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Fit for 55 must champion sector integration - European Net Zero Alliance

Brussels 12.07.21: Ahead of the launch of the European Commission's Fit for 55 package, the European Net Zero Alliance (ENZA) reminds policy makers of potential cross sector synergies.

The Fit for 55 package can set a long-term framework that builds on reinforced 2030 energy and climate objectives that will help cost-effectively manage the common carbon budget. The principle of "energy and system efficiency first" needs to apply across the entire energy value chain, from energy consumption, transmission, distribution and generation to cross-sectoral and cross-vectoral solutions.

ENZA Chair Jori Ringman commented "The Fit for 55 package is key to bridging the ambition gap towards 2030 and reaching climate neutrality by 2050. It should create a predictable and well-designed policy framework. Through a market-based approach, the new framework should provide end-users from all energy consuming sectors with a wider variety of reliable and flexible renewable and low-carbon options at affordable prices."

The members of ENZA are ready to engage in a dialogue with policymakers to identify the most comprehensive, impactful, and cost-efficient solutions across all sectors and value chains to meet the European climate goals.

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ENZA key policy asks – from attached Fit for 55 paper:

1. Takes a technology-neutral approach so that all sustainable energy vectors are promoted
2. Delivers on an extended principle of "energy and system efficiency first" that needs to apply across the entire energy value chain, from energy consumption, transmission, distribution and generation to cross-sectoral and cross-vectoral solutions
3. Encourages synergies among reliable, credible and tradable energy vectors to achieve a well-integrated and well-functioning decarbonised energy system
4. Builds on and promotes the utilisation of existing infrastructure across all sectors to provide reliable cost-effective decarbonisation pathways
5. Supports a system approach, fostering decarbonisation across sectors and energy vectors, through clear network access rules, infrastructure planning and accurate price signals
6. Designs an EU-wide market that encourages the development of renewable and low-carbon energy through reliable, credible and tradable solutions.