

Market players driving digital and decentralised energy solutions welcome ITRE Committee vote on the Electricity Market Design

Brussels, 21 February 2018: Today, the European Parliament's ITRE Committee voted on the Electricity Market Design, a major legislative element of the Clean Energy for All Europeans package and an opportunity to update the Third Energy Package.

MEPs strengthened provisions to promote the development of flexible generation and demand by empowering consumers to become active players in the energy transition and ensuring a level playing field for innovative solutions entering the market.

Frauke Thies, Executive Director, smartEn, said: *"The ITRE vote on Market Design marks an important step towards a smart and interactive energy system with consumers at its heart. While some clarifications are still necessary to enable the truly competitive development of distributed generation, energy storage and demand response, MEPs have set the right direction for the shift towards a flexible, cost-effective and clean energy system."*

Today, the ITRE Committee also voted on the provisional agreement resulting from interinstitutional negotiations on the revision of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD).

"The role of buildings is essential to a dynamic and efficient energy market. The minimum requirements defined in the EPBD revision for building automation and control systems and for charging infrastructure for electric vehicles, as well as the introduction of a Smart Readiness Indicator, will contribute significantly to the development of smart buildings and enhance their flexibility as an active part of the energy system. MEPs' support of the EPBD revision thus helps ensuring consistency of the different elements of the legislative package" concluded smartEn Executive Director Frauke Thies.

So-called trilogue negotiations on the Market Design are expected to start during the Bulgarian EU Presidency and to be concluded in the following semester after interinstitutional agreements have been reached on Energy Efficiency, Renewables Directives and the Governance Regulation.

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