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Experiences from writing the 2nd NEEAP

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Preparing the 2nd National Energy Efficiency Action Plan (NEEAP) is a far more complex process than simply producing a document on energy efficiency. Several government bodies and other actors need to cooperate, the availability of data has to be checked and solutions have to be found whenever important data is missing. Calculation methods have to be developed or transferred while a complete overview of existing energy efficiency policies has to be produced.

Therefore, it goes without saying that Member States (MS) have encountered several challenges in this process. At the same time, they have developed innovative solutions, which do not necessarily need to be country-specific. In some cases, the preparation of the 2nd NEEAP has bolstered inter-ministerial cooperation and increased dissemination of information on energy efficiency. Similarly, data that appeared to be missing has been extracted from other sources and calculation methods have been developed to fit the particular circumstances prevailing in individual countries.

A concrete example of a success story in preparing the 2nd NEEAP is the installation of an inter-ministry “ESD implementing group” in one MS. The coordination of all ministries and organisations relevant for the implementation of the ESD proved to be a very effective way to efficiently gather the information needed for the 2nd NEEAP. Some MS can serve as good practice examples in designing the data gathering process for the reporting of energy savings. All MS that were successful in data collection tried to benefit as much as possible from information available in existing programmes as e.g. white certificate schemes or support programmes.

Nonetheless, a number of MS still encounter hurdles in preparing reports such as the 2nd NEEAP; good experiences from others will hopefully provide MS with ideas for new approaches in the future. It should also be of great value for those MS whose preparation process was smooth to understand and find inspiration from other MS, which may have adopted equally successful but completely different approaches.

If there is one aspect to be singled out for its importance as both a success factor and a challenge in compiling the 2nd NEEAP, it is **preparation**. Starting well in advance and with well-defined goals appears to be a way to overcome major obstacles. Preparations include the gathering of knowledgeable people in relevant organisations, the collection of data and the application of calculation methods to national circumstances. MS that produced the 1st NEEAP more or less on an ad hoc basis have proved that thorough preparation for the 2nd NEEAP can result in a very different outcome.

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