

SPEEDIER, the SME program for energy efficiency through delivery and implementation of energy Audits

This 30-month project has as a total project budget of €2,165,126.25.

On June 18 and 19, SPEEDIER, a European project within the H2020 framework, has officially kicked off with a meeting at the Tyndall National Institute in Cork (Ireland), hosted by the University College of Cork, National University of Ireland (IERC). This project, which will last for 30 months, aims to address the barriers the Small & Medium Enterprises (SMEs) confront regarding the expertise & resources when undergoing energy audits and implementing recommended energy-saving measures.

In this sense, SPEEDIER (acronym for SME Program for Energy Efficiency through Delivery and implementation of Energy Audits), will provide a self-financing outsourced energy management service to SMEs, by outsourcing the role of energy manager to SPEEDIER Experts and, by that, allowing to access the expertise needed at the required time, leading to greater uptake of energy audits and implementation of energy efficiency measures.

For this purpose, SPEEDIER will target groups of SMEs in 4 EU pilot regions: in **Spain**, the project will engage with SMEs based at a single business park to demonstrate that advantages of clustering SMEs give them better access to the economies of large scale projects; in **Ireland** and **Romania**, SPEEDIER will address SMEs in the manufacturing and hospitality sectors, respectively, and in **Italy**, a more general approach of accessing SMEs from any sector via ESCOs will be tested.

The consortium that will work on this project is led by IERC and consists of 6 Research and Technology Centers (Limerick Institute of Technology, Fundación Corporación Tecnológica de Andalucía, Parque Científico y Tecnológico Cartuja, Politécnico de Milano and Institut de Tecnologia de la Construcció de Catalunya), 3 SMEs (TFC Research & Innovation Limited, Sustainable Innovations and Vertech Group), and 1 Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) -Asociația Agentia pentru Efficienta Energetica și Protecția Mediului.

About Speedier

SPEEDIER is a highly innovative one-stop-shop solution that applies an integrated approach to energy management, providing information, advice, capacity building, energy auditing, financing, implementation of energy efficiency solutions and monitoring of impacts.

SPEEDIER is expected to contribute to energy saving with approximately 8 GWh/year and 1,280 tCO₂/year. Within the lifetime of the project, SPEEDIER will train more than 650 staff in the best practices of energy saving. The project will build capacity as well among 50 SPEEDIER experts.