

AMBITIOUS MEASURES THAT GO BEYOND EU REQUIREMENTS

Additional measures and instruments used in some EU Member States can go beyond EU requirements and can serve as best practices for other EU countries.

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Spain's draft NECP supports **“Public Procurement of Innovative Technology”** and **public procurement for “Pre-Commercial Technology”**: Its measure 5.5 goes beyond public procurement requirements and it is a clear incentive to roll out pre-commercial technologies. We recommend that other member states adopt similar instruments.

Italy highlights its **participation in European and international energy research via Mission Innovation, Horizon Europe, Important Projects of Common European Interest** and other networks. Other NECPs could map in more detail their participation in international programmes.

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Public-private sectoral cooperation

The Netherlands is launching a **programme on energy savings where “indicative national targets will be discussed by sector”**. This participatory approach is a positive way to find solutions from the bottom up per sector.

The Swedish government in cooperation with industry sectors has developed 22 **“fossil-free competitiveness roadmaps”, including one on energy efficiency** under the Fossil-Free Sweden initiative. These is a good example of public-private sectoral cooperation on decarbonisation.

Optimise the use and reach of district heating networks to increase carbon savings, reduce costs to consumers and improve air quality in urban areas.

Slovakia and Germany present well-developed strategies to decarbonise a significant share of their building stock.

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