

EEPLIANT4

CONCERTED ACTION

Energy Efficiency Unleashed: Catalysing Europe's Green Revolution

Press Release

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BRUSSELS, 15 January 2025 – The new EU-funded EEPLIANT4 market surveillance concerted action on ecodesign and energy labelling has officially launched its first wave of activities.

Co-funded by the European Commission under the LIFE Programme for the Environment and Climate Action and coordinated by [PROSAFE](http://www.prosafe.org) (www.prosafe.org, info@prosafe.org), EEPLIANT4 aims to support the European Union in meeting the ambitious goals of the European Green Deal, building on the foundations of the three previous EEPLIANT actions.

Results from EEPLIANT3 and earlier projects indicate that despite the significant energy benefits from the related existing EU policies, many products still fail to meet the necessary requirements. EEPLIANT4 continues the efforts to address the persistent issue of non-compliance with the EU ecodesign and energy labelling legislation across various energy-related product categories.

To tackle this, EEPLIANT4 will **sample and test over 300 products from eight sectors** with high energy-saving potential to ensure compliance with the minimum energy-efficiency and energy labelling requirements: **refrigerating appliances, tyres (C2, C3), electronic displays, cooking appliances, vacuum cleaners, off-mode/network standby devices, air heating and cooling products, and solid fuel local space heaters.**

Additionally, EEPLIANT4 offers a robust programme of capacity-building activities for EU and non-EU market surveillance authorities, EU customs, and economic operators, strengthening their understanding of the EU requirements and ability to improve product compliance and promote sustainable energy use across Europe.

For further information, visit EEPLIANT4's website or contact us at info@prosafe.org.

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Seven work packages have started

The first wave of product-specific compliance verification and capacity-building activities commenced in November 2024. This includes activities focussing on refrigerating appliances, tyres, electronic displays, and solid fuel local space heaters, as well as training and study visits, emerging issues and challenges, and the development of digital tools for market surveillance.

These efforts mark the start of a comprehensive programme aimed at enhancing compliance with EU ecodesign and energy labelling legislation and promoting more sustainable and energy efficient products. Work began with a market and risk analysis to identify the products and distribution channels with the highest probability of non-compliance. The authorities have exchanged experiences and knowledge about the product groups and the compliance verification and testing requirements.



Countries participating in EEPLIANT4:

Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Luxembourg, Malta, The Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, and Türkiye.

EEPLIANT4 in Numbers

- 60 months duration, until April 2029
- 28 participating organisations
- 22 countries
- 8 product testing activities
- 4 capacity-building activities

Together we can make a difference

The EU's market for products regulated by the ecodesign and energy labelling legislation stands as one of the largest of its kind globally. This comprehensive and complex regulatory framework impacts an array of product sectors, including consumer, commercial, and industrial, shaping the market with stringent energy efficiency and functional performance requirements.

Concerted Actions, like EEPLIANT4, not only give national market surveillance authorities the opportunity to collaborate on different product groups, test products at scale, and learn from each other but also a way to overcome the issue of scarce resources.

On 20 September 2024, all key actors including market surveillance authorities, industry stakeholders, and the European Commission met virtually for the project's launch event. All pledged to step up efforts and collaborate to further improve product compliance with EU ecodesign and energy labelling requirements.

Novelty of the EEPLIANT4 governance structure

During the launch event, PROSAFE introduced two new consultation bodies as part of the project's governance structure: i) an [Advisory Board of non-participating market surveillance authorities](#); and ii) a [Stakeholder Focus Group](#).

Non-participating market surveillance authorities and stakeholders interested in engaging with EEPLIANT4 are encouraged to get in touch with us at info@prosafa.org.