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Energy Efficiency empowered, but full potential not unlocked

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Today's proposal on the recast of the Energy Efficiency Directive (EED) strengthens the existing framework to enable the new EU 2030 climate target and recognises that energy efficiency supports a fairer transition in line with the objectives of the European Green Deal. Still, the energy efficiency potential will not be fully tapped as the 2030 energy efficiency target remains too low.

The European Commission released its "Fit for 55 package", a comprehensive overhaul of EU climate and energy legislation intending to achieve an emissions' cut of 55% by 2030; the package includes a proposal to recast the EED with an increased 2030 energy efficiency target and revised measures to support its achievement.

The recast EED proposal suggests increasing the EU 2030 target to 36% in final energy consumption (9% if compared to the new 2020 Reference Scenario projections) from the current 32,5%. This level of ambition is coherent with what was modelled in the Impact Assessment for the Climate Target Plan, but is still lower than the cost-effective energy savings potential of at least 40%, which would deliver more significant benefits for citizens, the climate and the economy. The new energy efficiency target is also set in primary energy.

The recast repairs a vital shortcoming of the current framework by proposing to set an EU binding energy efficiency target for 2030, but disappointingly national contributions remain indicative. However, the current national governance is improved, with the Commission proposing that Member States use transparent criteria to calculate their share of the EU target and a mechanism that puts in place corrective actions in case of failure to deliver on the 2030 objective.

The recast EED proposal also increases the annual energy savings obligation from 0,8% to 1,5% from 2024 onwards, proposes a new article to operationalise the energy efficiency first principle, and requires the public sector to take the lead and deliver energy savings, including through the extension of the obligation to renovate all buildings owned by public bodies with more stringent standards.

"So far, energy efficiency has been a recurrent underachiever, not for lack of potential, but because of a weak empowering framework." says Arianna Vitali, Secretary-General of The Coalition for Energy Savings. **"With this proposal, energy efficiency has a chance to deliver better and more, but no complacency is allowed. The next steps in the legislative process are crucial to build on ambition and ensure all the benefits of energy efficiency for the economy, the people and the climate can be maximised."**

Following the publication of the proposal to recast the EED, the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union will start negotiations to agree on a joint text. The Coalition for Energy Savings, after successfully providing input to the European Commission ahead of the publication of the proposal,

stands ready to work together with the two co-legislators to ensure that energy efficiency allows the energy transition to be fast, fair and affordable.

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Notes for editors:

- The European Commission proposal to recast the EED can be accessed [here](#).
- The Coalition for Energy Savings' position on the revision of the EED can be found [here](#).
- Fraunhofer ISI, Analysis of a European Reference Target System for 2030, 2013.

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- 15 million supporters and 1 million citizens as members of cooperatives
- 2,500 cities and towns in 30 countries in Europe

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