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Review of Directive (EU) 2018/2001 on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources

Feedback period 3 August to 21 September 2020

Under the European Green Deal, the Commission has committed to stronger action on climate change and will assess how the EU's greenhouse gas emissions could responsibly be reduced by at least 50% to 55% by 2030. This review will assess how far the EU renewable energy rules (Directive 2018/2001/EU) can contribute to a higher EU climate ambition. Feedback on the Inception Impact Assessment is open until 21 September 2020.

Inception Impact Assessment (IIA)

The European Commission has published an Inception Impact Assessment that aims to inform citizens and stakeholders about the Commission's plans in order to allow them to provide feedback on the intended initiative and to participate effectively in future consultation activities.

It is also to be noted that this Inception Impact Assessment is provided for information purposes only. It does not prejudice the final decision of the Commission on whether this initiative will be pursued or on its final content. All elements of the initiative described by this document, including its timing, are subject to change.

The feedback period of this Inception Impact Assessment runs until 21 September 2020.

Background

The European Green Deal (EGD) announced the revision of the energy and climate legislation including the 2018 Renewable Energy Directive (RED). This is part of the wide EU strategy aiming at further reduction of the Greenhouse Gas emissions.

Problems the review initiative aims to tackle

In December 2019, the Commission presented the EGD as the new European Growth Strategy setting out a clear agenda to make Europe the first climate neutral continent in the world by 2050. This involves fundamental changes in many areas, including the energy sector such as an accelerated and cost-effective deployment of sustainable renewable energy, including renewable hydrogen, in line with the technology trajectories highlighted in the Commission's 2018 Long-Term strategic vision "A Clean Planet for All".

The main focus is therefore on those sectors (transport, **heating and cooling in industry and buildings**) where renewables have not been deployed as successfully as in the electricity sector, in line with the Energy System Integration and Hydrogen strategies, as well as Renovation Wave initiative.

Objectives and Policy options

A preliminary set of general policy options to be considered have been identified as set out below but may be developed further in light of evidence collected:

- Option 1: No policy change (baseline scenario).
- Option 2: Non-regulatory measures.

- Option 3: Raising the ambition level of the RED II targets and subtargets in line with the 2030 Climate Target Plan.
- Option 4: Amend RED II to translate into legal measures the actions proposed in other energy strategies of the EGD.
- Option 5: Possible combinations of Options 2, 3 and 4

Public consultation and revision

The consultation of stakeholders is organised in two steps. The first step involves getting the initial feedback from the stakeholders on the IIA.

The second step involves a consultation based on a detailed questionnaire that is expected in autumn and would run for 12 weeks. Based in the input received, and from workshops it will host, the Commission intends to adopt a draft of the revised Renewable Energy Directive by mid-2021. This would thereafter follow the adoption procedures in the Parliament and Council.

Recommended actions

Members are advised to study the combined Inception Impact Assessment.

In order to provide the European Commission with a consolidated written feedback, **the Eurovent members are asked to provide the Eurovent Secretariat with their written input by Monday, 14 September 2020.**

Related documents and links

All related documents and articles can be found in the respective sections in the right sidebar.

- GEN – 1154.01 – Inception Impact Assessment
- Link to public consultation: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/12553-Revision-of-the-Renewable-Energy-Directive-EU-2018-2001>
- https://ec.europa.eu/energy/topics/renewable-energy/renewable-energy-directive/overview_en