

Press release

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Clean Energy for All Europeans: a Timely & Useful (R)evolution

Following the publication of the 'Clean Energy for All' package today, EUGINE Secretary General Ralf Wezel expressed its overall support to the European Commission's proposals, especially on the future electricity market design:

"Our energy system has been dramatically changing and it is high time to update the European legislative framework to this new context. We definitely agree with most of the principles, especially on uncapped prices, balancing responsibility for all, the need for flexibility, benefits of cogeneration, etc. However, decision-makers should keep in mind that too many exemptions and derogations could eventually transform the intended revolution into a simple and modest evolution..."

"As variable renewables have become 'mainstream', it does not anymore make sense to discuss about how to develop renewables but how to integrate them into the system and how to develop flexibility and back-up solutions ensuring security of supply at lowest cost for society."

"All kinds of capacity mechanisms risk distorting the market, going against technology neutrality by picking and choosing some specific technologies and finally increasing costs for all consumers. The solution is to implement market-based reforms right-away and then, as soon as possible, phase-out the various existing capacity mechanisms. Such a 'phase-out mechanism' is the package's major missing block."

EUGINE offers its support to the European Parliament and the Council to further improve the overall good proposals throughout the legislative process.

Note to editors:

EUGINE is the centre of knowledge for engine power plant technology and electricity market design. Its members are the leading European manufacturers of engine power plants and their key components. As flexible, energy-efficient, reliable and environmentally sound technology, engine power plants are an optimal solution to offset growing variations and ensure security of supply.

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