## Voluntary Energy Efficiency Agreement for Business-sector in Finland

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#### **EK represents**

- The entire private sector and companies of all sizes
- 27 branch associations
- About 16,000 member companies, of which 96% are SMEs
- Over 70% of Finland's GDP
- Over 95% of Finland's exports
- About 950 000 employees





## Why Voluntary Energy Efficiency Agreements?

- Alternative and complementary measurement for regulations and taxes
- A flexible tool to use
  - in implementation of energy efficiency directive EED and earlier energy service directive ESD
  - national climate and energy strategies
- A present phase 2008-2016 was based on earlier "Energy Conservation Agreements 1997-2007" (before that an auditing schemes starting 1992)
- Good results and satisfied companies encourage to continue:

http://www.energiatehokkuussopimukset.fi/en/

• A new phase 2017-2025 is under preparation: no major changes on the table



#### A central role in implementations of ESD and EED



 Estimated savings from agreement in industries 28 Twh<sub>kum</sub>



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# Energy Efficiency Agreements covers almost the whole society in Finland

ENERGY EFFICIENCY AGREEMENT AND ENERGY ENERGY EFFICIENCY AGREEMENTS FOR BUSINESS PROGRAMME FOR MUNICIPAL SECTOR SECTOR 2008-2016 INDUSTRY **MUNICIPALITIES** ENERGY SECTOR JOINT MUNICIPALITIES **PRIVATE SERVICES** ENERGY EFFICIENCY AGREEMENT FOR OIL ENERGY EFFICIENCY AGREEMENT FOR PROPERTY SECTOR – HÖYLÄ III AND BUILDING SECTOR 2010-2016 DISTRIBUTION OF LIQUID HEATING HOUSING PROPERTIES AND TRANSPORT FUELS COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES **OIL HEATED BUILDINGS** ENERGY EFFICIENCY AGREEMENTS FOR TRANSPORT ENERGY PROGRAMME FOR FINNISH FARMS SECTOR 2010-2016 GOODS TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS FARMS PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Source: Ministry of Employment and the Economy 2.11.2015

#### Agreement for business sectors includes energy production and energy services, industry and private services

#### EK-BRANCH ASSOCIATIONS-MINISTRY (EE)



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## What are benefits so far for a company?

- Energy efficiency increases continuously with a systematic framework
- Energy costs decrease
- Less environmental impacts
- Subsidies for energy audits (not anymore for large companies because of EED's mandatory audits)
- Subsidies for energy efficiency investments available
- Prove of energy efficiency for environmental permits
- Promotes positive image, shows commitment

=> Competitiveness increases



#### What are obligations to a company?

- Reporting yearly (energy data, energy efficiency measures, etc)
- Saving target of 9 % to medium size companies (based on energy service directive)
- To commit continuous improvement and carry out energy efficiency measures, if they are profitable.
- To implement an "Energy efficiency management system" in energy intensive industry (energy use over 100 GWh in any site-> energy intensive) and energy production
- No investments obligations
- No sanctions



### 558 companies, about 4000 sites have been joined

- Covering 80 % of energy use of energy-intensive and medium-sized industries:
  - almost 100 % of companies of energy-intensive industry
  - about 60 % of energy use of Medium-sized companies (food, chemistry, plastic, wood products, technology)
- Also
  - 88 % of electricity and 72 % of heat generation
  - 88 % of distribution and 95 % of electricity sales; 87 % of district heating sales
  - private services: 113 companies and 2800 sites (reported partly) in chains)



# Results in 2008-2014: Energy intensive industry made 2/3 of saving impact

#### Industry and private services, 8 TWh:

- Savings of heating energy and fuels 8,5 TWh/a (81 %)
- Electricity savings 1,5 TWh/a (19 %)
- About EUR 335 million investment costs
- savings in energy costs EUR 1,1 billion

## Energy subsidies granted to all sectors:

- for energy audits EUR 8.8 million
- for energy-saving investments EUR 49 million





### Thank you for your attention!

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- Energy efficiency, voluntary agreement
- Energy taxation
- Material efficiency

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