

The Energy Union Governance A good tool to implement energy efficient building renovation policies

EuroACE welcomes developing a methodology to ensure progress by Member States when implementing energy efficiency legislation

Yesterday, on 26 November, the Council of the EU adopted conclusions on the governance system of the Energy Union, which will serve as a methodology to ensure that legislation, including on energy efficiency, is well implemented by Member States, and that agreed targets will be met. EuroACE encourages Member States to continue working and sharing best practices in order to deliver the Energy Union objectives and ambition for 2030.

EuroACE welcomes the developments under the Energy Union framework. *“The governance system will be a great tool for the European Commission to make sure that important pieces of Energy Union legislation are implemented, **delivering expected results**, and contributing to achieve agreed targets”*, said Adrian JOYCE, Secretary General of EuroACE.

Equipped with a solid governance system, based on verifiable and common **key performance indicators**, the Energy Union will enable the Commission to closely monitor the implementation of energy efficiency legislation. In case of lack of progress towards the target, this system will also make it possible to **design and deliver improvements**. But more importantly, the Energy Union governance system will encourage Member States to embrace **strategic planning**, and develop National Energy and Climate Plans, based on templates from the Commission. The plans should make transposition and implementation of EU legislation easier, thus delivering more to citizens and businesses.

On **energy efficiency of buildings**, strategic planning will be done through the national energy renovation strategies that Member States have to adopt under the Energy Efficiency Directive. The renovation strategies should also be drafted in cooperation and constant dialogue with stakeholders. *“The building sector cannot be missed, as it represents the largest cost-effective potential in terms of energy savings, whilst bringing several other **societal benefits**, such as increased energy security, more local jobs & growth, better comfort, improved health and air quality”*, recalled Susanne DYRBOEL, President of EuroACE.

In order to deliver its full potential, the Energy Union governance needs to be based on the principles of **transparency, accountability, and effectiveness**. Therefore, EuroACE welcomes that the governance will be constructed on the basis of existing legislation, and that it will be **enshrined in a legislative proposal** in 2016, in coordination with the **revision of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD) and the Energy Efficiency Directive (EED)**. It is crucially important to adopt legally **binding measures** in order to give the long-term regulatory stability that is needed to **boost investors' confidence**.

EuroACE encourages the European institutions to continue their collaboration on this issue, and to further develop the governance system for the Energy Union, aiming to reach a 40% energy efficiency target by 2030, as the European Parliament has already supported before. The Parliament will be voting on the GROBARCZYK Report on the Energy Union in December.

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