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EP100

Detailed commitment criteria:

Implement an Energy Management System Criteria

Cutting out energy waste

This new commitment option enables companies with commercial buildings or industrial manufacturing space to join EP100 by pledging to implement a smart energy management system (EnMS) globally.

Proactive energy management is a crucial way of ensuring forward progress on smarter energy use within any organization. By adopting an EnMS, senior management equip their workforce with the leadership and tools they need to reduce energy waste while continuing with everyday operations.

To join EP100 through this pathway, businesses must make a public commitment to implement an EnMS globally, and disclose an energy productivity target (e.g. improving revenue/GJ of energy 30% by 2035 from a 2009 baseline) within one year. Companies can choose their own energy productivity metric, percentage improvement, target year, and baseline year.

Timeframe

While companies with robust environmental management systems (e.g. ISO 14001) may be able to rapidly integrate an EnMS, other businesses may be at earlier stages in their sustainability journey. The timeframe will therefore vary among organizations, but those seeking EP100 membership should target full implementation as early as possible and within 10 years at the latest.

Further guidance

Businesses with an existing global EnMS are eligible. Facilities with an active EnMS must either be certified to a recognized standard (i.e. ISO 50001), or be compliant with the basic principles of an energy management standard. If a company implements an EnMS of its own design, it must have the following attributes:

- Top-level management support for a well-defined, company-wide energy-management policy;
- Energy objectives and targets that support the energy policy;
- An empowered energy management team implementing the energy policy;
- Processes that measure and evaluate progress toward energy-saving targets; and
- A continuous, year-over-year improvement process (Plan-Do-Check-Act).

Companies may implement a 'light' version of an EnMS at smaller facilities if a full EnMS is not cost-effective. They are required to set clear guidelines for facilities (e.g. by number of employees, floor area, owned versus leased space or a certain threshold of energy consumption), and it is expected that all significant energy use (what is known as SEU in the ISO 50001 certification) is covered by the EnMS.

Reporting

Members will be expected to report to The Climate Group annually on their progress towards implementing their EnMS and related energy productivity target. They will be asked to share enterprise or facility-level energy savings performance, and examples of successful implementation practices, in order for The Climate Group to promote their success stories internationally and to inspire many more leading businesses to take action.

ANNEX: Membership fees

From April 2021, there will be membership fees for most of the Climate Group's initiatives, including EP100. Membership fees sustain the everyday running of the initiatives and are the best way for our members to continue supporting the wider mission. They directly enable the longevity of our work as an NGO committed to accelerating climate action and ensure the campaign's continued operation.

EP100 membership fees for the EnMS commitment pathway are $5,000 per annum and we ask for annual payment from April to April. We reserve the right to review membership fees every Autumn based on inflation. We will let members know of any changes at least four months in advance.

As part of the joining process, the EP100 team will send the prospective member a Membership Agreement to sign, as well as collect relevant details including billing information. Once complete, we will send the member's first annual invoice directly to your delegated Finance contact.

For more information, please visit our Membership page and read our FAQs.