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| Topic | EU level | MS level | | deadlines | objective | What is at stake for EFIEES | Remarks |
| Energy Union - planning and reporting obligations | | | | | | | |
| Energy and climate national plans 2021-2030 | Commission to finalise the EU Reference Scenario 2016, provide template for national plans including for variables and parameters for national integrated projections, start regional discussions with other MS on the preparation on regional plans | Preparation of national plans, develop integrated methodological tools, present first results of their integrated projections for a reference scenario, start national stakeholder consultations for national plans, provide guidance for regional cooperation | | Draft national plans in 2017, finalised plans in 2018 | Addressing the five dimensions of the  Energy Union  in an integrated way, recognising interactions for different dimensions of the Energy Union, providing long-term predictability for investment and ensuring cooperation and coherence among MS approaches. | MS to report in primary energy savings, measures aimed at development of energy-efficiency services and DHN | Close monitoring at EU & MS level |
| Heating and Cooling | | | | | | | |
| Heating and Cooling Strategy | European Commission to publish the strategy and integrate H&C in evaluation, review and development of EU legislation on energy efficiency, renewables and building performance | Expected: MS to include in their 2030 reporting and strategies actions foreseen to address barriers to energy efficiency and decarbonisation in H&C and to steer investment in these areas. | Strategy to be published in January/February 2016 | | Identification of actions to be implemented in heating and cooling sectors by 2020 to address challenges in H&C with the aim to decarbonise EU economy by 2050 | Promotion of DHN, energy-efficiency-services, primary energy, addressing barriers such as discrimination of DHN due to the EU ETS (20 MW threshold), rules on public procurement , VAT, Eurostat rules on public debt and deficit, etc. | To be closely followed |
| Energy Efficiency | | | | | | | |
| EPBD | Public consultation closed on 31/10/2015 |  | | By end 2016: review by the European Commission | Review of existing EPBD, exploring links of the EPBD with other energy legislation (EED, RES). | To keep primary energy, measuring actual energy consumption of a building, enable a vision at district level, promotion of energy-efficiency services and DHN,  "on site" energy production from renewable energy sources cannot replace or compensate for low energy efficiency of a building. | To be closely followed |
| EED | Public consultation open until 29/01/2016 | By the end 2015 MS to undertake comprehensive assessments of their potential of HE CHP and EE DHC (Art. 14, EED) | | Autumn 2016: European Commission to propose a revision of EED | Revision of Articles in EED: 1,3,6,7,9-11,20,24 | Binding energy efficiency target, Art. 6 (public procurement)and Art.7 (EEOS) | To be closely followed |
| GHG emissions reduction | | | | | | | |
| EU ETS | Proposal of the EU ETS reform for after 2020 published on 15/07/2015 | Discussions with MS and European Parliament will take 2 years | | Draft report by Ian Duncan (Conservatists/UK) in April 2016 | To address unallocated allowances for after 2020 (MSR) | Provisions for DHN | To be followed |
| Effort Sharing Decision | Public consultation closed in June 2015 | The ESD targets for the 2021-2030 period are to be distributed using a similar methodology as for the current ESD, e.g. based  on each country’s wealth as measures by its GDP per capita. | | Legislative proposal to be presented in 2016. | To align effort of Member States to reduce their GHG emissions in a 2030 perspective - between 2021- 2030 non-ETS sectors would need to cut emissions by 30%(compared to 2005). | Installations with capacity below 20 MW are not covered by the EU ETS. | To be followed. |
| Renewable Energy Sources | | | | | | | |
| RES Directive | Public consultation 18/11/2015 - 10/02/2016 |  | | Proposal for a new RES Directive expected in autumn 2016. | To provide the right framework to achieve the binding EU-level target of at least 27% RES by 2030. | Deployment of RES in DHN, possible RES H&C obligation for NZEB, measures supporting heat planning and mapping, criteria and benchmarks for promoting DHN taking into consideration the local and regional conditions, etc. | To be closely followed |
| Biomass Sustainability Criteria | Public consultation on bioenergy sustainability including Biomass Sustainability Criteria to be published in 1 Q 2016 |  | | Bioenergy sustainability policy for 2030 to be published by end 2016. |  | Sustainability criteria for biomass as a condition for  their inclusion in national targets and for eligibility to financial  support | To be closely followed |