

The final sprint towards a successful & effective RED and EED framework

EUROCHAMBRES clearly support the revision of the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Directives in order to ensure a competitive and sustainable future economy. In light of yesterday's Energy Council meeting and the upcoming trilogue negotiation with Parliament, we would like co-legislators to keep the following essential points in mind.

Renewable Energy Efficiency Directive

Cross-border participation (Art 5) has to be greatly expanded in order to ensure a cost-efficient deployment of funds and to avoid the patchwork of national support mechanisms. We are also in favour of the initial proposal and the Parliament's stance when it comes to self-consumption and the issue of prosumers (Art 21). The financial and administrative burdens that are in place for self-consumers in some Member States have to be removed as soon as possible, which will ultimately lead to more flexibility in the energy market. Businesses should be allowed to supply a limited amount to the grid without being automatically classified as energy provider. Finally, EUROCHAMBRES would like to stress that an excessive target level for the heating and cooling sector (Art 23, 24) decreases the margin of manoeuvre for companies.

"Flexibility in every aspect is crucial for businesses. They need to be able to achieve the objectives with the most cost-efficient measure", Arnaldo Abruzzini, CEO of EUROCHAMBRES, stated.

Energy Efficiency Directive

Energy savings resulting from energy efficiency measures taken before 2020 must be fully recognised as a contribution to the end energy savings obligation in Art 7 as long as they are effective, regardless of the date of their implementation. Mr Abruzzini brought it to the point: *"Early movers must not be punished."*

In addition, EUROCHAMBRES opposes the inclusion of the transport sector in the calculation of the savings obligation. Given the comprehensive EU legislation for the sector post-2020, additional future national measures seem rather unlikely. Consequently, other sectors like industry would have to carry the burden.

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