

**To: Members of the ITRE Committee, European Parliament**

Brussels, 12 July 2022

Dear Member of the European Parliament,

The Commission's proposal on the amendment of the Renewable Energy Directive (RED) increases the EU's current 32% renewable energy target for 2030 to 40%. It is a much-awaited step forward, but unfortunately still falls short of what is needed for the pathway to a decarbonised energy system – as already recognised in the REPowerEU package in response to the Russian war in Ukraine.

A forward-looking approach by the European Parliament is of critical importance to foster innovation and the rollout of cost-effective, job-creating renewable energy solutions – which are already cheaper than fossil alternatives – and to promote a move towards independence from fossil fuels and more energy security while pushing down prices and strengthening resilience to price shocks.

The Paris Agreement Compatible (PAC) scenario developed by the EEB and CAN Europe shows that [a 100% renewable energy system is achievable by 2040](#) by putting into place the right pull-and-push measures and through a significant reduction in energy consumption.

We therefore call upon the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy to:

- **Step up ambition regarding the EU's 2030 renewable energy target** by setting a binding EU target of **at least 50% by 2030**, paving the way towards a fully decarbonised energy system by 2040. To achieve this, we urge you to reject the proposed compromise amendment (CA 2) on Art. 3, and instead support AM 98, AM 512, and AM 517.
- **Strengthen biomass' sustainability criteria (Art. 3)** by ensuring full **compliance with the cascading principle** in the use of biomass. In addition, **no support should be granted to burning biomass for energy use and to the use of BECCS**. To achieve this, we urge you to reject the compromise amendment (CA 2) on Art. 3, and instead support ENVI: AM 36, AM 414, AM 419, ENVI: AM 8, ENVI: AM 39, ENVI: AM 32, ENVI: AMs 41-45, AM 488, AM 407, AM 432.
- **Step-up renewable energy use in industry (Art. 22a)** by fostering **quick electrification** of industrial processes and focusing on **compliance with the energy efficiency first** principle to make European industries fully based on renewable energy by 2040. The proposed compromise amendment (CA11) goes in the right direction by increasing the overall industrial target at 1.9 average per year and ending the use of fossil-fuel energy use for industrial heating applications requiring max temperatures of 200°C by 2027. Therefore, we urge you to support CA 11. However, should CA 11 not be adopted, we urge you to support AM 766 and AM 775.
- **Enhance provisions on renewables in heating and cooling (Art. 23)** as this sector is the easiest to decarbonise and a key vector for changes in the overall energy landscape. To allow for stronger provisions to be included in the RED, please reject the proposed compromise amendment on Art. 23 (CA12) and instead support AM 828, AM 838, AM 836, and AM 899.

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If approved, the above suggested amendments would be a game-changer for far-reaching renewable energy deployment in the EU and would allow for the energy transition to take place in harmony with the EU and global environmental and social boundaries.

Yours sincerely,

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