

SME Packages – Sustainability & Environnemental Impact Aid

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Context: Environmental Protection

Environmental challenges facing SMEs

- The transition to more sustainable business models has become unavoidable, also for SMEs
- Rising energy prices are prompting companies to increase their energy efficiency and use resources more respectfully

Engaging in sustainable business practices enables :

- Transparency on the company's environmental impact
- Operational cost savings (energy, waste, water and carbon tax)
- Reputation risk management (customers, investors, partners,...)
- Regulatory risk management (PNEC, EU Taxonomy, CSRD)

Target sectors

Commerce, Industry, Transport, HORECA, Crafts and others

Target: Environmental Protection

Energy	Improved energy efficiency	
Carbon Footprint	Reduction of greenhouse gas emissions	
Waste	Improving waste management	
Water	Reduction in water consumption	

Environmental Measures: Energy

Electricity



- Installation of LED lighting in offices or warehouses
- Installation of motion detectors or sensors to reduce power consumption
- Installation of solar panels to produce and use own renewable energy

Thermal envelope of the building



- Insulation of your building (exterior walls, roofs, ceiling upper floor, basement)
- Replacement of windows, exterior doors or gates

Heating Systems



Hot water for sanitary use:

- Thermodynamic water heaters
- Solar thermal systems

Heating systems:

- Heat pumps (geothermal, air-water) or pellet heating systems
- Measures to reduce heat loss (insulation of thermal systems, replacement of circulation pumps)

Example - LED lighting:

- 50 conventional fluorescent lamps total power 400 watt vs. 50 LED lighting total power 150 watt (lighting for warehouses)
- Investment (219€ per LED): $50 \times 219€ = 10.950€$
- Energy saving (3120h/year): 39 MWh per year
- Financial saving (0,14 cts/KWh) : 5.460€ per year
- ROI (including SME Packages - Sustainability 5.000€): 1,08 years

Environmental Measures: Carbon Footprint | Waste | Water

Carbon Footprint



- Corporate carbon assessments (Scope 1 and 2) according to internationally recognized standards (Bilan Carbone®, GHG Protocol)
- CAPEX investments demonstrably reducing GHG emissions

Waste



- Multifunctional recycling furniture
- Installation for processing wood off-cuts into pellets
- Waste reduction systems (e.g., eco-friendly film stretchers)

Water



- Graywater filtration systems or rainwater capture (e.g., washing system for trucks)
- High-efficiency equipment for washing machines
- Installation of a monitoring system
- Water leak detection system

Environmental Protection Subsidy Programs

SME Packages – Sustainability

08/2022 - open

Funding area: Energy Efficiency, Carbon Footprint, Waste, Water

Eligible companies: SME holding a business permit

- < 250 employees and
- < €50 million annual sales
- or < €43 million annual balance sheet

Funding amount: 5.000€ per package (2 packages possible)

Investment condition: Investment between 6.650€ and 25.000€ (VAT excl.)
Incentive effect

Temporary Environmental Impact Aid

06/2023 – 12/2024

Funding area: Energy Efficiency, Carbon Footprint, Waste, Water

Eligible companies: All businesses that hold a business permit

Funding amount: 100.000€ per group

- 70 % for small businesses
- 60 % for medium-sized businesses
- 50 % for large businesses

Investment condition: Investment amount not less than 7.500€
Incentive effect

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