

Energy Efficiency Directive should aim at an achievable EU-wide target, focus on cost-effectiveness and ensure flexibilities for energy savings delivery.

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The Clean Energy Package (CEP) is an important tool to deliver the Paris commitments and create an appropriate framework for the energy transition in the EU in the coming decades.

Efficient use of energy is vital to address the increasing global energy demand, and this matters for European industries which are continuously aiming at improving their efficiency. The refining Industry has improved its efficiency by close to 14% over the past 20 years despite more energy intensive operations required to produce cleaner fuels. Industries are willing to contribute to delivering the Clean Energy Package, however, following the outcome of the plenary vote in the European Parliament, some critical elements should be reconsidered by the parties involved in the upcoming trilogue.

The Energy efficiency directive should: firstly aim at realistically achievable targets; secondly, should ensure flexibilities for the delivery of energy savings beyond 2020; and finally sectors, such as buildings, where energy efficiency gains are the most cost-effective and where consumers' behaviour can realistically be influenced should be prioritised rather than targeting the transport sector which is already well regulated¹.

As a result this should ensure the competitiveness of the European Union, increase the predictability for Member States and investors, and ensure viable and cost-effective delivery.

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