

3 Key European Energy Regulations

Verify which rules apply to your buildings and when

Keeping **buildings compliant, efficient** and under control is a daily juggling act. **Socomec's expert** team has created this infographic to give you a quick overview of which European **regulations** apply to your sites and a non-exhaustive list of associated requirements. Finally, you will find information on the **penalties** you would face in the event of **non-compliance**.

Scope at a glance

EED / EPBD: New and existing non-residential buildings in Europe

MID: Only applies when meters are used for tenant billing / cost allocation / legal measurements

National transposition deadline

February 2014

Measuring Instruments Directive (MID)

Main requirements: are you compliant?

- Use **MID-compliant meters** where measurement is used for billing or legal purposes
- Ensure meters are correctly specified, installed and traceable
- Keep **evidence of conformity** for audits and disputes

Non-compliance: risks and penalties

May include **finances** or **sanctions** under national metrology enforcement, the requirement to replace meters and correct billing errors, address **legal disputes** or issue **refunds**.

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Energy Efficiency Directive (EED)

Main requirements: are you compliant?

- Prove **energy consumption** reduction targets at national level
- Conduct regular **energy audits** for large companies
- Ensure consumption reduction (**≈ 1.5%/year**)
- Increased requirements for measurement, monitoring and **reporting**

Non-compliance: risks and penalties

May include **administrative fines** (defined nationally), mandatory **corrective actions**, possible loss of public incentives or access to funding.

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Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD)

Main requirements: are you compliant?

- Meet **Minimum Energy Performance Standards (MEPS)**
- Prove energy performance - valid Energy Performance Certificate / required documentation
- Set up **mandatory** Building Automation and Control Systems (**BACS**) in non-residential buildings >290 kW HVAC.

Non-compliance: risks and penalties

May include administrative fines (defined nationally), possible loss of public incentives or **access to funding** and increased inspections and **audits** by authorities for repeated or serious non-compliance.