

REVISED REGULATORY FRAMEWORK FOR COMPETITIVE DECARBONISED GAS MARKETS / BEFORE 2022-1

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> FIT FOR 55 PACKAGE UNDER THE EUROPEAN GREEN DEAL

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In the letter of intent accompanying Commission President Ursula Von der Leyen's 2020 State of the Union address (16 September 2020), the Commission envisages a new EU regulatory framework for competitive decarbonised gas markets. The Commission's 2021 work programme foresees a legislative revision of the third energy package for gas, through changes to Directive 2009/73/EU concerning com

mon rules in the market for natural gas and Regulation 715/2009/EU on conditions for access to the natural gas transmission networks. Both legislative proposals, together with their accompanying impact assessments, are foreseen for adoption in Q4 2021.

The third energy package for gas was adopted in 2009 and has since only undergone targeted revisions. In contrast, the legislative framework for electricity markets was transformed during the previous legislature. Moreover, the EU has increased its level of climate ambition with a view to making reductions in greenhouse gas emissions of at least 55 % by 2030 and achieve climate-neutrality by 2050. This makes it more necessary for the EU to align the regulatory framework for gas with its energy and climate goals for 2030 and 2050.

Between 26 March and 18 June 2021 the Commission held a public consultation on revising the gas directive and the gas regulation.

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