

## Press Release

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### ***Half-empty deal for the Energy Efficiency Directive***

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**After a long final trilogue, the European Parliament, the Council of the EU and the European Commission reached an agreement this morning on the recast of the Energy Efficiency Directive (EED). The deal improves the current law by increasing the 2030 energy efficiency target, but not to the level of REPowerEU, and far from the cost-effective energy savings potential.**

Co-legislators agreed on a 2030 EU energy efficiency target of 11.7% for both final and primary energy. While the EU target in final energy becomes binding, a first for the EU energy efficiency framework, the EU objective in primary energy regrettably remains indicative. National contributions, for both primary and final energy are also indicative, reducing the certainty that the EU target will be met.

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

*"The EED deal is half-empty: it improves the current energy efficiency directive, but not to the extent needed to meet the REPowerEU objectives. For example, the increase of the EU target level was agreed by compromising on the certainty of its delivery.*

*With energy saving becoming more and more essential to solve the energy security, affordability and climate challenges, Member States must act fast to implement the revised provisions so that benefits for citizens and businesses can materialise".*

The Council and the European Parliament will have to formally approve the deal before the EED recast directive is published in the Official Journal, so that Member States can start the implementation process. A major milestone will be the 30<sup>th</sup> of June 2023, date by which the draft updates of the National Energy and Climate Plans must be submitted to the European Commission; the updated plans will have to reflect the newly revised energy efficiency objectives.

Note for editors:

- The European Commission's press release on the deal can be accessed [here](#).
- The Council of the EU's press release on the deal can be accessed [here](#).
- The Coalition for Energy Savings' press release on the European Parliament's position 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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The **Coalition for Energy Savings** strives to make energy efficiency and savings the first consideration of energy policies and the driving force towards a secure, sustainable and competitive European Union. Its membership unites businesses, local authorities, energy agencies, energy communities and civil society organisations in pursuit of this goal.

**Coalition members** represent:

- more than 500 associations, 200 companies, 1,500 cooperatives
- 15 million supporters and 1 million citizens as members of cooperatives
- 2,500 cities and towns in 30 countries in Europe

**Members of the Coalition:**

Members of the Coalition: **APPLiA** - Home Appliance Europe | **BPIE** - Buildings Performance Institute Europe (advisory member) | **CAN Europe** - Climate Action Network Europe | **CEE Bankwatch Network** | **ClientEarth** | **Climate Alliance** | **E.V.V.E.** - European Association for the Consumption-based Billing of Energy Costs | **E3G** | **eceee** - European Council for an Energy Efficient Economy | **ECOS** - Environmental Coalition on Standards | **EEB** - European Environmental Bureau | **EFIEES** - European Federation of Intelligent Energy Efficiency Services | **ehi** - Association of the European Heating Industry | **Energy Cities** | **EPEE** - European Partnership for Energy and the Environment | **eurima** - European Insulation Manufacturers Association | **EuroACE** - The European Alliance of Companies for Energy Efficiency in Buildings | **EU-ASE** - European Alliance to Save Energy | **ECF** - European Climate Foundation | **ECI** - European Copper Institute - Copper Alliance | **FEDARENE** - The European Federation of Agencies and Regions for Energy and the Environment | **Friends of the Earth Europe** | **Housing Europe** | **PU Europe** - European Association of Polyurethane Insulation Manufacturers | **RAP** - The Regulatory Assistance Project (advisory member) | **REScoop.eu** - European Federation of Citizen Energy Cooperatives | **T&E** - Transport & Environment | **WWF** European Policy Office

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