

## The European Parliament's vote on the Clean Energy Package: an opportunity to empower Europe's energy citizens

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The team of the REScoop PLUS project, represented by REScoop.eu is following the current debates at the European Parliament. Our project highlights the role and impact of the energy cooperatives on delivering energy efficiency to all energy citizens of Europe.

Energy communities (i.e. Renewable energy cooperatives, or REScoops) provide opportunities for all European citizens to benefit from the energy transition. As a vehicle for local ownership and control of renewable energy projects, energy communities contribute to regional economic development, retaining value locally and contributing to the achievement of the EU's decarbonization objectives.

In its upcoming vote on the **Renewable Energy Directive**, the **Energy Efficiency Directive** and the **Governance Regulation**, the European Parliament has an unprecedented opportunity to send a strong signal that it supports the role of citizens in the energy transition.

To turn citizens' ambition into reality, REScoop.eu urges MEP's to consider the following voting recommendations in the following pieces of EU legislation:

### The Energy Efficiency Directive

#### AN EU 40% BINDING ENERGY EFFICIENCY TARGET AND NATIONAL BINDING TARGETS (ARTICLE 1 & 3)

The higher the level of ambition, the greater the benefits for society, the climate and the economy: an EU binding 40% energy savings target, underpinned by binding national targets, will give certainty to businesses to make necessary energy efficiency investments for the energy transition.

- **SUPPORT AM 45** and **AM 100**
- If ITRE 45 not adopted, **SUPPORT AM 110 rev.** **REJECT AM 103**
- **SUPPORT AM 52.** If ITRE 52 not adopted, **SUPPORT AM 111** and **AM 101**
- **REJECT AM 118** and **AM 104**

#### A STRONG ENERGY SAVING OBLIGATION (ARTICLE 7 & Annex V)

The annual energy savings requirement drives national action and helps increase market opportunities and investments in energy efficiency. It is crucial that loopholes that hinder the effectiveness of Article 7 be closed, and that social objectives, like energy poverty be supported.

- **SUPPORT all corresponding parts (cp) of AM 54**
- **REJECT AM 119, AM 108** and **AM 109D**

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## THE TRANSITION FOR ALL EUROPEANS

The problematic of energy poverty should not be forgotten in the current debates around those directives. We believe that energy efficiency in energy communities is the best way to deliver a transition that will leave no European citizens behind. Therefore, we ask energy communities to be recognized as a tool to reduce energy poverty and to bring vulnerable consumers along in the energy transition in the Renewable Energy Directive. This role should be supported through a strong Article 7 of the Energy Efficiency Directive.