2020 Ministerial Council Conclusions (17 December 2020):

“The European Commission in cooperation with the Secretariat will launch preparatory work on developing a decarbonisation roadmap for the Energy Community until 2030 and beyond in the framework of the Energy and Climate Committee and its technical working group”

2021 Ministerial Council – decision due in the form of General Policy Guidelines
Main features of the Roadmap

✓ A living document – update every 2 years based on the state of play of implementation and on the developments in the EU;

✓ Sets out indicative timelines for relevant EU acquis to be adopted and transposed in the Energy Community – Clean Energy Package, Fit for 55 and other elements of the European Green Deal;

✓ Elements:
  ▪ 2021: Governance Regulation (incl. 2 impl. acts), Energy Efficiency and Renewables Directives;
  ▪ 2022: rules for emission monitoring, reporting and verification; EPBD
  ▪ Post-2022: other elements of the Fit for 55 package – gas market legislation, TEN-E Regulation, IED, Energy Taxation Directive, LULUCF, European Climate Law, rules to measure and mitigate methane emissions in the energy sector;
Why a Decarbonization Roadmap?

Policy reasons

- EnC CPs must put in place ambitious targets, objectives, policies and measures to comply with the Paris Agreement + Sofia Declaration for the Western Balkans;

- The desired end results are fixed i.e. climate neutrality, BUT the difficult policy decisions still must be made e.g. date of coal phase-out, ending fossil fuel subsidies and introduction of carbon pricing;

- Support the path towards the 2030 targets of CPs;

- Commitment and regulatory stability for stakeholders and the population.
Legal reasons

✓ The EU climate and energy legislation is undergoing significant changes with an increasing speed ➔ main driver: the urgent need to limit global warming to “well below” 2°C (2030 / 2050 targets);

✓ The growing gap between the EU and EnC legal systems may jeopardize achievements (e.g. electricity market coupling);

✓ The complex way of adopting EU legislation in the EnC calls for clarity on the pathway of future acts – stability for the parliaments, governments and stakeholders;

✓ Obligations from the Association Agreement with the EU to adopt certain EU acquis.
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