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# **Policy Guidelines Demand Reduction Measures – Energy Community**



# BACKGROUND

At the meeting of PHLG in March 2023, the Secretariat presented a set of measures and best practices for reducing energy demand adopted by the Contracting Parties to combat the energy crisis.

Moreover, energy demand reduction measures adopted by Contracting Parties were presented at the Energy Efficiency Coordination Group in March 2023

Energy demand reduction measures not only contribute to combating the energy crisis but also to the achievement of the Energy Community 2030 energy and climate targets and decarbonisation goals. Even though Energy Community achieved the 2020 headline target for energy efficiency set by the Energy Efficiency Directive, there is significant untapped energy efficiency potential. Moreover, the high GHG intensity of Energy Community economies indicates significant room for decarbonization of the energy sector (including the demand side) and the need for integrated implementation of energy efficiency measures and distributed renewable technologies, with optimal demand management and response for optimization of the system.

**Utilisation of demand side energy saving potential will have a positive impact on the energy security (short-term) and decarbonisation (in combination with promotion of renewables on demand-side)!**

# **POLICY GUIDELINES**

## **- Objectives and Scope**



- *Providing a set of recommendations supporting the effective implementation of gas and electricity demand reduction measures in the field of energy efficiency, gas and electricity market, with a particular focus on contribution to the achievement of 2030 energy and climate targets in the Energy Community*
- *Mapping all relevant energy efficiency and energy demand reduction measures adopted by the governments of the Energy Community Contracting Parties to combat the energy crisis*
- *Providing in an overview of best practices in the Energy Community and in the EU Member States*
- *Addressing issues related to retail energy prices, market signals and incentives for energy savings*
- *Providing recommendations and guidelines on energy demand measures, also in the context of decarbonisation*

## – draft structure of the document

- 1. Background and Purpose of Policy Guidelines**
- 2. Governance and Legal Framework in the Energy Community**  
(2030 targets, CEP, incl. EED, Governance and NECP, EPBD and long-term renovation strategies, labelling and ecodesign, link with RED, EL Directive etc.)
- 3. Overview of energy demand reduction measures adopted by the governments of the Energy Community Contracting Parties to combat the energy crisis**  
(EECG input planned under EECG Work Programme 2023-2024)
- 4. Specific sectoral measures: challenges, best practices and recommendations**  
(Public Sector exemplary role, Implementation of metering and consumption-based billing, Renovation of Buildings – financing and integrated EE/RES demand-side measures, empowering citizens and small businesses to save energy etc.)
- 5. Guidelines – Summary**

>> **Thank you for valuable EECG input!**

>> **Draft Policy guidelines will be further discussed with EECG!**





# THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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