

S&E Regional Programme

Energy for Business Scheme Case Study

Energy for Business a Renewable Energy Scheme delivered by the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland's (SEAI) under the ERDF co-financed S&E Regional Programme. The aim was to assist Small Medium Enterprises (SME) and public sector organisations to tackle their energy costs. Advice, on-site assessments and a structured Energy MAP web resource for energy management support were provided under the scheme. Large Industry Energy Network (LIEN) companies were included, these are companies that work together to develop and maintain robust energy management and an Energy Agreements Programme for the implementation of the Energy Management Systems Standard ISO 50001.

According to SEAI the first Energy Management Standard in the world was established in Ireland in 2006 IS393. During the years from 2007 to 2013 this standard evolved to a European standard EN16001 and ultimately the international

standard it is today ISO50001. During this period, SEAI report that Ireland became recognised internationally as a leader in the energy management standards areas.

Powerscourt Estate one of the oldest and most beautiful country estates in Ireland, famous for its gardens and ranked number three in the world by National Geographic was a beneficiary of an Energy for Business grant. Recognising that protecting the environment is integral to their business the estate management in a drive towards sustainability, had an aim to making their business carbon neutral. As a year round operator this was also a shrewd business ambition to reduce energy costs.



Image courtesy of Powerscourt Estate

Based on an assessment of their needs, Powerscourt Estates Ltd received €92,295 in grant aid for a package of energy efficiency measures combining highly efficient LPG gas boilers and a state of the art energy monitoring system. In addition, they replaced all lighting with LED efficient lights. Managing Director, Sarah Slazenger pointed to savings achieved of 8 per cent and 28 per cent on lighting and

heating costs respectively, a welcome contribution to the bottom line of any business.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6dQ-JeadvIY&t=5s>



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