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Proposal for a revised renewable energy Directive

By the end of 2016 the European Commission presented the proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources.

The proposal includes the followings:

1) It sets a binding Union target for the share of energy from renewable sources in the Union's gross final consumption of energy in 2030.

The target is at least 27%. From 1 January 2021 onwards, the share of energy from renewable sources in Poland's gross final consumption of energy shall not be lower than 15%;

2) Deployment of renewables in the Electricity sector;

It includes provisions on support schemes for electricity from renewable sources: general principles, design of support schemes. It enables the generator located in one Member State to participate in support schemes of other Member State.

3) It lays out the rules on the calculation of the share of the energy from renewable sources.

According to the proposed Directive, the share of the energy from renewable sources shall be calculated as the sum of gross final consumption of electricity from renewable energy sources, gross final consumption of energy from renewable sources for heating and cooling and final consumption of energy from renewable sources in transport.

4) Deployment of renewables in the Heating and Cooling Sector;

It provides the obligation to increase the share of renewable energy supplied for heating and cooling by at least 1 percentage point per year in their total supply until 2030.

The entities designated to implement this obligation shall report annually starting from 30 June 2021, to the authority designated by the Member State, on: the total amount of energy supplied for heating and cooling; the total amount of renewable energy supplied for heating and cooling; the share of renewable energy in the total amount of energy supplied for heating and cooling; and the type of renewable energy source.

It puts an obligation on district heating and cooling suppliers to provide information to end-consumers on their energy performance and the share of renewable energy in their systems.

5) Maintaining renewable energy in the Transport sector;

It requires fuel suppliers to increase the share of energy from renewable and low-carbon fuels. It is proposed to be at least 1.5% in 2021 increasing to 6.8% in 2030. With respect to advanced biofuels and biogas produced from feedstock, the minimum share shall be at least 0.5% of the transport fuels supplied for consumption or use on the market as of 1 January 2021, increasing up to at least 3.6% by 2030.

It is proposed, that the above mentioned proposals enter into force on 1 January 2021.

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