

Public consultation on the review of progress towards the 2020 energy efficiency objective and a 2030 energy efficiency policy framework



This consultation is part of the assessment of progress towards the 2020 energy efficiency objective required under Article 3(2) of the Energy Efficiency Directive 2012/27/EU. It is also a follow-up to the Communication “A policy framework for climate and energy in the period from 2020 to 2030”.

The EU has set itself an energy efficiency target for 2020: 20% energy savings compared to projections. It has defined what this means at EU level: energy consumption of no more than 1483 Mtoe primary energy and 1086 Mtoe final energy. At national level, Member States have set themselves indicative national targets. EU measures have been adopted covering the energy efficiency of products; buildings; power and heat generation and supply; and information/incentives/financing for efficiency among citizens and businesses.

Analysis suggests that the EU is making progress towards its 2020 target, but there is likely to be a shortfall. Latest projections and national targets - which will be updated later this year - indicate that about 17% energy use reduction will be achieved by 2020. It therefore needs to be considered what policy options could address this situation in the most appropriate manner.

The "2030" Communication makes it clear that, with a 2030 perspective, more ambitious energy efficiency efforts are necessary and the exact ambition of future energy savings policy and the measures necessary to deliver it need to be established. It also needs to be considered whether energy intensity of the economy or energy savings or a hybrid of the two are a better benchmark in which to frame 2030 objectives.

The Commission aims to bring forward its assessment of these issues later this year. Responses to this consultation exercise will be an important input to that assessment.

Questions marked with an asterisk * require an answer to be given.

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A. Energy efficiency targets and measures

1. Do you think the right approach in addressing the shortfall is:

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- a) To define energy efficiency target(s)
- b) Reinforced implementation of existing legislation, including active policy on infringements
- c) Proposing new legislation
- d) other

 1.a.1. How should these target(s) be expressed? *


- In terms of energy intensity improvements of the economy and economic sectors
- As absolute energy savings
- As a hybrid of the two represents a better benchmark upon which to frame a 2030 objective
- No opinion

 1.a.2. At what level should they apply? *

EU

National

Sectoral

 1.a.3. Should they be: *

Legally binding

Indicative

No opinion

 Further comments on targets (maximum 1000 characters)



Please specify your response b)

(maximum 1000 characters)



Please specify your response c)

(maximum 1000 characters)



Please specify your response d)

(maximum 1000 characters)

B. Energy efficiency sectors

2. Do you think that further policy measures are needed at EU level to foster energy efficiency in buildings?

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Yes

No

No opinion



Please give details. (maximum 1000 characters)

3. Do you think that further policy measures are needed at EU level to foster energy efficiency in industry?

Yes

No

No opinion




Please give details. (maximum 1000 characters)

4. Do you think that further policy measures are needed at EU level to foster energy efficiency in transport?

Yes

No

No opinion


 Please give details. (maximum 1000 characters)

5. Do you think that further policy measures are needed at EU level to foster energy efficiency in electrical equipment?

Yes

No

No opinion


 Please give details. (maximum 1000 characters)

6. Do you think that further policy measures are needed at EU level to foster energy efficiency in generation and distribution?

Yes

No

No opinion


 Please give details. (maximum 1000 characters)

7. Do you think that further financial mechanisms and instruments are needed at EU level to mobilise energy efficiency investments?

Yes

No

No opinion

 Please give details. (maximum 1000 characters)

8. Do you think that further measures are needed to build the capacity of actors in the energy efficiency sector?

Yes

No

No opinion

9. What are the most promising technology solutions that can help deliver energy savings in the 2020 and 2030 time horizon? How can their development and uptake be supported at EU level?

(maximum 1000 characters)

10. Further comments (maximum 1000 characters)



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Useful links

Consultation page: http://ec.europa.eu/energy/efficiency/consultations/20140428_eed_2020_2030_en.htm