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Subject:	Post-2030 framework: targets - Exchange of views

In view of the Transport, Telecommunications and Energy Council on 29 October 2026, delegations will find in the Annex the Presidency background note on "Post-2030 framework: targets".

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ANNEX

EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON POST-2030 TARGETS

The Fit for 55 framework includes energy targets to support the overall ambition of reducing net greenhouse gas emissions by at least 55% by 2030, compared to 1990 levels. The European Climate Law, adopted in March 2026, includes a 90% emissions reduction target by 2040 and reaffirms the commitment to climate neutrality by 2050. The 2040 target, along with Europe's evolving energy security situation, necessitate a new energy policy framework for the next decade.

Building on the previous exchange on this topic at June Energy Council, which, among other things, included discussion on renewable and clean energy targets, consideration is now required on other relevant topics such as energy efficiency, electrification, interconnection, flexibility and energy resilience.

The current *Energy Efficiency Directive* measures energy efficiency targets in terms of energy consumption reduction. An alternative measurement, which could both incentivise energy efficiency and economic competitiveness, could be an energy intensity improvement target. This could potentially be calculated in terms of final energy consumption per unit of economic output, for example GDP or GNI.

The *Electrification Action Plan*, published in July, proposes an indicative target to double the current EU electricity share in final energy consumption from 23% to 46% by 2040. Subject to impact assessment, a binding electrification target could feature in the upcoming framework. The Plan also included a Key Performance Indicator for the maximum electricity/price ratio in each Member State to be 2.5 for households and 2 for businesses.

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The *Governance Regulation* established an interconnection target of at least 15% by 2030. Given the role of interconnection, storage and flexibility in supporting both clean energy deployment and energy security, including potentially through black-start capability, consideration could be given to targets in these areas beyond 2030. The proposed funding increase for energy infrastructure in the *Connecting Europe Facility* could also provide an opportunity to support strategically important projects and strengthen cross-border electricity networks.

While the upcoming *Strengthening Energy Security* package is expected to enhance the existing energy security framework, consideration could also be given to specific energy resilience targets for inclusion in the post-2030 framework.

Finally, acknowledging the overarching ambition towards simplification where possible, the value of sectoral targets, could be assessed once more. By the same token, consideration could be given to whether some emerging sectors could still benefit from the clearer ambition and closer policy attention that sectoral targets can provide.

Questions for Ministers:

Q1. *What form should an energy efficiency target take post-2030? Should it be expressed in energy consumption, energy intensity improvement, or another metric?*

Q2. *Within the areas of electrification, interconnection, flexibility and energy resilience, which existing targets should be maintained or strengthened, which should be phased out, and what new targets should be introduced?*

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