

Dialogue with stakeholders on the energy package “Fit for 55”

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Event title:	Webinar - Diálogo com as partes interessadas/stakeholders sobre o Pacote Legislativo sobre energia ‘Fit for 55’ (inserido nas ações climáticas do ‘Pacto Ecológico Europeu’)
Date:	19 November 2021 (9:30-11:30)
Venue:	Live streaming in Facebook and Twitter
Speakers:	Antonio Vicente (Welcome, DG COMM-Lisbon) Paula Pinho (Presentation, DG ENER) Vasco Ferreira (Q&A and closure, DG ENER) Jorge Vasconcelos (Panel/Moderator) Pedro Verdelho (Panel/ERSE) Mariana Almeida (Panel/DECO) Francisco Ferreira (Panel/Zero) Pedro Amaral Jorge (Panel/APREN) Ana Paula Marques (Panel/ELECPOR) Jaime Braga (Panel/CIP)
Number of participants:	The event’s live stream in Facebook reached 2811 users and was watched during 6721 minutes: https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?ref=watch_permalink&v=412647330517661 The live stream in Twitter triggered 874 impressions, 183 views and 36 engagements: https://twitter.com/i/broadcasts/1BdGYwpqyllxX
Summary of the event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Representation of the European Commission in Portugal organised on behalf of DG ENER a debate with the relevant stakeholders on the energy elements of the “Fit for 55” package and the delivery the European Green Deal (EGD). • Antonio Vicente welcome participants and introduced the topic of the webinar. • Paula Pinho provided an overview of the “Fit for 55” package. Her main highlights were on the energy efficiency and renewable energy directives, while also mentioning the upcoming energy proposals on decarbonisation of the gas networks and energy performance of buildings. Paula also mentioned the necessity of attracting private investment and how there is still a lot to be done to deliver the Paris Agreement. She ended the intervention with a call for cooperation across stakeholders to deliver on the energy transition.

- The panel was moderated by Professor Jorge Vasconcelos from the Florence School of Regulation.
- Pedro Verdelho (president of regulatory energy services authority, ERSE) expressed the view that the “Fit for 55” package was the largest and more overarching to date, being key for reaching decarbonisation goals. He also mentioned the need to put consumers at the heart of the transition by empowering them to be active players in the energy sector. Note that there was an ongoing public consultation on the revamping of the Portuguese electricity sector that brings about significant change while implementing EU energy legislation, in particular the RED II.
- Mariana Almeida (consumers’ association, DECO) mentioned the risks to consumers of the rise in energy prices associated to decarbonisation. She called the attention to a number of issues, such as i) address the illiteracy of consumers; ii) strengthen public transports; and iii) and raise investment in the electricity grid.
- Francisco Ferreira (ONG ZERO) mentioned a number of aspects, such as i) implementation of the current package would be insufficient to meet the Paris Agreement targets; ii) the recent approval of the Portuguese climate law; and iii) how to address the problem of energy poverty.
- Pedro Amaral Jorge (Portuguese renewables energy association, APREN) considered that renewables were necessary to reduce energy prices for consumers, and that energy dependence can only decrease with their use, including offshore sources. He also believes that a carbon-border adjustment mechanism (CBAM) should take into account the production of hydrogen.
- Ana Paula Marques (Portuguese association of electricity producers using fossil fuels) talked about how the Fit for 55 package will promote a change in behaviours, and agreed that a CBAM was necessary but needs to be further clarified. She added that energy efficiency has to be improved, and that it was necessary to reconvert old plants using outdated technologies, such as coal power plants.
- Jaime Braga (Portuguese business confederation, CIP) stated that CIP was aligned with BusinessEurope that considered the package “Fit for 55” to be a good initiative, although it lacked clarification in many details. He criticised CBAM by saying it does not protect imports from already-manufactured products. On energy illiteracy, he argued that the problem was not literacy but lack of income/poverty. Regarding buildings, he called for the EU to help with structurally reconverting buildings in order to improve thermal conditions. He also called for the electrification of harbours and airports.
- Vasco Ferreira replied to questions from the audience on how the package promotes a fair and just transition, coal phase out, the role of cities in the energy transition, and how will the EC encourage the taking up of renewable gases and

	<p>hydrogen. Vasco closed the session by thanking and summarising the main takeaways from stakeholders, and calling for continuous engagement in achieving the 2030 and 2050 energy and climate common objectives.</p>
Links to the streaming of the event	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/RepresentacaoComissaoEuropeia/videos/412647330517661 <p>Twitter: https://twitter.com/i/broadcasts/1BdGYwpqyllxX</p>
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