with companies & auditors

## Management summary

- Idea: companies should get something in return for submitting declaration
- Provide tailored information about support schemes, best practice examples, initiatives and next steps
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## Major information campaign

- Stakeholder meetings with bussiness and auditor associations
- Series of webinars for companies and enery auditors
- New/ improved guidelines e.g. on SME-status, how to run a good audit,...

# Thanks for your attention

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