Municipalities are seen as key actors when it comes to improving energy efficiency and environmental sustainability. The overall aim of this thesis is to analyze how municipalities support small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in their work to improve their energy efficiency. The purpose of this study is to increase the current understanding of how the methods and tools used by municipalities to assist SMEs in improving their energy efficiency influence the end results in terms of achieved energy efficiency. Case studies have been done in two municipalities. One conclusion is that SMEs need a platform where they can discuss and actively integrate through practice received information into their existing knowledge.

This thesis contribute to the energy efficiency debate by examining how information, knowledge creation and the type of technological solution can have effects on how municipalities support energy efficiency work.

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