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POLICY UPDATES

1. Energy Efficiency: EP reiterates call for ambition

By Dora Petroula

What happened recently?

On 23rd of June, the **European Parliament's reiterated its long-standing call for boosting ambition of the EU 2030 energy savings target to 40%**, voting for an own initiative report on the implementation of the Energy Efficiency Directive (EED). The plenary confirmed the good outcome of the vote of the ITRE Committee that took place last month. ([Pieper report](#)).

Within the report, the European Parliament also **voted for the extension of the implementation of the Article 7 of the EED beyond 2020 and called for the strengthening of this critical provision** by eliminating the loopholes, which are currently allowed by the directive.

A new briefing on how to put Energy Efficiency First principle in action was published in June with the input of different stakeholders working on energy efficiency. The [briefing can be found here](#). [A summary of this briefing in a form of specific actions can be found here](#).

What happens next?

The **interservice consultation** among the different services of the Commission regarding the upcoming proposals for the Energy Efficiency Directive **is scheduled to start around the 5th of July**. Usually this process lasts 2 -3 weeks.

Action needed!

>>> Information on Member States views regarding the 2030 energy savings target and Article 7 of the Energy Efficiency Directive is always welcome.

2. Renewable energy: updates and follow-up

By Jean-François Fauconnier

What happened recently?

Among several interesting reports published in the past weeks (see namely the www.irena.org website for some of them), REN21's [2016 Global renewable status report](#), published on June 1, showed that **investment in European renewables dropped by 21% last year despite a record 147GW of new renewable power generating capacity being added globally**. Europe remains a world-leader in installed renewable capacity, with 276GW of the world's 785GW available, but net investment across the continent has now fallen for four consecutive years. This report should hopefully be a "wake-up" call for the European Commission.

On 6 June, a formal Energy Council took place in Luxembourg. Before the start of the Council, the "[Political Declaration on energy cooperation between the North Seas Countries](#)" was signed by BE, DK, FR, DE, IE, LU, NL, SE and Norway. The Council proper started with the issue of the revision of the 2012 Intergovernmental agreements (IGAs'), for which a 'general approach' was agreed upon. It was followed by a debate on the gas security of supply, during which some MS supported the Commission's proposal of regional groups, while others want a more flexible, bottom-up approach based on specific and identified risks. Over lunch, there was a debate on the follow-up of COP21 from an energy perspective. In the afternoon, a NL presidency note on markets design was discussed. FR, HU, IE and BE emphasised that capacity mechanisms should not be excluded. DK, FI, DE and SE, on the other hand, emphasised the importance of the free market, which should generate the necessary investments. There were also AOB items on the next steps regarding the Heating & cooling strategy and LNG/storage, and external energy relations. More info available upon request.

On June 9, CAN Europe made a submission to the joint **ENTSO-E/ENTSO-G public consultation on the future scenarios** on which the 2018-9 version of their Ten Year Network Development Plans (TYNDP) will be based. End of May, CAN Europe had already made a submission to the **ENTSO-E public consultation on their new Cost Benefit Analysis methodology**, which they'll use to assess projects for their TYNDP2018. Both submission have been circulated on the CAN-E RES list and are available upon request.

On 21 June, the **Technical Working Group (TWG) on national energy and climate** held its 4th meeting to discuss templates for national energy and climate plans (NECPs), and also have an exchange of view on regional cooperation. Thanks to all of you who contacted their national members of the TWG to push our demands! For those who haven't had the chance to do so, it is still time (see below)!

On 23 June, in addition to its report on the energy efficiency directive (see related article by Dora), the plenary of the European Parliament adopted its **'own-initiative' report on 'renewable energy progress report'**. *Through its report, the EP called for a strengthening of the 2030 EU renewable energy target to 30% (up from the 27% suggested by Council) and for this to be delivered through binding national binding targets. MEPs also called for the creation of clear rights for those who generate and consumer their own renewable energy, whilst strengthening the role of local and regional authorities in the energy transition, which is crucial to its success.*

What happens next month?

There will be a joint **informal session between Environment and Energy ministers** gathered in Bratislava on 12 July. Ministers are supposed to discuss governance and finance (no further details are known yet).

Action needed!

>>> Member States are invited by the Commission to send their comments on the **templates for**

national energy and climate plans (NECPs) by 22 August. If you haven't done so yet, please do contact your national members to push our demands! The list of national members of the TWG and a concrete set of suggested improvements has been circulated on the CAN-E RES list and are available upon request.

>>> The **2016 edition of ENTSO-e's biennial 10-year network development plan (TYNDP2016)** is out and open for public comments between now and 9 September (see: <https://consultations.entsoe.eu/system-development/tyndp-2016-public-consultation/>). Stay tuned and be ready to provide input for a CAN-E submission to the public consultation!

3. EU ETS/ESD discussions: exact impact of Brexit is unclear

By Anja Kollmuss

What's the situation?

Europe continues to discuss how it should **revise its Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) for the post-2020 period**. CAN Europe's detailed position on the ETS reforms is [now online](#).

The Committees of the European Parliament have released their draft reports on the ETS revision. The Council also debated the ETS revision on June 20th. What is most notable in all the proposals, including the Commission's, is the **lack of proposals to bring the ETS in line with Paris**. This would require raising the targets and cancelling the large surplus. We have been lobbying progressive MEPs and Member States to suggest such more ambitious revisions.

The **exact impact of Brexit on climate and energy policy development is unclear**. It is likely that the UK will remain part of the ETS. The discussions on the reform of the ETS will likely be delayed. The lead rapporteur in the European Parliament on this file, Ian Duncan from the UK, has already announced his resignation. If they stick to the rules Duncan will be replaced by a Polish MEP from the same right-leaning European Conservatives and Reformists (ECR) political group in the Parliament.

The Commission was expected to release its proposal for the non-ETS sectors: Effort Sharing Decision (ESD) and forestry (LULUCF) on July 20th. Due to the Brexit, it is unclear if that will happen. **The ESD proposal will include national targets for Member States covering the non-ETS emissions**. After Brexit, the Commission proposal will probably have to be made excluding the UK already.

What happens in July and August?

- Discussion on ETS reform in the European Parliament and among Member States (**Council Working Party meeting on July 11/12**).
- **Member States are developing their positions on the ETS.**

Action needed!

>>> Watch out for our calls to action on the ETS.

>>> Participate in our bi-weekly calls on ETS and ESD issues. Info and agenda are always sent around ahead of the call.

4. New Coal Report coming soon: Europe's dark cloud

By Joanna Flisowska

What's the situation?

Coal is a polluting and harmful power source. Emissions from coal plants damage people's health, contribute to climate change and cost society a great deal of money. Despite this, as of the end of 2015 there were 280

coal-fired power plants operating in the European Union, providing around 24% of our electricity. Air pollutant emissions data is available for 257 of these coal plants for 2013, the most recent year recorded. **For the first time ever we analysed, the way the health impacts of Europe's coal plants cross borders.**

On July 5th CAN Europe, HEAL, WWF EPO and Sandbag will launch the new report: **“Europe's dark cloud: How coal-burning countries make their neighbours sick”**. The cross-border impact of coal pollution means that each plant closed provides a major boost for the health not only of those living nearby but also for citizens in other countries.

What happens next month?

We will hold a **press breakfast on July 4th**. And **official launch of the report will take place on July 5th**. Our media package including tweets, graphics and PR will be shared under embargo via CAN E comms mailing list before the launch.

Action needed!

>>> Tweet with us **on July 5th**!

- Europe's dark #coal cloud: 22,900 deaths a year. EU #endcoal now! <http://bit.ly/28PoCpb>
- Coal-burning countries make their neighbours sick. #endcoal now to save 22,900 lives/year in EU. #climatehealth <http://bit.ly/28PoCpb>
- #€60 billion / year health bill due to EU #coal. EU #endcoal now! <http://bit.ly/28PoCpb>
- #Coal pollution knows no borders. EU #endcoal now to save lives! <http://bit.ly/28PoCpb>
- Every #coal plant closed saves lives. EU #endcoal now for #climatehealth <http://bit.ly/28PoCpb>

Or just simply retweet one of our tweets and share our graphics.

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5. UNFCCC: What does Brexit mean for the EU's ratification of the Paris Agreement?

By Ulriikka Aarnio

What's the situation?

As long as the UK does not invoke Article 50, the EU processes need to go forward with the UK included. If the Effort Sharing proposal comes out as still expected on July 20th, it needs to either include two sets of numbers, or simply the original ones with the UK included. Many member states have been waiting for the ESD numbers before taking the national ratification processes forward. Mainstream opinion is that legally national shares would not be required, but politically many governments feel the need to see those first.

Therefore a possible change in numbers in future can cause trouble in some member states, and delay national ratifications. **The Council's ratification, and the European Parliament's consent could go forward as planned, provided there is enough political will.**

UNFCCC High Level Champions present their workplan

France and Morocco's global climate champions Laurence Tubiana and Hakima El Haitelaid out the **workplan to increase action before 2020** that can be found [here](#). Work programme includes an array of events with different stakeholders, a call for submissions, and notably a call for low-emission development strategies to allow better planning, avoid lock-ins and to increase understanding by all actors what it takes to achieve the long term objectives of the Paris Agreement.

Coming up

4-5 July: [Petersberg Dialogue](#) in Berlin. Moroccan Presidency will present their plans for the COP22. Other topics to be discussed include main tasks after Paris, such as barriers to implementation, stakeholder

engagement and facilitative dialogues, long term strategies and how to make finance flows consistent with the long term goals of the Paris Agreement.

11-12 July: EU Informal Environmental Council. Ministers will discuss among other issues the challenges and opportunities of early ratification, outlook for COP22, the WIM, and the 2018 facilitative dialogue. CAN Europe will send a letter to ministers.

12 July: European Parliament COP22 Resolution debate, DL for amendments 14.7.

OTHER ITEMS

6. CAN Europe 'Shifting the Trillions' team

By Maeve McLynn

What's the situation?

Over the last two years, **CAN Europe started working on the topic of fossil fuel subsidies**, with a light focus on support for fossil fuels in the EU and the G20, and looking at the role of the UNFCCC to stimulate action for phasing out fossil fuel subsidies.

The CAN Europe Secretariat is **expanding its work on the topic. We have recently established a team to focus on financial flows and start making finance work for climate action, and not against it.** This team of four – two policy coordinators, one communications officer and a network officer – will cover a number of areas related to financial flows, including fossil fuel subsidies.

Networking

We will seek to support and connect national organisations and campaigns that are tackling domestic and international fossil fuel subsidies. CAN Europe staff will be reaching out to national member groups and partners to scope out the level of work on public money for fossil fuels.

EU and national advocacy

We will also follow and advocate towards relevant EU processes and frameworks that will help to stimulate national efforts, and provide opportunities to address the various forms of fossil fuel subsidies: for example, the Energy Union Governance Framework, the European Semester, and the upcoming Multiannual Financial Framework negotiations.

We will also continue to target the G20 and G7 discussions, with a view to increasing national pressure in next year's European host countries, Italy (G7) and Germany (G20).

Upcoming Activities:

In the coming weeks, **we will set up an email list** for European NGOs following and working on **issues related to financial support for fossil fuels**. We will send out specific information about this email list and how it functions.

Please contact Martin (martin@caneurope.org) if you are interested to join the email list or if you know of or work with other national organisations that are working on fossil fuel subsidies.

CAN Europe will also develop a **short briefing on the role of EU mechanisms and funds in relation to fossil fuel support** – highlighting the role that numerous policies and funds have in prolonging the production of fossil fuels across Europe. The briefing will be drafted throughout the Summer and **published in advance of the G20 on September 4 and 5 in China.**

An accompanying letter addressed to the European Commission and Council Presidents will also be drafted calling on them to shift the focus of EU funds away from fossil fuel projects and increase support for climate action, including climate financing.

CAN Europe Secretariat also plans to work with a number of our national members in the **organization of workshops on national campaigns and fights around fossil fuel subsidies**. We are looking into the format of effective workshops that connect groups, share ideas, build our narrative and progress stronger coordination. Please contact Maeve (maeve@caneurope.org) and Martin (martin@caneurope.org) if you are interested in having a workshop in your country or region, and if you have specific ideas.

7. Jobs

By Eddy De Neef

WWF UK

[Chief Executive](#) – Closing date 9am BST on Wednesday 20th July 2016.

FRIENDS OF THE EARTH EUROPE

[Coordinator for Young Friends of the Earth Europe](#) - deadline July 4th

[Finance officer](#) - deadline July 10th

OXFAM

[Job opportunities with Oxfam affiliates](#)

8. Calendar

DATE	EP	COUNCIL	COMMISSION	OTHER
July	ETS-reform			
Week 27			Start interservice consultative upcoming proposals Energy Efficiency Directive (process 2-3weeks)	4 July: press breakfast 5 July: official launch report 'Europe's dark cloud' 4-5 July: UNFCCC Petersberg dialogue (Berlin)
Week 28	12 July: COP22 Resolution debate	11/12 July: Council Working Party meeting ETS reform 12 July: informal Environment/Energy ministers (Bratislava)		
Week 29				
Week 30				
August	ETS-reform			
Week 31				
Week 32				
Week 33				
Week 34			22 Aug: deadline comments templates National Energy and Climate Plans	
September				
Week 35				4-5 September: G20 (China)