

## EUFORES MEP Meeting with the incoming Portuguese EU Council Presidency

*"Priorities of the incoming Portuguese EU Council Presidency on renewable energy, energy efficiency and the EU Green Deal"*

**Friday 11 December 2020, 11:00-12:00**

The Council set out new targets by 2030: the EU will cut GHG emissions to 55% within a decade which will imply more ambitious energy efficiency targets. In view of these targets the Council recognizes that increasing energy efficiency will benefit the environment, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve energy security, cut energy costs for households and companies, help alleviate energy poverty and contribute to growth and jobs.

EUFORES regularly organises events to bring together MEPs from its network with the Member State to take the Council Presidency, in particular with the Energy Attaché of the respective country's representation in order to have a discussion on the renewable energy and **energy efficiency priorities and agenda of the Presidency**. In the context of the EEW4 project, the event helps to keep the focus of the incoming EU Presidency on the implementation of the European efficiency policies and provides the possibility to discuss the need for policy action. These roundtables also allow for dissemination of EEW4 results to the EU Council representatives.

In the next 6 months, the Portuguese Council Presidency will be advancing many important files and be playing a crucial role in finding the best consensus for policies which drive the EU to reach the new 2030 Climate Targets and deliver on the EU Green Deal.

During a 1-hour online event on 11 December, EUFORES brings together Members of the European Parliament and Bruno Sousa, Energy Attaché & João Sarmento, Climate Counsellor, from the Permanent Representation of Portugal to the European Union, to discuss about the priorities and agenda of the incoming Portuguese EU Council Presidency on **renewable energy, energy efficiency and the EU Green Deal**.

### Agenda

11.00 – 11:05	Welcome Speech: <b>Jan Geiss</b> , EUFORES
11.05 – 11.10	Introduction: <b>Ciaran Cuffe</b> , MEP Ireland, President of EUFORES
11.10 – 11.40	Priorities of the incoming Portuguese EU Council Presidency on renewable energy, energy efficiency and the EU Green Deal. <b>Bruno Sousa</b> , Energy Attaché, Permanent Representation of Portugal to the European Union. <b>João Sarmento</b> , Climate Counsellor, Permanent Representation of Portugal to the European Union
11.40 – 11.55	Open discussion with MEPs
11.55 – 12.00	Conclusions, <b>Ciaran Cuffe</b> , MEP Ireland, President of EUFORES

