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#### **DG Energy Newsletter**











#### News

#### **EU negotiators secure agreement at COP28**

The EU negotiators have succeeded, with partners from around the world, to secure agreement at COP28 to accelerate the global transition away from fossil fuels.

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#### New rules to boost energy performance of buildings across the EU

The Commission welcomed the provisional agreement reached between the European Parliament and the Council to reduce the emissions and energy use of buildings across the EU.





#### Deal to decarbonise EU gas markets and promote hydrogen

The Commission welcomes the provisional agreement reached between the European Parliament and Council on updated EU rules to decarbonise the gas market and create a hydrogen market.



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### 2023 Global Methane Pledge Ministerial: decisive action to curb emissions

At the COP28 Global Methane Pledge Ministerial, Ministers welcomed transformational national actions and catalytic grant funding to deliver on the goal to cut methane at least 30% by 2030.



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### **EU announces €175m financial support to reduce methane emissions at COP28**

Under the Global Methane Pledge, launched by the EU and the US at COP26 in 2021, more than 150 countries are now implementing a collective goal of reducing global anthropogenic methane emissions by at least 30% by 2030, from 2020 levels.



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#### **Commission welcomes deal on electricity market reform**

This deal will help the EU build a renewables-based energy system, lower energy bills and better protect consumers from price spikes and empower them to benefit from the transition.



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### The EC proposes 166 cross-border energy projects for EU support to help deliver the European Green Deal

The Commission is taking another step to make the EU's energy system fit for the future by adopting the first list of Projects of Common Interest (PCIs) and Projects of Mutual Interest (PMIs) that is fully in line with the European Green Deal.



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#### Actions to accelerate the roll-out of electricity grids

To help deliver the European Green Deal, the Commission has proposed an Action Plan to make sure our electricity grids will operate more efficiently and will be rolled out further and faster.



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Commission promotes strategic partnership for skills to advance the digitalisation of the energy system

With the support of the European Commission, stakeholders from the energy industry have established a Large-scale Skills Partnership (LSP) under the EU Pact for Skills initiative, to boost skills development in the energy sector across Europe.



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# **EUSEW 2024: How to participate in the Commission's largest event on sustainable energy**

The 2024 European Sustainable Energy Week (EUSEW), the 18th edition of Europe's largest annual conference on renewables and energy efficiency, is being prepared under the title: Net-zero energy solutions for a competitive Europe.



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#### Commission takes first step towards establishing an EUwide scheme for rating sustainability of data centres

The Commission has published a new delegated regulation on the energy efficiency of data centres and launched 4 weeks for public feedback on the text.





### **EU Energy Days at COP28 reaffirm commitment to clean energy transition**

A series of nine high-level sessions was hosted over two days by the Commission's Directorate-General for Energy at COP28, covering different aspects of how we can accelerate the clean energy transition.



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### **EU Energy Platform matches more than 7bcm of gas supply and demand in fourth tender**

The fourth tender for the joint purchasing of gas under the EU Energy Platform attracted bids from 13 reliable international suppliers for a total volume of 9.13 billion cubic meters (bcm), in response to the aggregated European demand of 10.06 bcm.



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# Connecting Europe Facility: Nearly €600 million for energy infrastructure contributing to decarbonisation and security of supply

EU Member States have endorsed a Commission proposal to invest €594 million of EU funds in eight cross-border energy infrastructure projects under the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) for Trans-European Networks for Energy



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EU and Japan celebrate start of operations of the JT-60SA fusion reactor and reaffirm close cooperation on fusion energy

The EU and Japan have started operations of the world's biggest and most advanced tokamak-type fusion reactor - JT-60SA, located in Ibaraki Prefecture, Japan.





### Commission confirms participants in 30 renewable islands for 2030 initiative

The 30 islands and island groups aiming to achieve complete energy independence by 2030 under the Commission's "30 renewable islands for 2030" initiative have been confirmed.



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## Commission announces new ecodesign and energy labelling rules for household tumble dryers

The Commission has published new EU ecodesign rules to reduce the energy consumption of household tumble dryers and make it easier for them to be repaired.

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Speeches by Commissioner Simson

### Speech at the Fourth PCI Energy Days, 28 November 2023 in Brussels

### Remarks at the European Parliament's ITRE Committee, 28 November 2023

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### Upcoming events

# **Workshop: Evaluation of the Governance of the Energy Union and Climate Action Regulation**



# **Second Plenary Meeting of the Investors Dialogue on Energy**



date 23/01/2024 - 23/01/2024

venue Brussels and online.

#### **Online event: Energy Transition Expertise Centre's studies**



date 07/02/2024 - 07/02/2024
venue Online.

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Public consultations and calls

# Energy efficiency – Ecodesign requirements for solid-fuel boilers (review)

Deadline 21/12/2023

### **Energy labelling requirements for solid fuel boilers (review)**

Deadline 21/12/2023

### **Data centres in Europe – reporting scheme**

Deadline 08/01/2024

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#### Latest studies and publications

The EU gas and electricity market reports for the 2nd quarter 2023 confirm continuation of positive market fundamentals in gas and electricity markets in 2023

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Reporting requirements on the energy performance and sustainability of data centres for the Energy Efficiency Directive. Task B report, Labelling and minimum performance standards schemes for data centres

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Reporting requirements on the energy performance and sustainability of data centres for the Energy Efficiency Directive. Task C report, EU repository for the reporting obligation of data centres

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Potentials and levels for the electrification of space heating in buildings

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Renewable heating and cooling pathways

### Safe, sustainable operation of research reactor facilities in the EU

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#### New video clips

#### **Global Targets for Energy Transition**

The EU, together with the United Arab Emirates and the more than 120 countries that endorsed the pledge after its launch in December 2023, will continue discussions on implementation of the clean energy transition and monitor global progress on a yearly basis in the 7 years that follow COP28, until 2030.



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#### Methane emissions and the Global Methane Pledge

Methane is the 2nd greatest greenhouse gas contributor to climate change following carbon dioxide. Learn more about methane and the Global Methane Pledge that was launched by the EU and the US at COP26.



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