The National Energy and Climate Plans in the Energy Community

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THE FIVE ELEMENTS OF THE ENERGY UNION
WHY NATIONAL ENERGY AND CLIMATE PLANS?

In the long term:

- Streamline energy and climate reporting requirements
- Cut red tapes
- Provide transparency and predictability of national policies and measures
- Ensure investment certainty
ENERGY UNION GOVERNANCE: MAIN ELEMENTS

- National Integrated Energy and Climate Plans (2021 to 2030) (preparation well before 2020)
- Integrated national progress reports (from 2023, every two years)
- European Commission monitoring (State of the Energy Union)
Clean Energy Package: Each EU MS is required to establish integrated National Energy and Climate Plans (NECPs) for 2021 to 2030, including a longer-term view towards 2050.

The Regulation on the Governance of the Energy Union and Climate Action (EU) 2018/1999 is the guiding document of the process with the goals:

- to implement policies and measures consistent with the EU’s 2030 energy and climate targets, and the long-term commitments of the Paris Agreement;
- to stimulate cooperation between countries;
- to promote long-term certainty and predictability for investors;
- to reduce administrative burdens, in line with the principle of better regulation;
- to ensure consistent reporting under the UNFCCC and the Paris Agreement from 2021 onwards.

In line with these requirements, the EnC CPs adopted Recommendation 2018/01/MC-EnC (supplemented by the Policy Guidelines PG03/2018).
NECPs AND OTHER CLIMATE RELATED PROCESSES

Existing sector strategies (e.g. NEEAP, NREAP, CAP, NCCAP) should feed into the National Energy and Climate Plan (NECP) which can then inform the update of the Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC).

Source: NewClimate, 2019
https://www.energy-community.org/dam/jcr:f7980a96-1d58-44c0-a327-805f1965a13f/NewClimateInstitute_Climate_plans_062019.pdf
NECP process requires a coordination of purpose across all government departments. It also provides a level of planning that will ease public and private investment.

Plans have a timeframe of 2021-2030 with an outlook to 2050.

The national plans outline how the countries intend to address:

- energy efficiency;
- renewables;
- greenhouse gas emissions reductions;
- security of supply;
- interconnections;
- research and innovation.

### Structure of Integrated National Energy and Climate Plans

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The Energy Community Secretariat
NECPs: PROCESS AND TIMELINE - EnC

Q1 2020
- Submit draft NECP to EnCS for informal comments

Well before 2021
- Submit final NECP to EnCS

2023
- Submit progress report every 2 years

EnCS monitors progress at nat./EnC level towards targets and implementing PaMs
### STATE OF PLAY

- The NECP process has started in most of the CPs with the development of integrated methodological tools and initiating national stakeholder consultations.

- Some have already started to draft the national plans and submitted drafts to the Secretariat for informal review. North Macedonia has submitted its official draft for recommendations.

- The legal basis is also being developed in most of the Contracting Parties.

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1) EnC and National legal basis exists;
2) Set up of organizational structure and engagement of experts for the NECP development process;
3) Drafting of NECP chapters as described in Regulation (EU) 2018/1999 (Governance Regulation) and/or Recommendation 2018/01/MC-EnC; plans communicated.
4) NECP updated in 2023.
Energy Community Ministerial Council Adopts legislation and targets in 2021

European Commission makes formal proposal on legislation and 2030 targets to be adopted in 2021

Contracting Parties submit draft plans for review and then final plans to the Secretariat

Energy Community Ministerial Council Adopts legislation and targets in 2021

Contracting Parties transpose and implement legislation and update NECPs

Energy Community Secretariat supports and monitors implementation and progress

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