

Call to provide Norway with a deadline for the adoption of the Energy Efficiency Directive

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Commissioner for Energy Kadri Simson
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Dear commissioner for Energy Kadri Simson,

We, the co-signatories from Norway, write to you regarding the lack of implementation of the Energy Efficiency Directive (Directive 2012/27/EU) in the EEA Agreement and its pursuant transposition in our country. Despite the Norwegian government's acknowledgment of the directive's relevance to the European Economic Area (EEA) in 2016, and the unanimously decision by the Norwegian Parliament to adopt the directive with necessary adaptations, this process has not been finalised.

Failure to ensure swift and proper implementation of this legislative act into the EEA not only hamper Norway's ability to meet its energy efficiency targets, but also undermines the competitiveness of Norwegian businesses on the European market.

Despite longstanding efforts from several of the co-signatories, Norway has failed to incorporate several Energy Efficiency Directives into national law. Many of the co-signatories have been actively engaged in advocating for the incorporation of relevant energy efficiency directives into Norwegian legislation since 2006. Initially, our efforts were focused on the Energy End-Use Efficiency and Energy Services Directive (Directive 2006/32/EC), which were under consideration, but never was implemented in Norway. Consequently, Norway has lacked both a target and an action plan for energy efficiency. This is a stark contrast to all EU Member States, which have had such measures in place since 2008.

The Norwegian public consultation on the revised Energy Efficiency Directive (Directive 2023/1791/EU) ended in March 2024. All organizations and businesses that submitted feedback expressed support for the incorporation into Norwegian law, and the targets presented in the directive have also received massive support.

Thus, we urge the European Commission to take appropriate and necessary action with a view to providing Norway with a clear and enforceable deadline regarding the implementation of the Energy Efficiency Directive (Directive 2012/27/EU) in our country according to its obligations under the EEA Agreement.

We wish to thank the Commissioner for your attention to this matter. We look forward to your swift and decisive action in addressing this critical issue.

Yours sincerely,

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