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Renewable heating and cooling – key to EU energy transformation

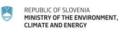
- Half of all energy use in the EU is for heating and cooling
- More than 70% of that is still fossil
- Slow progress of RES-H&C
- Most RES-H&C remains traditional biomass
- Cost effective potential, direct benefits for citizens





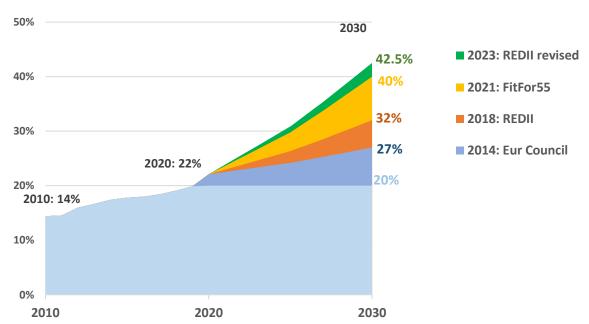






Revised Renewable Energy Directive (RED): new RES target for 2030

Evolution of RE targets for 2030













EU policy: new framework, implementation challenge

- REDII (2018) introduced dedicated targets for RE heating and cooling
- RED revision 2023:
 - Increased and binding targets
 - Simpler permitting (incl. for large heat pumps)
 - Heat purchase agreements
 - Skills, training and certification
- Draft NECPs being assessed: to reflect new ambition











EU policy: new framework, implementation challenge

- Energy Efficiency Directive:
 - Definition of efficient DHC: drive RES increase, incl. geothermal
 - Local energy planning requirement
- Buildings and products legislation:
 - Accelerate switch to renewables-based heating
- Upcoming Heat pump Action Plan
- NZIA: Support to value chains, permitting, skills











Further work needed?

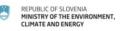
- Implementation, best practices, assess potential and gaps
- Data availability, complex regulatory environment:
 - Mapping of subsurface data (heat resources, geological data)
 - Varies between MS. Issue of availability / private ownership
 - Diverse regulatory landscape (mining codes, permitting)
- Financing:
 - Member States putting in place national schemes
 - This summer, EC approved under state aid rules a FR guarantee scheme











Thank you

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