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I. National legislation in the field of energy efficiency. Decisions, respectively ANRE Orders issued and published in the Official Journal of Romania. Documents related to energy efficiency, subject to public debate

- **Order of the Vice Prime Minister, Minister of the Environment no. 393/2019** for the amendment of the *Guide on Financing the Program of reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in transport, by promoting the infrastructure for energy-efficient road transport vehicles: refueling stations for electric vehicles in the municipalities of county residences, approved by the Order of the Vice Prime Minister, Minister of the Environment no. 760/2018*, was published in the **Official Journal of Romania, Part I, no. 365 of 10.05.2019**.
- **Government Decision no. 267/2019** regarding the *establishment of the National System for Reporting of Policies and Measures and for Reporting the Greenhouse Gas Emissions and the Retention Forecasts*, was published in the **Official Journal of Romania, Part I, no. 354 of 08.05.2019**.
- **Decision no. 903/23.05.2019** approving the *quantities of electricity produced in high efficiency cogeneration benefiting from the bonus for April 2019, in order to establish the monthly collection rights for the cogeneration electricity and heat producers by the National Power Grid Company Transelectrica S.A.*-

<https://portal.anre.ro/PublicLists/Decizie>

- **Decision no. 793/13.05.2019** regarding the *establishment of the economic operators who have not fulfilled their estimated mandatory quota for the acquisition of green certificates and those who have not fulfilled their legal obligation to purchase green certificates from the green certificates anonymous centralized spot market, for the year 2019, corresponding to the first quarter* -

<https://www.anre.ro/download.php?f=hqt7hQ%3D%3D&t=vdeyut7dlcecrLbbvbY%3D>

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- **Order of the Minister of European Funds, interim, no. 798/2019** regarding *the modification of the State aid Scheme for investments in energy infrastructure for the purpose of taking the energy from renewable sources into the safe conditions of National Energy System, as well as the implementation of smart metering systems for household consumers, related to the Operational Programme for Large Infrastructure (POIM 2014-2020), Priority Axis 6, Specific Objective 6.1 "Increased energy production from less exploited renewable resources (biomass, biogas, geothermal), distribution sector" and the Specific Objective 6.3. "Reduction of the average electricity consumption at the house level"*, approved by the **Order of the Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Regional Development, Public Administration and European Funds, no. 2.586 / 2017** was published in the **Official Journal of Romania, Part I, no. 392 of 20 May 2019.**
- **Decision of the ANRE President no. 778/08.05.2019** regarding *the approval of the Implementation Calendar of Electricity Smart Metering Systems at National Level for the Period 2019-2028 -*

<https://www.anre.ro/download.php?f=hqqEig%3D%3D&t=vdeyut7dlcecrLbbvbY%3D>

I.1. Energy Efficiency Department's activity

- Between **21-23 May 2019**, the **Austrian Energy Agency (AEA)** organized a meeting in **Copenhagen, Denmark**, related to the actions carried out by the **CA-RES3 project**. **ANRE was invited as an observer.**

The **CA-RES3 project**, carried out within the framework of the EU's activities on the interpretation and implementation of the provisions of Directive 2009/28/EC on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources, has as its main objectives the creation and consolidation of a network of experts to share their knowledge and the experience gained over the course of six years, common approaches and stronger coordination among participating countries.

The agenda of the working meeting of **May 21-23, 2019** provided **5 parallel sessions**. The representatives of the Energy Efficiency Department within ANRE participated at the following sessions:

- **Electricity from renewable sources (CT1)**
- **Heat from renewable energy sources (CT2)**
- **Guarantees of origin (CT3)**
- **On May 22nd, 2019**, a representative of the **Energy Efficiency Department - ANRE** attended an event organized by **energynomics.ro**, in **Craiova**.

The event was the third one of this year's Energy Efficiency series, "*More Secure Businesses through Energy Efficiency*" in the third edition of the energynomics.ro Campaign "*Energy Efficiency for Results that Matter*".

The purpose of the event was to raise the awareness and understanding of what it is and how to improve the energy efficiency.

More details related to this event can be accessed at the following link: <http://www.energynomics.ro/ro/eventiment-energynomics/afaceri-mai-sigure-prin-eficienta-energetica-craiova-14-mai/>

I.1. Energy Efficiency Department's activity

- The **General Directorate for Energy Efficiency, Renewable Sources, Cogeneration and Thermal Energy** has published the ***List of owners of guarantees of origin and their number held for April 2019 - E-RES suppliers. The state of the operations carried out in the Single Register of guarantees of origin –***

<https://www.anre.ro/download.php?f=hqt7gQ%3D%3D&t=vdeyut7dlcecrLbbvbY%3D>

- The **General Directorate for Energy Efficiency, Renewable Sources, Cogeneration and Thermal Energy** has published the ***Report on Energy Managers' Attestation, Approval/Authorization of Power Supply Companies and the Authorization of Industry Energy Auditors in April 2019 –***

<https://www.anre.ro/download.php?f=hqt8hA%3D%3D&t=vdeyut7dlcecrLbbvbY%3D>

- The initiation of the **dialogue** with the **representatives of the Blockchain Romania Association - ABR** and with the **most representative actors of the energy sector**, in order to present a technological solution, based on the **Blockchain technology**, to ensure the communication from the prosumer and the Distribution Operator (OD) / the Transmission System Operator (OTS).
- Running and advancing discussions within the **Working Group** coordinated by **ANRE - WG ESCO**, constituted to continue discussions on the clarification of the necessary legislative framework for the functioning of **ESCO companies in Romania**. The members of the Working Group intend to continue the series of meetings to disseminate the issues related to the legal framework necessary for the functioning of the ESCO companies in Romania by identifying the main legislative/administrative barriers to the implementation of the energy performance contract in the public sector, as well as the establishment of some legal solutions to eliminate them.

II. Reports and studies of interest in the field of energy and energy efficiency

- **Monitoring Report on the implementation of the National Energy Efficiency Action Plan (NEEAP IV) – 2018.**

The report presents how the programs under NEEAP IV were implemented, as well as the savings made by these programs in 2018. The document was based on the reports received from the institutions involved in the implementation of the NEEAP IV, according to Art. 8 par. (8) of the Law no. 121/2014 on energy efficiency, with subsequent amendments and completions. Compared to NEEAP III which has been implemented through 12 National Energy Efficiency Programs, the 4th NEEAP 2017-2020 is structured on two components and contains new economic sectors: construction and agriculture.

The full report can be consulted on the ANRE website by accessing the following link:
<https://www.anre.ro/download.php?f=hqqDhA%3D%3D&t=vdeyut7dlcecrLbbvbY%3D>

- **The "Clean Energy for All Europeans" package has been finalized. More rights for consumers. New commitments on renewable energy and energy efficiency for EU Member States.**

The Council of Ministers of the EU adopted on 22nd May 2019 four new legislative acts that redesign the EU electricity market. Practically, the review of the energy policy framework, which provides for regulatory preconditions for the transition to clean energy, has been finalized and puts the EU on track to meet the commitments made under the Paris Agreement.

More details can be consulted at the following link:
https://ec.europa.eu/info/news/clean-energy-all-europeans-package-completed-good-consumers-good-growth-and-jobs-and-good-planet-2019-may-22_en

II. Reports and studies of interest in the field of energy and energy efficiency

- **Report on progress in meeting national energy efficiency targets**

This Annual Report is the fifth report compiled according to the law and contains the information required in Annex 11, Part I, Letters a), b), c), d) and e) of the Energy Efficiency Law 121/2014, as subsequently amended and supplemented.

It is specified that Article 3 (2) e) and the Annex 11 of the Energy Efficiency Law 121/2014, as subsequently amended and supplemented, take over in the Romanian legislation the provisions of Article 24 (1) and of Annex 14 of Directive 27/2012.

ANRE received information from the European Commission on how to draw up the annual reports.

There have also been meetings at European level, under the "Concerted Action - Energy Efficiency Directive" project, attended by the competent authorities of the EU Member States. At these meetings, representatives of the EC - DG ENER made clarifications on how to prepare the annual reports. This report was prepared in accordance with the information and clarifications received.

The full report can be consulted on the ANRE website by accessing the following link -

<https://www.anre.ro/download.php?f=hqqDgw%3D%3D&t=vdeyut7dlcecrLbbvbY%3D>

- **Commission Recommendation (EU) 2019/786 of 8 May 2019, on building renovation** (notified under document C(2019) 3352) can be consulted by accessing the following link:

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/RO/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32019H0786>

II. Reports and studies of interest in the field of energy and energy efficiency

- **Commission guidance on how to implement revised Energy Performance of Buildings Directive provisions on building renovation**

In response to requests for clarification from Member States as they seek to transpose the new and revised provisions into national law, this document provides guidance as to how these elements should be read and can be best applied.

Full transposition and effective implementation of the amended EPBD is fundamental to support the achievement of 2030 energy efficiency targets and to put the Union on track for the full decarbonisation of national building stocks by 2050.

More details can be consulted at the following link:

https://ec.europa.eu/info/news/commission-guidance-how-implement-revised-energy-performance-buildings-directive-provisions-building-renovation-2019-may-16_en

III. Future events in the field of energy and energy efficiency

- **ANRE recommends the series of Conferences organized in 2019 by energynomics.ro within the Communication Campaign "Energy Efficiency for Results that Matter":**
 - **June 19th, Brasov** - Energy efficiency - suppliers, solutions, benefits
 - **July 3rd, Timișoara** - Energy Efficiency - Sustainable Consumption through Automation, Monitoring and Control
 - **October 30th, Oradea** - Energy efficiency - where do you start, with who you are talking to?
 - **November 13th, Cluj-Napoca** - Energy efficiency - verified approaches, credible partners

More details related to this event can be accessed at the following link:

<http://www.energynomics.ro/ro/evenimente-energynomics/>

- On **June 11th, 2019**, **energynomics.ro** organizes the ***Energy Strategy Summit 2019***.

The 5th edition of the Summit brings together the most influential decision makers in the Romanian energy industry, at the Royal Palace in Bucharest, for an analysis of national, European and corporate strategies. Energy Strategy Summit 2019 will bring together over 20 speakers - senior government officials and regulators, top managers of leading companies, authorized representatives of professional associations, Romanian and foreign experts.

More details on this event can be accessed at the following link:

<http://www.energynomics.ro/ro/eveniment-energynomics/2019-energy-strategy-summit-scriem-harta-viitorului/>

- **ANRE recommends the events for the period May-June 2019** organized by the **Association of the Romanian National Committee of the World Energy Council (CNR-CME)** -

http://www.cnr-cme.ro/evenimente/2019/Save_dates_mai_iunie_2019.pdf