

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

### **of the Opinion on the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions - Delivering a New Deal for Energy Consumers**

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By these means the Chamber of Deputies enthusiastically welcomes the special attention given to creating new benefits for energy consumers. It suggests the renovation of buildings, carried out for increasing energy efficiency, should not affect the microclimate. Further on, the Commission on European Affairs is advised to undertake the necessary actions to ensure free competition and a satisfactory market offer for smart meters, as a growth in demand for these smart devices is highly expected. In accordance with the European Commission, the Chamber of Deputies supports the initiatives that should be taken for facilitating the process of changing the energy supplier, in terms of technical barriers as well as administrative or contractual ones. In this respect, the right of the consumer to end the contract unilaterally, with a notice as short as desired, or to decide upon the manner of severance should be reminded.

In conclusion, the European Commission is recommended to examine the possibility of introducing energy independently obtained or through microcentrals at small community level in the civil circuit, as well as to establish means to encourage the development of these local networks and autonomous systems (off-grid) at low voltage (12 or 24 V). For this purpose, the production of household electrical equipment, which operates at low voltage, should be taken into account. All these ideas and proposals are meant to aid the maintenance and promotion of competition, initiatives that can be encouraged both through grants as well as through market mechanisms.