

E<sup>n</sup>R perspectives on the EU New Green Deal

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## 1. The role of E<sup>n</sup>R

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## Background

- Established in 1992
- Voluntary network of "National" energy agencies 25 members
- Information exchange, benchmarking and best practice, knowledge transfer, collaborative projects
- E<sup>n</sup>R acts as a bridge between national, regional & local activities and those of the European Community

## E<sup>n</sup>R Management

- Rotating Presidency current President: Energy Saving Trust (EST), UK
- Troika management committee Presidency supported by outgoing (ENEA, IT) and incoming (RVO, NL) Presidencies
- Annual network & strategy meetings
- Eight thematic Working Groups



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### **Working Groups**



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Buildings ADENE – Portugal



Energy Efficiency CRES - Greece



Renewable Energy Dena - Germany



Behaviour Change Motiva Oy - Finland



Labelling & Ecodesign EST - UK

> Industry ENEA - Italy





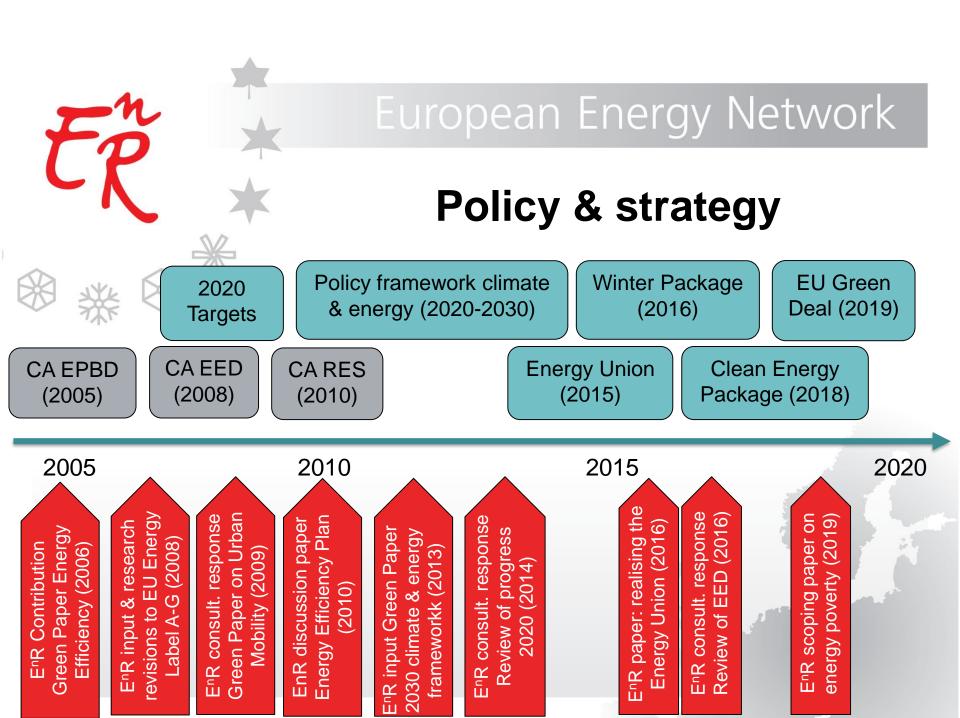
Monitoring Tools ADEME - France

## E<sup>n</sup>R Added value

- Unique perspective Impartial, expert, consider issues through the lens of all our members
- Deep understanding of market and consumer needs in our respective countries
- Cross sectoral, multi-disciplinary expertise
- Practical experience of implementing government policies
- Exceptional convening power Informal sounding board to EC
- Strong track record in collaboration & innovation design and demonstrate new approaches, products & services
- Ability to mainstream concepts through national, regional and local programme implementation

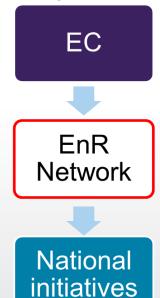


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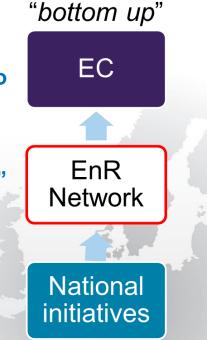


## Linking policy & implementation

#### "top down"



EnR has the flexibility to take initiatives from EU directives to national level - "top down" approach and national level initiatives to the wider European region – "bottom up" approach



## **Collaborative Projects & Initiatives**



**I-CVUE** INCENTIVES FOR CLEANER VEHICLES IN URBAN EUROPE

2020 6th European Conference on Behaviour and Energy Efficiency



# 3. E<sup>n</sup>R activities aligned to the Green Deal



#### **Building Renovation Wave**

#### The Green Deal:

"To address the twin challenge of energy efficiency and affordability, the EU and the Member States should **engage in a 'renovation wave' of public and private buildings.** While increasing renovation rates is a challenge, renovation lowers energy bills, and can reduce energy poverty."



#### **Building renovation wave**

- Majority of E<sup>n</sup>R members manage national advice and awareness raising programmes and public funds for renovation acting as "one-stop-shops" supporting businesses, citizens, municipalities and other relevant stakeholders
- Many members participate in CA EPBD

HEATING AND COOLING

Heating Appliances Retrofit Planning

• Relevant common projects include the first EU-wide consumer awareness raising campaign for the new energy label, projects supporting consumers to upgrade inefficient heating and cooling equipment



## Accelerating the shift to sustainable and smart mobility

#### The Green Deal:

"Transport accounts for a quarter of the EU's greenhouse gas emissions, and still growing... **Achieving sustainable transport means putting users first**.... The Commission will adopt a strategy for sustainable and smart mobility in 2020 that will address this challenge and tackle all emission sources."



## Accelerating the shift to sustainable and smart mobility

- A number of E<sup>n</sup>R members are actively supporting national policy implementation
- They manage national information & advice programmes to promote sustainable mobility and manage public subsidies for EVs and / or charging infrastructure
- The topic is becoming more important to agencies and they are widening their remit

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 Transport WG is a gateway for knowledge transfer, capacity building and mainstreaming sustainable transport initiatives across EU

#### Monitoring and legislative review

#### The Green Deal:

"A new monitoring mechanism... The Commission will also launch a dashboard to monitor progress against all of the European Green Deal objectives."

"...the Commission will review and propose to revise, where necessary, the relevant energy legislation by June 2021."

EN Official Journal of the European Unior DIRECTIVES DIRECTIVE (EU) 2018/2001 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources



#### Monitoring and legislative review

- Knowledge exchange on policy design & implementation takes place through E<sup>n</sup>R WGs.
- Many E<sup>n</sup>R members are nominated to take part in the Concerted Actions and support their ministries in implementing the Directives.
- Agencies have strong expertise in monitoring & evaluation (Monitoring tools WG)
- Many of our members support their national governments to monitor and evaluate the impacts of national programme.

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#### The Just Transition Mechanism including Energy Poverty

#### The Green Deal:

"Support will be linked to promoting a transition towards low-carbon and climate-resilient activities. It will also strive to **protect the citizens and workers most vulnerable to the transition**, providing access to re-skilling programmes, jobs in new economic sectors, or energy-efficient housing."



In this former coal-mining area in Wales, low-income homes are heated by warmth extracted from water in the unused mine (source: BBC)

#### The Just Transition Mechanism including Energy Poverty

- E<sup>n</sup>R members advise vulnerable householders on keeping their homes warm and manage financial support programmes.
- E<sup>n</sup>R scoping paper on Energy Poverty in the European Union, 2019
- E<sup>n</sup>R members manage or participate in national & EU Energy Poverty Observatories.
- Agencies support national government in drafting energy poverty strategies and action plans.
- Growing number of members monitor the 'co-benefits' (especially health) arising from EE, RES & low-emission transport policies.
- Emerging best practice on national level, e.g. Scottish Just Transition Commission



#### The Green Deal:

"The smart integration of renewables, energy efficiency and other sustainable solutions across sectors will help to achieve decarbonisation at the lowest possible cost."

## European Energy Network

#### **Smart Integration**



#### EnR activities to focus on Smart Integration

- Smart integration will require buy-in across society - engaging citizens, businesses & decision-makers on various levels.
- Energy agencies have deep understanding of consumer needs and demand-side interventions through their implementation of national sustainable energy programmes.
- E<sup>n</sup>R members experience in addressing the challenges and have the means and channels through which to innovate.



#### **Circular Economy**

#### The Green Deal:

"Achieving a climate neutral and circular economy requires the full mobilisation of industry. It takes 25 years – a generation – to transform an industrial sector and all the value chains. To be ready in 2050, decisions and actions need to be taken in the next five years."



#### EnR activities to focus on *Circular Economy*

- Responding to and engaging with the new industrial strategy (Industry WG) and Circular Economy Action Plan (Labelling & Ecodesign WG)
- Sharing emerging national good practice on circular economy (Industry WG, Labelling & Ecodesign WG, Transport WG)
- Working with consumers on product choices strong focus and expertise on standards and labelling, market surveillance (Labelling & Ecodesign WG)
- Collaborating with civil society organisations (ECOS, EEB participation in Labelling & Ecodesign WG)



#### The EU as a Global Leader

#### The Green Deal:

"The global challenges of climate change and environmental degradation require a global response. The EU will continue to promote and implement ambitious environment, climate and energy policies across the world."





## **Global reach**

Many E<sup>n</sup>R members are already active in the international arena:

- National Government-led bilateral and multi lateral agreements
- Networks for regional and / or international cooperation
- Support to donor coalitions
- Roles as programme delivery partners



## 4. Concluding remarks

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## European Energy Network

## **Concluding remarks**

- EU Green Deal will initiate unprecedented change across different sectors of society
- Energy agencies provide a robust existing structure to lead/facilitate that process of change
- Our members have practical experience of implementing government policies and a strong track record of raising awareness, educating and supporting citizens, businesses and municipalities on EE, RES & mobility issues



## **Concluding remarks**

- Exciting emerging best practice from energy agencies is showing how they can tackle new parts of the challenge – e.g. circular economy
- We are finding new innovative approaches to tackle old challenges e.g. building renovation
- Energy Agencies are vital to ensure the energy transition is delivered fairly across society (Just Transition)
- E<sup>n</sup>R members are already promoting European leadership in the energy transition on the global stage



## Thank you!

## Any questions?