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ASSESSMENT – EPP/ECR proposals on the revision of the Energy Efficiency Directive

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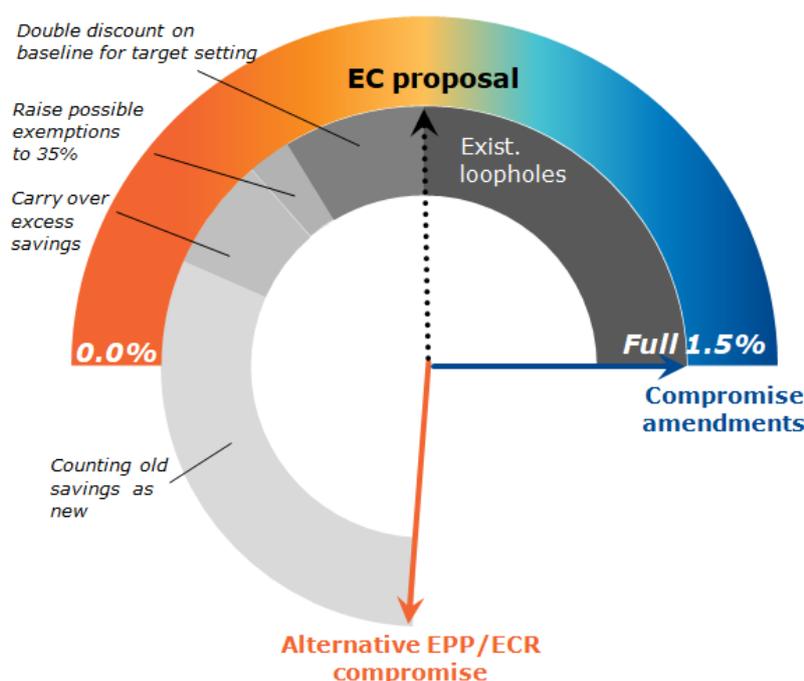
On 28 November 2017, the Parliament's Industry, Research and Energy committee will **vote on the revision of the Energy Efficiency Directive (EED)**. While the compromise amendments propose to continue and reinforce energy efficiency legislation after 2020, the alternative set of compromise amendments put forward by the EPP and ECR groups would allow stopping successful national schemes. This briefing describes what would be the effect of this text, in relation to:

- **No more 2030 target** – The EPP/ECR text challenges the Commission's proposal to set a 2030 binding 30% target and the planning provisions under the Governance regulation.
- **The end of national energy efficiency schemes** – Article 7, which secures the single largest contribution to achieve the energy efficiency targets, is made an empty shell, or an administrative burden without effect.

In the year 2030, at least 81 Mtoe savings will be lost. This means that in 2030, compared to Commission proposals¹:

- ➔ Gas imports increase by 15%
- ➔ GDP is lowered by €157bn
- ➔ 690,000 jobs are lost
- ➔ Residential GHG emissions grow by 12.4%
- ➔ Households see their energy bills increased by €830

The following figure provides an overview of the different provisions and their effect on energy efficiency progress.



¹ These impacts are presented in the Commission's impact assessment.

Description of the provisions

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- The text makes the proposed 2030 target of 30% **“indicative”**. This misses out on the potential to create certainty for investors and for the energy transition, as indicative targets have been so far ignored when planning for the energy system.
- The text introduces imprecise provisions on how Member States should set and **adjust** their own indicative contribution, removing all planning perspective.

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- The text maintains the **loopholes** proposed by the European Commission, which has already cut delivery by half before 2020, and creates new ones.
- It allows Member States to **count savings of ‘old’ individual actions** (started before 2020) **as new** (after 2020), which would on itself allow Member States to stop all schemes after 2020.
- It gives Member States a **double discount** by allowing them to discount twice the energy sold for industrial activities under the ETS sector from calculating the annual savings requirement. This simply gives a blank cheque to reduce the savings without a recognisable intention while allowing energy efficiency measures in these sectors to be counted towards the target.
- The Commission proposals contain statistical tricks which allow Member States to reduce the delivery of Article 7 to up to 25% of the calculated target. The text raises this threshold to **35%**, without removing the possibility for Member States to use statistical tricks.
- The text allows **carryover of excess savings** from the first period to the second period, which creates a risk of stop-and-go policies.
- The text removes the **2050 perspective for Article 7**, which is not aligned with long-term climate and energy imperatives and destroys the long term visibility for investors.

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