



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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*Dear President,*

*The Commission would like to thank the Bundesrat for its Opinion on the proposal for a Council Directive restructuring the Union framework for the taxation of energy products and electricity {COM (2021)563 final}.*

*This proposal was presented by the Commission in the context of the 'Fit for 55 Package', which is a comprehensive set of interconnected proposals which make climate, energy, land use, transport and taxation policies fit for reducing net greenhouse gas emissions by at least 55% by 2030. The restructuring of the Directive on energy taxation is part of that package and will serve as an essential element to meet the objective of a climate-neutral European Union (EU) by 2050 in line with the Paris Agreement and the increased 2030 climate ambition. The Commission recalls that the Energy Taxation Directive is a complementary measure reinforcing the other EU regulatory or market-based measures.*

*The Commission is pleased that the Bundesrat supports the proposal. It is aware that the social impact of energy taxation deserves attention and agrees that the measures proposed to mitigate adverse social effects should guarantee the social compatibility of taxation in a transparent way.*

*Discussions between the Commission and the Council concerning the proposal are now underway, and the Commission remains hopeful that an agreement among Member States will be reached in the near future.*

*The Commission looks forward to continuing the political dialogue in the future.*

*Yours faithfully,*

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