A strong Governance delivering the EU RES target for 2030

Renewable energy associations’ joint messages on the proposal for a Regulation on the Governance of the Energy Union

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The Clean Energy Package must be ambitious to make Europe a world leader in renewables, and comply with its commitments under the Paris Agreement.

The adoption of a 35% RES target by the European Parliament Committee for Industry, Research and Energy was a step in the right direction. The Governance Regulation must now put this in motion by providing certainty and visibility to renewable energy investors, guaranteeing the credibility of national commitments.

First and foremost, robust Integrated National Energy and Climate Plans (NECPs) are key to building trust between investors and Member States. They will unlock new private investments in clean technologies and reduce capital costs for new renewable energy projects.

National plans must therefore be sufficiently detailed to provide industry with a long-term vision and clear information on deployment strategies and future support and tendering schemes. To reap all the benefits of the renewable energies’ lightning growth and to scale future investments, the trajectory for RES deployment from 2020 to 2030 must be linear and rest on sound reporting provisions.

The EU will need all renewable energy technologies, across all sectors, to decarbonise its energy system by 2050. To avoid fossil technology lock-ins and encourage the development of a new generation of renewable technologies, the national plans must be consistent with the respective national long term strategies.

Finally, the renewable energy industry is a major driver of Europe’s reindustrialisation. It creates thousands of local jobs, provides social transition opportunities for workers and contributes to the development of European regions. Renewables are cost-efficient solutions to replace conventional energy, beyond their other benefits such as mitigating climate change and improved air quality.

The renewable energy industry urges the Members of the Parliament and the Council to support a robust governance framework, building on credible National Energy and Climate Plans and a linear RES deployment trajectory.