

## EFIEES' First Views regarding the Provisional Political Agreement on the Energy Efficiency Directive (EED) recast

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After more than ten hours of final trilogue, the European Parliament, the Council of the EU and the European Commission reached an **agreement on the recast of the Energy Efficiency Directive (EED)** in the morning of the 10<sup>th</sup> of March. **EFIEES welcomes this deal which increases the level of the EU 2030 energy efficiency target**, and which acknowledges the need to accelerate and optimise energy savings across the EU, by setting higher ambitions for this directive.

According to what we know about the deal, co-legislators agreed on a **2030 EU energy efficiency target of 11.7% for both final and primary energy**. While the EU target in **final energy becomes binding**, a very positive improvement for the EU energy efficiency framework, **the EU-wide 2030 target for primary energy consumption remains indicative**. Yet, **primary energy consumption is key to fully reflect energy performance across the whole energy chain**, and allows to identify energy losses, as well as optimal solutions, in particular on the heating market. Besides, it ensures full comparability of all the different solutions, both electric and thermal in a time where all available and efficient solutions are needed to support the energy transition. A binding EU-wide primary energy target, as initially proposed by both the Parliament and the Commission, would have resulted in a stronger governance and a full implementation of the Energy Efficiency First principle within the EED revision.

A final text should be made available in the coming weeks and the Council and the European Parliament will have to formally approve the political agreement before the EED recast is published in the Official Journal. Since **energy savings are and will be crucial to ensure energy security and reach EU climate targets**, Member States will have to **implement as soon as possible strong national energy efficiency frameworks**, and should endeavour to ensure meeting both binding and indicative targets included in the EED recast. This will also be reflected in the draft updates of the National Energy and Climate Plans, to be submitted by Member States to the Commission by the end of June. We will carefully assess the final deal on the EED recast once it is made public, and support Member States, as well as the energy sector, in the implementation of the new provisions.