## **Opinion**

## of the Foreign and European Union Affairs Committee of the Senate of the Republic of Poland

on the proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive (EU) 2018/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council, Regulation (EU) 2018/1999 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Directive 98/70/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the promotion of energy from renewable sources, and repealing Council Directive (EU) 2015/652 COM(2021)557

adopted at the sitting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2021

Taking into account the opinion of the Special Committee on Climate adopted at the sitting held on 3-4 November 2021, the Foreign and European Union Affairs Committee delivers the following opinion:

- 1. The Foreign and European Union Affairs Committee and the Special Committee on Climate (the Committees) support the draft directive.
- 2. In the view of the Commissions, the adoption of the draft directive and stricter targets for the use of energy from renewable sources is an opportunity to accelerate the development of the Polish renewable energy sector.
- 3. At the same time, the Committees draw attention to the need to ensure, in the course of negotiations in the European Union, longer deadlines for the achievement of targets or a temporary derogation for Poland in the case of the heating, cooling and transport sectors. Otherwise, strict renewable energy targets in these sectors may not be feasible in practice.