

EEW4 External Event Report

Title of the event: EUFORES MEP Meeting - EED Recast - Exchange with Energy Efficiency Stakeholders

<i>Date & location:</i>	18.06.2021, Zoom
<i>Organiser(s):</i>	EUFORES
<i>Summary of the event</i>	<p><u>Hans -Paul Siderius</u>: NL enterprise agency, we coordinated the concerted action of the ED where member states come together for the implementation. Monitoring should become simpler; we have to see how this relates to the targets.</p> <p><u>Adrian Joyce</u>: Article 5 should be revised to extend on all public buildings, 3% rate should be obtained. We would like to see recommendation of energy audits to be actionable. There should be action for a reasonable time space (max of 3 years).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I do not envy legislators this year, you need to have clear thinking to link all the instruments that are being reviewed. You need a coherent framework; I hope we can work together no to have unwanted consequences. <p><u>Tim Sollberger</u>: We support extension of publication, importance of cooling, accessibility of energy measures. Energy saving needs to be at the forefront of heating and cooling. Article 14 EED to be revised, exploit synergies when it comes to energy savings.</p> <p><u>Christiane Egger</u>: One of the key activities of EE is the importance for improved narratives for energy efficiency. Member States do not see the value of EE, we would like to see entrenched in policies the narrative research we came up with. One of our results is the economy, energy efficiency is a valid economic proposition.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Another area of importance is measures for private buildings, we should not forget people who live in poverty and those who do not. The people who can afford renovation but need more push to do so. We need ambitious articles on the energy transition on business and industry. Facilitation is key, you need people who will do this on the ground.



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Daniel Backer: We have collected narratives examples and we saw that the quality of implementation depends strongly on enabling narratives or hampered by counterproductive narratives.

- Communication should be a standard, public debate, and stakeholder dialogue needs to be well established and a key to take people along and hear their feedback and incorporate that. **Regarding the design of measures, we saw that the quality of instruments can be improved when the target groups are well known**, when target groups have issues on funding

Antonin Chapeolet: The target level increased, 46 to 47 in the final energy consumption. **Delivery mechanisms should be ambitious. Article 7, increased ambition is welcome, but the rate should be doubled, ensure monitoring measures are improved.**

- EED revision will be on public buildings and adopting the citizen approach we support this announcement; citizens are put at the centre. The parliament can be an ally to increase the ambition of EED. Your support is essential, moving from high level commitment to real level on the ground. EE is prioritized throughout the package.

Jakob Nies: Supporters of efficiency first principle, what does efficiency mean with cogeneration in production? We need that technology for the future in times of high demand, winters.

- It is too early to have the Article 2 cooling and heating, to delete the fossil fuel, we need to ensure security of supply. We need a transformation strategy for a continued use of energy. Not everyone can reach RES as geothermal energy, our goal is to be climate neutral. There is no lack of ambition on our side.

Claire Roumet: What energy cities wants, is to see in many countries an obligation in **public building renovation**, it works with a good recovery package. We are given the finance we are usually missing, a big part of the building stock.

- But this is not enough; **technical assistance is needed**. There is a tendency to look at hiding the target for public renovation is missing the point to have a comprehensive approach at the district level. We are getting away from a building-by-building approach and go to district approach, it is the only way to go to take the waste and give it somewhere else and reduce cost.



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Ciaran Cuffe: Need for higher ambition, greater coordination things are becoming more complex, range of legislative measures there is a risk of burden of red tape. **Measures are not a box ticket exercise, but they should lead to action. We need nor a neighbourhood but nor a building-by-building approach. That echoes my report, we should work at a district level.**

Jutta Paulus: Will the topic of cogeneration be in the EPBD or EED? Energy audits issues, I agree energy management must be implemented. What initiatives can motivate the sector?

Ciaran: We should work with target groups.

Daniel: Referring to the question from Jutta on audits, we need to fit legally the auction system. We are assuming, people do not implement because of scarcity of money, not always the case.

- The main trigger are different things, it may make sense when speaking about building renovation and heating to win considering the implementation of measures to ensure what drives consumers to take certain steps or not.

Christiane: Keep it simple **otherwise people will try to evade. Go with meaningful simplification in terms of requirements.** Motivation: 3 things resonate with people, jobs, competitiveness and modernization and investment. This is an inconvenient truth as we are used to other arguments. **We need to have good numbers, countries with district heating we need to be very careful.**

Ciaran: For consumer there is scare to go away from oil and gas, people want to know if they will work.

Karolina Stelmokaite: Transport and data centre, data centres are responsible of electricity use and the numbers may increase. Employee's data centres may escape the audits because they are not labour intensive. How do we make sure data centres are energy efficient?

Hans Paul Siderious: Where should the threshold lie? Non SMES, there is a reboard with different possibilities, and pros and cons, reality is not as simple and clear cut as one should like. In the future, the couple of directives now in the package will interact EE & RES in the buildings.



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	<p>Antonin: Article 7, resource energy in transport. Supermarkets, cooling, can be used as a potential for saving waste heat.</p>
<p><i>Objective & main programme point</i></p>	<p>The objective of this workshop is to facilitate the debate between stakeholders on the upcoming EED recast among MEPs and the political groups, to gather high level experts' input and to improve the quality and effectiveness of the political process. With this event, we put special focus on the recast of the Energy Efficiency Directive and on the expectations and feedback of energy efficiency stakeholders on the expected Commission draft and how the directive shall improve in order to deliver on the Green Deal and the climate emergency.</p>
<p><i>Conclusions</i></p>	<p>The process of the recast of several directives like RED and EED, is gaining speed and the deep involvement of the European Parliament, it is crucial in the coming weeks and months.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants underlined the importance of making the monitoring of the directives simpler and pointed out the need of a coherent framework. • Energy saving needs to be at the forefront of heating and cooling. Article 14 EED has to be revised, we need to exploit synergies when it comes to energy savings. • The narrative research we came up with should be entrenched in policies, having more statistics added on the economic advantages of energy efficiency. • We need ambitious articles on the energy transition on business and industry. • Regarding the design of measures, the quality of instruments can be improved when the target groups are well known, when target groups have issues on funding. <p>More specific on building renovations, the discussion focused on the need of technical assistance and the importance of facilitation, we will need people who will do help implementing the directive on the ground.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendation of energy audits should be actionable. • Measures are not a box ticket exercise, but they should lead to action. We should work at a district level. • We should keep it simple, otherwise people will try to evade. We should apply meaningful simplification in terms of requirements. We need to have good numbers.
<p><i>Programme</i></p>	



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Agenda

Introduction

Ciarán Cuffe, MEP, President of EUFORES

Tour de table with positions from EE-stakeholders

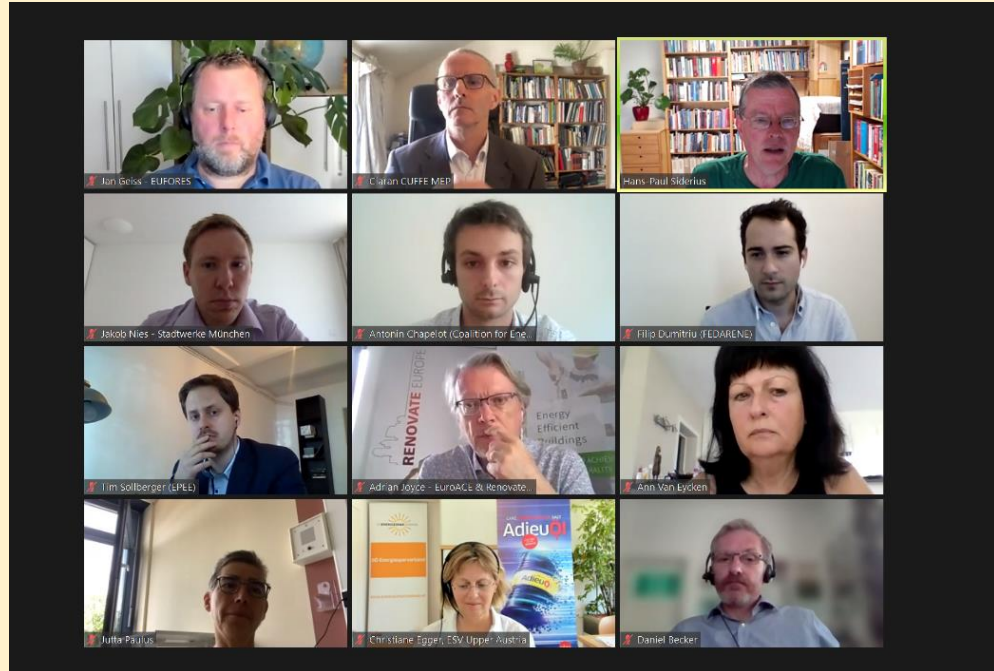
Open exchange among MEPs and EE-stakeholders



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