

Clean Energy Package – Regulators in Focus

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Fostering energy markets, empowering **consumers**.



# CEER: Fostering energy markets, empowering consumers

- Independent voice for 38 European energy regulators
- Promotes competitive, secure and sustainable markets for consumers
- Supports NRAs and best practice energy regulation:
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  - Advocacy
  - Training Academy
  - Capacity-building
  - Working with ACER





#### **Context: EU Legislation**

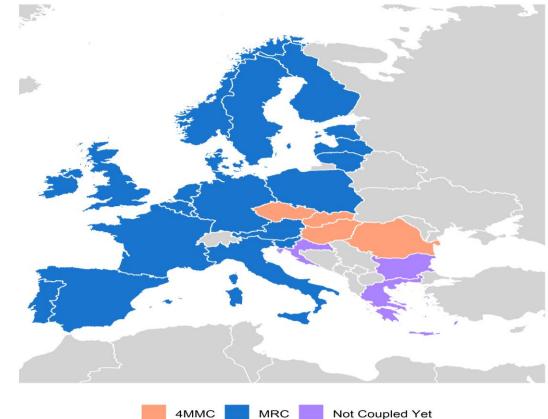
#### The Road to Liberalised, Integrated, Decarbonised EU Energy Markets

1996 - 98	~2005	2011	2019
<ul> <li>1<sup>st</sup> Package</li> <li>Echo of 1980s GB</li> <li>Opens some competition, limited unbundling, negotiated TPA</li> </ul>	<ul> <li><u>2nd Package</u></li> <li>Full market opening</li> <li>More unbundling, regulated TPA</li> <li>Mandating NRAs and the "regulated competition" model</li> </ul>	<ul> <li><u>3rd Package</u></li> <li>Major pan-EU institutional change: ACER / ENSTOs, strengthened unbundling</li> <li>EU X-border integration via Network Codes</li> <li>Reinforced consumer rights</li> </ul>	<section-header><section-header><section-header><section-header><section-header><section-header><section-header><section-header></section-header></section-header></section-header></section-header></section-header></section-header></section-header></section-header>



## **Electricity Wholesale in Europe**

- Wholesale market integration is a major achievement
- Includes Day-Ahead market coupling

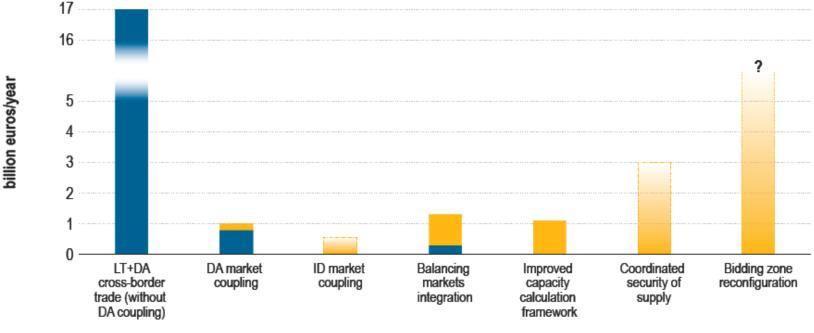


ACER/CEER MMR for 2017

• But, the level and use of interconnectors is an issue



#### **Potential Welfare Gains Remain**



Welfare gains already obtained

Welfare gains to be obtained

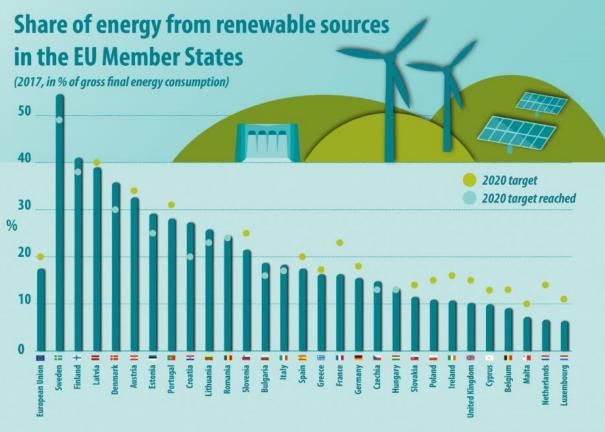
Social welfare\* benefits already obtained and to be obtained from various actions intended to further integrate the Internal Electricity Market (billion euros/year)

Source: ACER/CEER MMR for 2017



- Renewable generation 30.7% of EU electricity demand; renewables 17.5% total energy demand (2017).
- Growth driven by 2020 RES 20% energy target and "support schemes" (subsidies)
- Raising market design issues
- Climate change mitigation: commitments increased

#### **Renewables: The only way is up!**



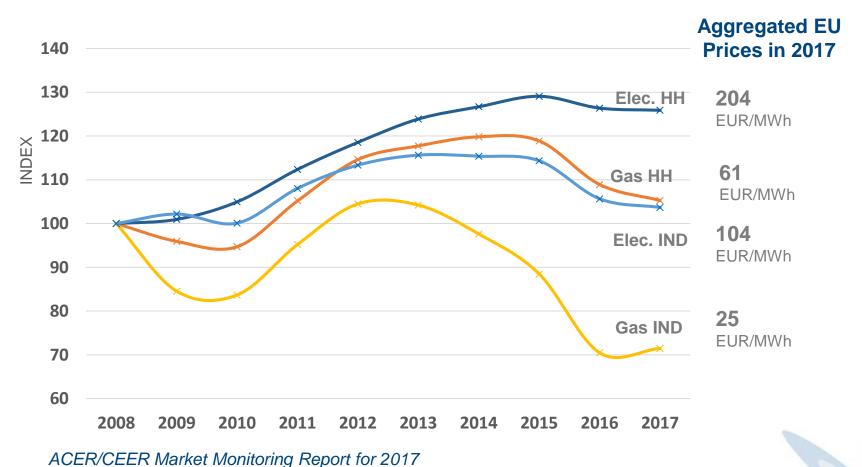
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#### **Retail Market Prices**

- EU retail prices are a mixed story
- Impacts on consumer affordability and EU competitiveness



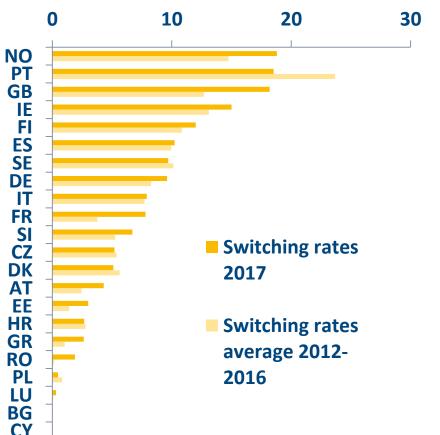


#### **Retail and Consumers**

#### One extreme to the other

- Many consumers switch / participate actively in the market
- Prosumers on the rise
- Digitalisation and electric vehicles?
- And yet: affordability is a concern
- National markets have wide variations in competition (HHI)
- Many consumers haven't engaged in the market
- Political change in the EU

## External switching rate % for electricity household customers by metering points



Performance of European Retail Markets in 2017 - CEER Monitoring Report

### Clean Energy for All Europeans Legislative Files

• https://ec.europa.eu/energy/en/topics/energy-strategy-and-energy-union/clean-energy-all-europeans

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	European Commission Proposal	EU Inter- institutional Negotiations	European Parliament Adoption	<b>Council</b> Adoption	Official Journal Publication
Energy Performance in Buildings	30/11/2016	Political Agreement (····	17/04/2018	14/05/2018	19/06/2018 - Directive (EU) 2018/844
Renewable Energy	30/11/2016	Political Agreement	13/11/2018	04/12/2008	21/12/2018 - Directive (EU) 2018/2001
Energy Efficiency	30/11/2016	Political Agreement	13/11/2018	04/12/2018	21/12/2018 - Directive (EU) 2018/2002
Governance of the Energy Union	30/11/2016	Political Agreement	13/11/2018	04/12/2018	21/12/2018 - Regulation (EU) 2018/1999
Electricity Regulation	30/11/2016	Political Agreement	26/03/2019	22/05/2019	14/06/2019 - Regulation (EU) 2019/943
Electricity Directive	30/11/2016	Political Agreement	26/03/2019	22/05/2019	14/06/2019 - Directive (EU) 2019/944
Risk Preparedness	30/11/2016	Political Agreement	26/03/2019	22/05/2019	14/06/2019 - Regulation (EU) 2019/941
ACER	30/11/2016	Political Agreement	26/03/2019	22/05/2019	14/06/2019 - Regulation (EU) 2019/942

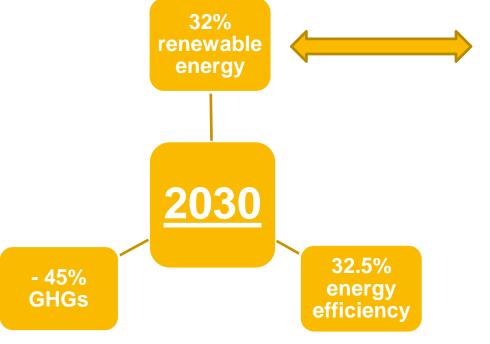
These 4 enter into force on 4 July 2019



#### **Clean Energy Package: Big Picture**

Sustainability at the heart of EU economic energy regulation
 Decarbonisation at pace to 2050





## ~50% of electricity from RES

Retrofitting EU wholesale markets

Enabling role for Distribution

Empowering consumers and demand-side participation





## **Clean Energy Package: Big Picture**

- Retrofits EU wholesale markets
  - Balance responsibility, scarcity pricing, priority dispatch restricted
  - More system integration, common conditions for CRMs
- Elevates importance of distribution / local networks
  - DSOs as neutral market facilitators of new services
  - New EU DSO body ("ENTSO-light") to facilitate better coordination with TSOs, linked in with ACER
  - Empowered collective "Citizens Energy Communities"
- Enables more consumer and demand-side engagement
  - Faster switching, better information, more choice
  - Individual demand-side participation
- CEER broadly welcomed the package, advocated positions and suggested amendments







#### What the CEP does not do

- Drive radical institutional change: it's not the 3<sup>rd</sup> Package
   NRAs, ACER, ENTSOs and Network Codes exist broadly as we know them
- Integrate national retail markets or deregulate retail prices
  - About half of MSs have regulated retail prices to some extent
- Scrap CRMs or fully resolve ~90% RES/market remuneration
   But, new CRMs allowed only if conditions are met, e.g. X-border component
- Dictate national fuel mix or support scheme policy
   Where needed, CEER advocates market-based supports
- Change wholesale-retail gas market rules: mirroring is planned later



## **Clean Energy - Wholesale Electricity**

#### Market Design

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- All participants have balance responsibility bar very limited cases
- Scarcity pricing to VOLL: NRAs establish values using ACER methodology
- No priority dispatch for new projects except small / demonstration
- EU-wide auctions to complement continuous intra-day trade
- Non-frequency Ancillary Services NC for market-based procurement
- CRMs allowed, conditions include a robust energy market, SoS, X-border and EU generation adequacy component, phase out payment to > 550g CO<sub>2</sub>/kWh plants

#### Market Integration

- 15% interconnector target (not directly in the CEP); congestion income may reduce network tariffs on a conditional basis
- Cross-border trade: at least 70% of secure thermal capacity
- RCCs define and optimise regional TSO coordination
- Generation Adequacy Sharing: cross-border participation in CRMs







## **Clean Energy - Distribution / Local**

- DSOs as neutral market facilitators: flexibility, storage & EV charging are typically competitive activities
  - Derogations from NRAs are allowed
- EU DSO entity involved in NCs, coordinate with ENTSO-E etc.
- Flexible local solutions rather than tariff harmonisation / NC
- Better planning and coordination:
  - DSOs to consult on 5-10 year network development plans, subject to NRA approval
  - Less than 100K customer DSOs are exempt
- Empowers Citizens Energy Communities, with:
  - Ownership/operation criteria set by NRAs
  - Members keep consumer rights and can leave
  - Have financial responsibility for system balancing bar limited cases
  - If it looks like a DSO, it's regulated like one!







#### **Clean Energy - Elec Retail / Consumer**

#### Consumer Empowerment

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- Faster supplier switching: 24-hour technical process by 2026
- No switching fee except proportionate for fixed term / price
- Aggregators: suppliers can't impede access; DSR Network Code
- Customers entitled to smart meter, but if negative CBA they pay!
- Dynamic contract available for SM customers from at least one supplier and all suppliers > 200K customers

#### Information and Data

- At least one reliable free Comparison Tool
  - Verified (e.g. by NRA) or operated by a public body (trust marks)
- Bills must be "easy to understand, clear, concise...facilitates comparison"; right to monthly billing with SMs
- Customers should have free data access
- Interoperable data format in and across MSs







#### **Clean Energy - Governance**

- Regulatory Independence / Governance
  - No major NRA and ACER independence changes (perhaps a success in itself)
  - Commission to report on NRA independence to EP and Council
  - Enhanced role for ACER BoR, but Director still "holds the pen"
- Network Codes / Decisions
  - More of them, e.g. DSR, cybersecurity
  - "Local NRAs" decide on regional TCMs or they proceed to ACER if voluntarily referred, they don't agree in 6 months or ACER deems a tangible IEM impact
  - Existing TCM NC/Guideline issues proceed directly to ACER ("All NRAs?" for new?)
- EU entities including ENTSOs and RCCs subject to more NRA-ACER oversight







## **Transposition and Application**

- Electricity Directive
  - Transposed by 31 December 2020 (in general)
- RES Directive
  - Transposed by 30 June 2021 (in general)
- Electricity Regulation
  - Applies from 1 January 2020 (in general)



CEER Customer and Retail Market Priority Implementation Topics

- Basic Contractual Rights (Elec. Dir. Art. 10)
- Comparison Tools (Elec. Dir. Art. 14)
- Customer billing (Elec. Dir. Art. 18 + Annex 1)
- . Art. 21)
- Dynamic price contracts (Elec. Dir. Art. 11)
- Energy Communities (Elec. Dir. Art. 16; RES Dir. Art. 22)
- Self-Consumers/Active customers (Elec. Dir. Art. 15; RES Dir. Art. 21)
- Sources of Electricity Guarantees of Origin (RES Dir. Art. 19)
- Switching (Elec. Dir. Art. 12)

## Thank you for your attention!

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