

Press Release

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European Parliament votes for strong and long term energy savings measures

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The European Parliament adopted today its position on the recast of the Energy Efficiency Directive (EED), backing a stronger and more reliable framework to cut energy use in Europe.

At a moment of rising cost of living, the Parliament's plenary session supported with a cross-party majority the good report of the Industry committee on the EED recast. The vote took place just after the State of the Union Address by European Commission's President von der Leyen where she highlighted the urgency of getting rid of Russian fossil fuel dependency and announced measures to reduce electricity consumption at the national level.

The adopted position of the European Parliament includes an EU energy efficiency binding target of at least 14.5% by 2030, up from 13% in REPowerEU (expressed in a different metric in the approved text). The Parliament also voted to make national contributions binding and to strengthen several provisions of the directive, including the energy savings obligation and the renovation of public buildings (see details in our ITRE vote press release in the notes for editors).

Arianna Vitali, Secretary-General of the Coalition for Energy Savings said:

"The energy security crisis and skyrocketing energy prices require bold European actions. A strong Energy Efficiency Directive accelerates the delivery of energy savings in a well-planned and sustained way, beyond emergency energy rationing. This is what the European Parliament stood for today."

After the plenary vote, the European Parliament, the Council of the European Union and the European Commission will start negotiating to find an agreement on the final EED text; the Czech Presidency of the Council aims at concluding negotiations before the end of its mandate.

While the Council and the Parliament are still expected to have divergent positions on the level and governance of the 2030 energy efficiency target, as well as on several EED measures, they share the view that energy savings cannot be delayed to solve the energy crisis and help consumers. If the benefits of energy efficiency remain the guiding principle of the negotiations, the recast of the EED can bring the EU one step closer to energy independence and climate neutrality.

Note for editors:

- The Coalition for Energy Savings' press release on the EED ITRE vote can be accessed [here](#).
- The Coalition for Energy Savings' press release on the Council's general approach can be accessed [here](#).
- The Coalition for Energy Savings' briefing on the 2030 energy efficiency target can be accessed [here](#).

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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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