

## *EEW4 External Event Report*

*Title of the event:* **EUFORES MEP-Meeting with incoming German EU Council Presidency**

**"Priorities of the incoming German EU Council Presidency on renewable energy, energy efficiency and the EU Green Deal"**

<i>Date &amp; location:</i>	16 June 2020, Online
<i>Organiser(s):</i>	EUFORES
<i>Summary of the event</i>	The event aimed at discussing the Priorities of the incoming German EU Council Presidency on renewable energy, energy efficiency and the EU Green Deal. Participants shared information, views and concerns related to the Recovery Plan and the EU Green Deal and the future of energy efficiency and renewable energy policies in Europe.
<i>Objective &amp; main programme point</i>	<p><b>Key points from the discussion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction of RNP and Energy Efficiency projects.</li> <li>• Looking at the German presidency, it looks quite significant in terms of recovery package, and the green deal, with the climate law moving ahead and the renovation wave.</li> <li>• The EC has announced several strategies and communication and texts. The most important will be the strategy on the energy system integration that will provide an umbrella for discussion for the upcoming years.</li> <li>• One of the main priorities of the Presidency consists on promoting European cooperation on offshore wind as offshore wind will play an important role on the energy mix, especially looking at 2050 targets. Council conclusion by the end of the year.</li> <li>• A second priority is the decarbonisation of the gas sector with safe and sustainable hydrogen. Certifications and standardisation are difficult questions in MSs, therefore it is necessary to have a discussion on this.</li> </ul>

- The renovation wave and the included action plan are also important topics that will be on the agenda.
- Assessment of the NECPs and the State of the Energy Union report, and the expected gaps for the 2030 targets.
- Important dates:

Half-virtual discussion in Berlin on 5 October.

On 5 & 6 October there will be a discussion on system integration and the hydrogen strategy.

On November will take place a Directorate General meeting with DG ENER and Member States.

The SET Plan conference will take place on the 23 and 24th of November.

- Importance of finalising the climate law and finding a common approach at the Council.
- Moving away from nuclear power.
- A European wave to prioritise efficiency and move it ahead.
- The future of the TEN-E regulation.
- The gas decarbonisation and hydrogen, investing in R&D for green hydrogen.
- Energy Efficiency funding: the German model.
- Cooperation on offshore wind development.
- Energy efficiency first principle and electrification.
- Storage of energy, an important topic.
- More focus on renewable alliances.
- Blending and what to do with gas infrastructure.

### *Conclusions*

The discussion was very fruitful as it provided a good overview on the agenda and political priorities of the German EU Council Presidency and on the same

an opportunity to gather a feedback from the Members of the European Parliament on which are key priorities to focus on for the upcoming months.

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### Agenda

Welcome

**Jan Geiss**, Secretary General, EUFORES

Introduction

**Ciarán Cuffe**, MEP, President of EUFORES

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**Ariane Richter**, Energy Attaché, Permanent Representation of the Federal Republic of Germany to the European Union

Open discussion with MEPs

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