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## EFIEES welcomes the European Parliament's ambitious position on the EED and RED

[EFIEES](#), representing energy efficiency service companies (EESCs) across Europe, welcomes the votes of the Industry (ITRE) Committee of the European Parliament on the review of the [Energy Efficiency Directive](#) (EED) and the [Renewable Energy Sources Directive](#) (RED). They constitute a major step forward, following the successful adoption of the [EPBD report](#) in October, which sent an encouraging signal by marking the key role of energy efficiency services in the building sector.

With regard to the [EED](#), EFIEES particularly welcomes the adoption of a binding and ambitious target for energy efficiency, in line with the *Energy Efficiency First* principle. It is essential to send a clear signal to the market and investors for savings to be achieved thanks to **energy efficiency solutions and services**.

**The 40% EU binding target and the extension of the annual energy savings obligations outlined in Art. 7, allowing for savings to be achieved along the whole energy chain (from generation, transmission and distribution to end-use)**, are crucial aspects of the text approved last Tuesday, which EFIEES looks forward to being confirmed in early 2018 Plenary vote. Nevertheless, EFIEES is concerned by the adoption of the inadequately low PEF coefficient of 2.0. This does not mirror the current reality of most Member States' energy mix and it should, in any case, only be used for the purposes of the EED.

As far as the [RED](#) is concerned, EFIEES welcomes the **35% EU binding target for renewables, along with the provisions regarding mainstreaming renewables in the heating & cooling sector, where the efficient recovery of waste heat/cold has also a role to play. Efficient district heating and cooling networks** are recognised as major actors for decarbonising districts or cities, and EFIEES supports the measures incentivising their modernisation and their development at short term.

*"We fully support the ITRE Committee's call for more efforts in energy efficiency to be achieved along all stages of the energy chain. We are confident that this positive approach will be maintained in the Plenary vote of early 2018, as well as in the forthcoming trilogue negotiations", said Valérie Plainemaison, EFIEES' Secretary General.*

### **About EFIEES**

The purpose of the *European Federation of Intelligent Energy Efficiency Services* is to promote the activities of Energy Efficiency Services Companies (EESCs) in the European Union. EESCs design and implement practical measures to improve the energy efficiency of their customers by means of long-term contracts. Their objective is to optimise the energy management of end-users.