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The European Federation of Intelligent Energy Efficiency Services welcomes the European Parliament's clear and balanced stance towards energy efficiency and renewables

EFIEES, representing energy efficiency service companies (EESCs) across Europe, welcomes the outcome of the vote which took place yesterday in the plenary of the European Parliament on two crucial files of the Clean Energy Package, the [Energy Efficiency Directive](#) (EED) and the [Renewable Energy Sources Directive](#) (RED).

In particular, **EFIEES applauds the adoption of two ambitious and binding targets at the EU level for both energy efficiency and renewables**, which ensures a balanced approach with regard to the two sides of the same coin in the path towards decarbonisation, where the Energy Efficiency First principle has been recognised as key for the effective development of renewables in our energy system.

Regarding the **EED**, EFIEES welcomes the extension of the 1.5% annual energy savings obligation in Article 7, **where both supply-side measures**, including improvements to be achieved through district heating networks, **and end-use actions**, notably realised through energy efficiency services, **have their role to play**.

In addition, the debate around the **primary energy factor (PEF) for electricity**, covered by Annex IV of the EED, along with the result of yesterday's vote, clearly demonstrates that **the EP is keen on promoting indicators that reflect the real environmental and technical performances of the energy sector, while fully supporting the energy transition**.

As far as the **RED** is concerned, EFIEES particularly welcomes the confirmation of the provisions adopted by the ITRE Committee for the development of renewables in the heating & cooling sector, notably **the efficient recovery of waste heat/cold and the role of efficient district heating and cooling networks** as major actors for the progressive decarbonisation of districts and cities.

«Combined with EPBD, the EED and RED are the pillars of a renewed EU energy policy that needs to become the driver for a decarbonised EU economy. Today's votes are an important step forward for a Package that will send the necessary signal for market actors to develop energy performance contracting, renewable heating and cooling, at both buildings' and districts' levels», 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.