

The renewable energy industry to regulators: protecting investments is key to pursue the European energy transition

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On 11 May, the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER), together with the Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER), inappropriately undermined the European Commission's plans to make retroactive measures illegal under the proposed Renewable Energy Directive, by calling¹ for an end to priority dispatch for existing renewable installations and to remove compensation for non-market based redispatch and curtailment.

By supporting retroactive measures, the publicly-funded European agency effectively undermines investor certainty and confidence in renewable energy and hence jeopardises Europe's energy transition. This recent statement also raises the question whether such technology-specific positions are in line with ACER's mandate as defined in the Third Energy Package.

Under these circumstances, we call on policy-makers to be particularly vigilant in supervising the way ACER and national regulators will fulfil their mission of ensuring compliance with EU legislation, including on issues that are crucial for the development of renewables (e.g. curtailment, network tariffs, local flexibility).

ACER's proposal to retroactively change adopted measures should be rejected in line with the European Commission's approach in the Clean Energy for All Europeans Package.

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¹ <http://www.acer.europa.eu/Media/News/Pages/Regulators-call-for-priority-dispatch-of-existing-Renewables-to-be-removed.aspx>