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**Amendment 31**

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**Report**

**Marek Józef Gróbarczyk**

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2015/2113(INI)

**A8-0341/2015**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 71**

*Motion for a resolution*

71. Welcomes the *importance the Commission attaches to* enhanced regional cooperation; calls on the Commission to examine and establish what the optimum scale of electricity and gas network (and market) cooperation in the EU is; points out that *in some cases* Member States themselves are best placed to determine what is necessary in their territories, *while in others there is clearly added value in EU-directed cooperation*; points out, *however*, that in certain cases it has been found that, through far-reaching regional-level cooperation on shared challenges, groups of Member States have achieved results more quickly, such as in the Pentalateral Energy Forum; agrees with the Commission that existing regional arrangements can be a model for the *EU as a whole*;

*Amendment*

71. Welcomes the enhanced regional cooperation; calls on the Commission to examine and establish what the optimum scale of electricity and gas network (and market) cooperation in the EU is; points out that Member States themselves are best placed to determine what is necessary in their territories; points out that in certain cases it has been found that, through far-reaching regional-level cooperation on shared challenges, groups of Member States have achieved results more quickly, such as in the Pentalateral Energy Forum; agrees with the Commission that existing regional arrangements can be a model for the *other Member States*; *is concerned when such achievements are nullified by arbitrary decisions on the part of ACER*;

Or. en

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**Amendment 32**

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**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 76**

*Motion for a resolution*

76. Calls for the development of well-integrated and competitive regional electricity and gas markets that ensure the adequacy and flexibility of the energy system covering all parts of the Union; demands that the Commission act decisively and transparently against ***all instances of protectionism***, anti-competitive behaviour and barriers to market entry and exit; emphasises the importance of ensuring stable national regulatory frameworks, address administrative barriers and streamline national administrative procedures, also to guarantee a level playing field for citizen-based projects;

*Amendment*

76. Calls for the development of well-integrated and competitive regional electricity and gas markets that ensure the adequacy and flexibility of the energy system covering all parts of the Union; demands that the Commission act decisively and transparently against anti-competitive behaviour and barriers to market entry and exit; emphasises the importance of ensuring stable national regulatory frameworks, address administrative barriers and streamline national administrative procedures, also to guarantee a level playing field for citizen-based projects; ***reiterates that the Austrian-German bidding zone is a best practice example for such a regional electricity market;***

Or. en

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**Amendment 33**

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**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 77**

*Motion for a resolution*

77. Points out that in order to successfully balance the internal market, investment is needed not only in interconnectors but also in, inter alia, national grids, fossil fuel power plants fitted with ***carbon capture technology***, new nuclear power plants (in those Member States that wish to have them) as a critical source of low-carbon base load power, storage capacity (such as LNG terminals), smart grids and flexible generation, in order to cope with enhanced renewable and distributed generation;

*Amendment*

77. Points out that in order to successfully balance the internal market, investment is needed not only in interconnectors but also in, inter alia, national grids, fossil fuel power plants fitted with ***the best available anti-pollution technologies***, new nuclear power plants (in those Member States that wish to have them) as a critical source of low-carbon base load power, storage capacity (such as LNG terminals), smart grids and flexible generation, in order to cope with enhanced renewable and distributed generation;

Or. en

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**Amendment 34**

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**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 87**

*Motion for a resolution*

87. Calls on the *Commission, when establishing its road map for the phasing-out regulated prices*, to keep *the possibility for* price regulation and standardising tariff structures if they are meant to limit market disturbing monopoly rents or windfall profits, with a view to protecting vulnerable consumers or facilitating the comparison of tariffs of competing suppliers;

*Amendment*

87. Calls on the *Member States* to keep price regulation and standardising tariff structures if they are meant to limit market disturbing monopoly rents or windfall profits, with a view to protecting vulnerable consumers or facilitating the comparison of tariffs of competing suppliers;

Or. en

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**Amendment 35**

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**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 90 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***90a. Urges the Commission to investigate the possible areas of mutually undermining effects of energy efficiency efforts and the ETS;***

Or. en

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**Amendment 36**

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**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 91**

*Motion for a resolution*

**91. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to apply the ‘energy efficiency first’ principle; notes that, according to the International Energy Agency, energy efficiency is the ‘first fuel’ and represents the best return on investment of any energy resource;** stresses that gains in energy efficiency, particularly the reduction of energy losses in buildings, have the crucial effect of reducing EU energy imports from third countries, given that 61 % of gas imported into the European Union is used in buildings, mainly for heating purposes; calls, in this regard, for energy efficiency and infrastructure projects to be treated as key investments that are of similar importance as investments in new generation capacity;

*Amendment*

91. Stresses that gains in energy efficiency, particularly the reduction of energy losses in buildings, have the crucial effect of reducing EU energy imports from third countries, given that 61 % of gas imported into the European Union is used in buildings, mainly for heating purposes; calls, in this regard, for energy efficiency and infrastructure projects to be treated as key investments that are of similar importance as investments in new generation capacity; **believes that ‘energy efficiency first’ is in direct contradiction to measures provided for in the ETS; urges, therefore, that a stocktaking exercise and an impact assessment be undertaken on how these two principles are influencing each other;**

Or. en

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**Amendment 37**

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**Motion for a resolution**

**Subheading 5**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*Towards a sustainable economy*

*Restoring a growing economy*

Or. en

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**Amendment 38**

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**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 111**

*Motion for a resolution*

111. Stresses the need to end *environmentally harmful* subsidies, which need to be identified and phased out urgently, since these subsidies are a waste of scarce public money *which are used first for supporting polluting practices and later for cleaning up*;

*Amendment*

111. Stresses the need to end *all* subsidies, which need to be identified and phased out urgently, since these subsidies are a waste of scarce public money *and lead to higher prices for consumers – households and industry – and decreasing energy security*;

Or. en

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**Amendment 39**

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**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 112**

*Motion for a resolution*

112. *Stresses that the transition to a competitive and sustainable low-carbon economy offers significant opportunities in terms of new jobs, innovation, growth, and lower commercial and domestic energy bills; recognises, however, that these opportunities can only be realised through strong cooperation between the Commission, Member States, local and regional authorities, citizens and industry, leading to the most effective incentives and regulatory frameworks; notes that properly managed decarbonisation should not result in increased energy costs, energy poverty, deindustrialisation of the European economy or rises in unemployment; insists, therefore, on actively involving social partners in addressing the social impact of the transition towards a sustainable Energy Union; stresses that the EU requires EU-wide and, at the same time, market-based and technology-neutral policies that take into account all relevant legislation and the relevant EU targets, and deliver on them at the lowest cost to society;*

*Amendment*

112. Notes that decarbonisation *has resulted* in increased energy costs, energy poverty, deindustrialisation of the *EU* economy *and* rises in unemployment *without any tangible environmental benefit in return*; stresses that, *in order to restore a growing economy*, the EU requires, *inter alia*, market-based and technology-neutral policies, at the lowest cost to society;

Or. en

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**Amendment 40**

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**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 115**

*Motion for a resolution*

115. Calls on the *Commission to ensure that* Member States require minimum levels of renewable energy production on new and refurbished buildings and that renewable energy projects benefit from swift administrative and grid connection procedures, notably by enforcing Articles 13.4 and 13.1.f. of Directive 2009/28/EC and Article 7.3 of Directive 2009/72/EC; calls on the Commission to increase, when revising existing relevant legislation, the number of buildings equipped with renewable energy systems, to require one-stop-shop administrative procedures for small-scale renewable energy projects and simple notification procedures for renewable energy installations whose production is entirely self-consumed, and to create a framework for innovative grid-connection arrangements and for the trade of grid services at distribution network level;

*Amendment*

115. Calls on the Member States *to* require minimum levels of renewable energy production on new and refurbished buildings and that renewable energy projects benefit from swift administrative and grid connection procedures, notably by enforcing Articles 13.4 and 13.1.f. of Directive 2009/28/EC and Article 7.3 of Directive 2009/72/EC; calls on the Commission to increase, when revising existing relevant legislation, the number of buildings equipped with renewable energy systems, to require one-stop-shop administrative procedures for small-scale renewable energy projects and simple notification procedures for renewable energy installations whose production is entirely self-consumed, and to create a framework for innovative grid-connection arrangements and for the trade of grid services at distribution network level;

Or. en

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**Amendment 41**

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**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 127**

*Motion for a resolution*

127. Notes that the means of achieving the 2030 climate and energy targets ***must be integrated into*** Member States' industrial policy, taking into account the need for reindustrialisation; takes the view that the EU's regulatory framework ***and EU climate and energy policies' objectives*** should be consistent and bring in a more flexible, ***market-oriented*** approach in view of ensuring ***a resilient Energy Union, incorporating the 2030 political climate targets and*** reindustrialisation objectives in order to complement Member States' industrial policy;

*Amendment*

127. Notes that the means of achieving the 2030 climate and energy targets ***are not compatible with*** Member States' industrial policy, taking into account the need for reindustrialisation; takes the view that the EU's regulatory framework should be consistent and bring in a more flexible approach in view of ensuring reindustrialisation objectives in order to complement Member States' industrial policy;

Or. en

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**Amendment 42**

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**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 130**

*Motion for a resolution*

***130. Underlines the key role of the Emissions Trading System (ETS) as a cost-effective, market-based tool to decarbonise Europe's energy system and to achieve the EU's emission reduction target for 2030 and beyond; stresses that in addition to the Market Stability Reserve (MSR), a structural post 2020 reform of the ETS should be implemented to take into account the 2030 CO2 reduction target and should include, as long as no comparable efforts are undertaken in other major economies, tangible and more harmonised measures at EU level on carbon leakage;***

*Amendment*

***130. Calls on the Commission to examine the back-up costs of the extra power plants needed to ensure reliable energy output when weather-dependent renewable energy suppliers are used, in particular to examine what the back-up costs are of windmills and solar collectors at times when there is too much or too little wind, in cloudy weather or at night;***

Or. en

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**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 134**

*Motion for a resolution*

134. While recognising that the energy mix is *primarily* a Member State competence, acknowledges the public concerns about hydraulic fracturing and the consequences this technology might entail for the *climate*, environment and public health *and for the achievement of the EU's long-term decarbonisation goal*; recognises, furthermore, that the limited potential of unconventional fuels to help meet the EU's future energy demand, coupled with high investment and exploitation costs and the current low global oil prices, means that it is questionable whether hydraulic fracturing can be a viable technology in the European Union; believes that public concerns must be properly addressed and that any hydraulic fracturing activities should comply with *the highest climate*, environmental and public health standards; asks those Member States which intend to pursue hydraulic fracturing to respect the 2014 Commission recommendation on minimum principles for the exploration and production of hydrocarbons (such as shale gas) using high-volume hydraulic fracturing;

*Amendment*

134. While recognising that the energy mix is a Member State competence *only*, acknowledges the public concerns about hydraulic fracturing and the consequences this technology might entail for the environment and public health; recognises, furthermore, that the limited potential of unconventional fuels to help meet the EU's future energy demand, coupled with high investment and exploitation costs and the current low global oil prices, means that it is questionable whether hydraulic fracturing can be a viable technology in the European Union *in the long run*; believes that public concerns must be properly addressed and that any hydraulic fracturing activities should comply with environmental and public health standards; asks those Member States which intend to pursue hydraulic fracturing to respect the 2014 Commission recommendation on minimum principles for the exploration and production of hydrocarbons (such as shale gas) using high-volume hydraulic fracturing;

Or. en

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**Amendment 44**

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**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 143**

*Motion for a resolution*

143. ***Believes*** that ***while*** it is for Member States to determine their energy mix ***and while*** it is a sovereign decision of each Member State on how to decarbonise its economy, ***EU level coordination of policies and technological development is necessary in order to deliver on Europe's and Member States' climate and energy targets***; recognises that ***in certain areas EU-level policies are the most effective, and that in other areas*** close cooperation and coordination between Member States is ***crucial***; ***recognises that a strong and reliable governance process is needed to guarantee such coordination***;

*Amendment*

143. ***Reiterates*** that it is for Member States to determine their energy mix, that it is a sovereign decision of each Member State on how to decarbonise its economy, ***and therefore that any EU governance mechanism on such a matter is in contravention of Article 194 of the TFEU***; recognises that close cooperation and coordination between Member States, ***possibly facilitated by the Commission, is desirable***;

Or. en