

## SPEEDIER to present its results in an online session

- **SPEEDIER (SME Program for Energy Efficiency through Delivery and Implementation of EnerGy Audits) 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.**
- **On November 17 from 10 to 12:30 (CET), SPEEDIER will showcase, among other contents, its energy assessment support tool, best practices & standardisation documents, training for experts & SMEs.**
- **The related energy efficiency initiatives DEESME, E2DRIVER, ICCEE, INNOVEAS, SMEmPOWER, and Triple-A will also be part of the event.**

Cork (Ireland), October 26, 2021. [SPEEDIER](#) (SME Program for Energy Efficiency through Delivery and Implementation of EnerGy Audits) will hold an online session on November 17 to present its results, lessons learned, and conclusions.

For two and a half hours, from 10 to 12:30 CET, SPEEDIER will go through the materials developed during the research project duration: training modules, eLearning materials and capacity building app, financing options, best practices guidelines, energy assessment support tool, etc.

SPEEDIER has also collaborated closely with the related energy efficiency initiatives [DEESME](#), [E2DRIVER](#), [ICCE](#), [INNOVEAS](#), [SMEmPOWER](#), and [Triple-A](#) and they will take an active role as well at the webinar.

Registrations for the free venue are opened at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sme-program-for-energy-efficiency-speedier-service-final-event-tickets-172849616857>

### Energy efficiency in SMEs as sustainability booster in Europe

Article 8 of the European Energy Efficiency Directive (EED) requires the Member States to set up national incentives to assist SMEs to undertake energy audits. Since SMEs account for 99.98% of European enterprises and are responsible for approximately 13% of total energy demand, SMEs have enormous potential to save energy and contribute towards the ability of the EU 28 to achieve their collective targets under the EED of a 32.5% improvement in energy efficiency by 2030. To date, little of this potential has been realised with studies estimating that only 25% of SMEs in Europe have undertaken an energy audit and a range of studies citing barriers that include lack of time, resources, in-house expertise, finance, and the low priority nature of energy efficiency compared to other business needs. Article 8 also requires large enterprises to undertake energy audits every 4 years, yet a recent study suggests that only 11% of large enterprises undertaking an audit intend to implement any of its recommendations, and 2 in 5 businesses cite lack of funding or finance as a reason for inaction. It is against this background that the challenges for the SPEEDIER project are set.

### **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, and 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 tCO<sub>2</sub>/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.*

*SPEEDIER is led by the IERC and consists of 6 Research and Technology Centres (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 (Sustainable Innovations, Vertech Group as well as TFC Research and Innovation Limited), and 1 Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) - Asociația Agentia pentru Efficienta Energetica si Protecția Mediului.*