Dear colleagues,

During our next ITRE meeting of 9 November, we will have a Public Hearing covering the energy aspects of the Fit for 55 package. The aim of this hearing is to hold an open dialogue between the Members of the Committee and experts from companies, academia and NGOs about the energy aspects of the Fit for 55 package, proposed by the European Commission on 14 July 2021. We shall focus in particular on the revision of the Energy Efficiency Directive and the Renewable Energy Directive.

We will also vote on an own-initiative report on the implementation of the Energy performance of buildings directive. As you know, buildings are responsible for approximately 40% of EU energy consumption making them the largest energy consumer in Europe. Currently 35% of the EU's buildings are over 50 years and severely inefficient. In addition, only about 1% of the building stock is renovated each year. Renovation of existing buildings can help significantly reduce the EU's total energy consumption by 5-6% and lower CO2 emissions by about 5%.

Finally, in our ITRE meeting of 11 November, we will take a close look at the draft 5th list of EU Projects of common interest (PCIs) in the field of electricity and gas and how can those help the EU achieve its energy policy and climate objectives: affordable, secure and sustainable energy for all citizens, and the long-term decarbonisation of the economy. Like every two years since 2013, the European Commission, following comprehensive impact assessments and public consultation processes organised with a wide range of stakeholders, will adopt by the end of the year the final list of projects.

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