The REPowerEU communication\(^1\) contains measures to respond to high energy prices, including guidance for Member States on regulating prices in exceptional circumstances, as well as redistribution of revenues from high-energy sector profits and emissions trading to consumers.

Additionally, the Commission has presented options to optimise the electricity market design on 18 May 2022, so that it better supports the green transition. This exercise took into account the final report of the EU Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER) issued on 29 April 2022 and other contributions from energy stakeholders on the functioning of the electricity market\(^2\).

Accelerating the deployment of renewable energy projects and the related grid infrastructure is key to achieving an affordable, secure and sustainable energy supply. Lengthy and complex planning and permit-granting procedures are one of the major barriers in this regard. Alongside the REPowerEU plan\(^3\), the Commission issued on 18 May 2022, legislative amendments to Directive (EU) 2018/2001 on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources as well recommendation and guidance to Member States on ways to speed up permit-granting for renewable energy projects, while preserving a high level of protection of nature and biodiversity. On the same date, the Commission adopted the EU solar energy strategy addressing actions to step up decentralised and citizen-driven renewable energy generation, including via renewable self-consumption and renewable energy communities. Full and correct implementation of the relevant provisions of the Renewable Energy Directive\(^4\) (in particular Articles 15-17 and 21-22 thereof) by Member States remain a key priority in this regard.

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\(^2\) These contributions consist in the targeted stakeholder consultation meeting that the Commission carried out on 26 April 2022 as well as spontaneous submissions from market participants. [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_22_3131](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_22_3131)